Celebrating Summer with Food and Fun
By Sylvia Sachs

Like anyone planning an outdoor event, Jayne Keffer was worried about the iffy weather prediction for June 21 and the Southern Hospitality Picnic in the Merson Courtyard of the CMU University Center. The storm did hold off for a couple of hours, so there was enough time for attendees to mingle and enjoy the plentiful and excellent barbecue food. The tantalizing aroma got everyone to the food area quickly and often.

June 21 happens to be Pearl Brostoff’s birthday, and her friends David and Doris Kennedy surprised her with a cupcake and candle and the singing of “Happy Birthday.”

Several people made a point of telling Theresa Lakshmanan that they had enjoyed reading her report of an “act of kindness” in a recent Post-Gazette, and she was pleased to hear it praised. Mary Lou Ende, in an eye-catching colorful blouse, and her guest, Mary Robson, wearing a pretty pink hat, sat with Lois and Ray Vasco, who are “summer members” of Osher. The Vascos, who now live in Florida, regularly spend the three summer months back in the old home town, and they take Osher classes during the summer term. They’re hoping to find some stray bridge players along the way.

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What People Are Saying About Summer Classes

The American Civil War: The Major Conflicts to Gettysburg—taught by John Walsh
The knowledge of the material is amazing. No notes—which made the presentation flow and move at a good pace. I would attend another series presented by him.

The World of Mystery—taught by Mary Alice Gorman and Richard Goldman
Delightful way to spend two hours—informative—interesting group. Let’s have more!
Annual Meeting Highlights a Busy Year
By Filomena Conti

One of the highlights of the Annual Meeting that was held Tuesday, April 15, at the Pittsburgh Athletic Association was the bylaw change that made the Academy for Lifelong Learning at CMU officially the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon. Outgoing President Rita Zecher told the members attending that she and Millie Lynch, our administrative coordinator, attended the National Osher Conference April 2-4 in Arizona, where 119 institutions were represented. We truly are part of a national organization.

Rita reviewed a busy year, which included the dedication, following renovation, of the office and conference room in the Hunt Library, with a grand opening brunch. She thanked Betsy Martin and Ray Schinhofen for their efforts in coordinating the remodeling project. The Orringer Conference Room was dedicated in honor of Martha Orringer, who left a bequest to A.L.L.

Through the efforts of a professional webmaster, our website has been updated and can be viewed at www.cmu.edu/oshers.

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Help Wanted For CMU Events
By Joe Scorpion

Fifteenth Annual Food Drive November 2008

Carnegie Mellon University will launch its fifteenth Annual Food Drive early in November. One the largest private food drives in the area, last year it collected 5,676 pounds of nonperishable items that were contributed to the Greater Pittsburgh Food Bank. For the past several years our Osher program has participated in this drive, with our members generously donating nonperishable food items, paper products, toiletries, etc. Members can drop off their donations at three collection sites: the Osher office in the basement of the Hunt Library and classrooms 4707 and 4708 in Wean Hall. Items should be placed in the cardboard cartons that will be set up at these sites. With our help, the University may exceed last year’s totals.

Carnegie Mellon Home-Coming—October 23-25

Our Osher Lifelong Learning Institute is looking for new volunteers to serve at Carnegie Mellon’s Homecoming from Thursday, October 23, to Saturday, October 25. For over ten years, we have been assisting the CMU Alumni Relations Office by providing volunteers who serve as greeters/assistants in the Alumni Lounge in the University Center. We help alumni sign in, locate their year/class, and direct them to different sites and class functions on campus. On the assigned day, each member is requested to serve a three-hour shift, with the hours to be covered from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Volunteers receive free parking in the East Campus Garage and a free meal ticket for lunch in the Schatz dining room in the University Center. It’s a lot of fun, a great experience, and you get to meet some interesting people. Furthermore, our service is greatly appreciated by the university.

Members who have served over the years and new members who wish to serve are asked to call Joe Scorpion, coordinator, at 412 732-2688. Please let him know the dates and times you are available. He will finalize the schedule with the Alumni Relations Office and notify you before October 23.
Take Another Look: Who’s in That Class?

By Sally Cohen, Curriculum Chair

It’s amazing what I learn about our Osher students! After looking at class lists, participating in classes, or getting feedback about courses, I often discover that people whom I have known fairly well have “layers” that have not been apparent. It’s fascinating to see a physicist intensely involved in watercolor painting. I know an attorney who reads novels and short stories voluminously and has amassed a collection of material to draw on when comparing literary works.

There’s the artist whose curiosity about atomic energy prompted her to take a course dealing with radiation and quantum physics, the businessmen who are enchanted with reading Sophocles and other Greek classics or delving into art history, and the Internet-savvy economist who has found websites for his new interests in classical and swing music and enhances class discussions with online details. And it goes on and on . . .

How fortunate we are! How many people have chances to reinvent themselves or to add layers to their personal knowledge banks? How many adults have opportunities to delve into academic or art projects that were previously not available to them or were out of reach because of work or professional priorities? How many have been able to learn for the pure enjoyment of learning or to find that exposure to certain topics or experiences can be both relaxing and enriching?

Reviewing class composition is like looking through a looking glass and sometimes finding the unexpected. We not only see students learning new skills and expanding their interests, but we also happen upon instructors who seem to be teaching unlikely courses. There’s the physicist who teaches cooking, the psychiatrist with a wealth of knowledge about famous individuals from Frank Lloyd Wright to Barbra Streisand, the CMU instructor in business management whose course reveals that he also is an expert on terrorism. We’ve also noted the mechanical engineer and financial journalist who’s a respected whiz in and teacher of Scrabble, the attorney who’s an expert on Shakespeare, the journalist who’s devoted to Hemingway, and the engineer whose contacts within Pittsburgh’s art world have developed into intriguing courses. And, again, we could continue on . . .

We’ve said it many times: our programs are truly amazing! We are thrilled with the students and the teachers we attract. They take advantage of what we offer enthusiastically and stimulate each other. We do continue on. We get richer; we add “layers” to our programming. We have a system for program development within which unique things happen. Yet, for me, the fact that everything always does come together is uncanny and wonderful.

I Didn’t Know That I Didn’t Know That

By Filomena Conti

The other day while searching my collection of cookbooks for a recipe for a strawberry-rhubarb pie, I found nestled on the shelf The Dictionary of Misinformation, by Tom Burnam, published in 1975. Of course I had to browse through it and became somewhat engrossed in the contents. I found I had to adjust my knowledge of many things.

Things I learned from reading this book that you possibly might find interesting:

- “Drop the gun, Louis.” A staple of comics who specialize in impersonations of Humphrey Bogart. What Bogart actually said in Casablanca was “Not so fast, Louis.”
- “Blood, sweat, and tears.” Actually when Winston Churchill took office as prime minister, he said, “blood, toil, tears, and sweat.”
- Origin of the crossword puzzle. Usually thought to have made its appearance on the scene in 1924 with the publication of the first crossword-puzzle book by Simon and Schuster, the crossword puzzle had actually been presented to the public years earlier, in 1913, in a supplement to the New York World on December 21 by Arthur Wynn.
Special Events
By Gerry Smith

Day Trip or Overnight?
So how many “Oshers” does it take to fill a luxury bus? Considering present membership numbers of 1,500, one might expect a greater response to overnight trips. Though multiday trips to Toronto and Cape Cod were canceled for lack of interest, the one-day trips are proving quite popular. (“I like to sleep in my own bed,” one day-tourist confided.)

Bedford Springs Resort was the most popular recent day trip, evolving into a repeat trip to accommodate everyone—with further sequels in the works.

But packing for overnight and switching beds might not seem quite so tedious when one considers autumn in New York! Four days and three nights, October 20-23, will take in the “other Frick” mansion, housing more art work and furnishings of Pittsburgh industrialist Henry Clay Frick.

The Big Apple itinerary also includes these attractions:
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Morgan Library and Museum
- Museum of the City of New York
- Museum of Modern Art
- Cathedral of St. John the Divine (world’s largest cathedral, housing priceless art and tapestries)
- St. Stephen’s Church (murals and paintings by Constantino Brumidi, baroque artist of the U.S. Capitol)

The cost of the trip, which will include tickets to a Broadway show, is $1,095 per person double or triple and $1,310 single. A $200 deposit is due by August 1.

Earlier multiday trips include the Shaw Festival at Niagara on the Lake, July 22-25; Chautauqua, N.Y., August 18-22; and the Biltmore Estate in Asheville, N.C., September 16-19.

Osher art lovers might also be interested in a senior program as close to home as you can get! The Carnegie Museum of Art offers gallery tours “of your choice” to groups of 10 or more, including coffee, tea, and art tour for $10 dollars per person. (Call 412 622-5590.)

Or maybe your cup of tea is a few hours of socializing at lunch or dinner? Chair Jayne Keffer is asking for suggestions. Lecture chair Roz Sherman is hoping to line up local political analyst Bill Green for a December talk on the presidential election. Flyers will be sent announcing speakers and other special events.

What People Are Saying About Summer Classes
Beginning Italian—taught by Elisa Tragni

The class fell in love with the teacher. Elisa had well-prepared lessons, a high energy level, and she has a fantastic personality. I suspect if OLLI gave out an award for most popular teacher, she would be a finalist.
From the President
By Julian Eligator

As the new president of Osher at Carnegie Mellon and ex-officio member of all committees, I have been able to attend several of our committee meetings. It is impressive to appreciate at first-hand the time and effort of our volunteers. The success of our program will remain with the energy of our volunteers.

As I begin my second month in office, it is remarkable to look at what is happening at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Carnegie Mellon. All for the good of our program!

To begin with, we have received the second of two $100,000 grants from the Osher Foundation, and in October we will submit a proposal for a $1,000,000 endowment grant. Since the endowment will not spin off any earnings immediately, the foundation is expected to award us a $50,000 gift to bridge the interval. The endowment will be administered by Carnegie Mellon University in the same fashion as their other endowments, and we will receive a portion of the earnings each year. In accepting the endowment, Carnegie Mellon is obliged to perpetually house the Osher program.

Because of these grants, we were able to do a much-needed renovation of our office and conference room. You may be aware that some other Osher programs have recently increased their fees. That will not happen in our program.

Additionally, these actions have stimulated the university and our program to look at our formal relationship. Fifteen years ago our founding members and Carnegie Mellon signed an agreement that is now obsolete. We and the university are rewriting this charter. All this has been graciously aided by Gloriana St. Clair, the dean of University Libraries and our newly elected secretary, and by CMU Provost Mark Kamlet.

Operationally, the Osher Board of Directors has agreed to make use of modern technology to communicate with members who use email. Almost 70% of our members have given us their email addresses. I urge those who haven’t to do so.

This will have many, many advantages for our members. It will allow us to develop a weekly calendar to keep you up-to-date on trips, conferences, lectures, and the like. Also it allows us to give you information about programs that are available to us from other Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes throughout the United States (119 in all). For example, this summer the University of Vermont is sponsoring a two-day conference on “Creativity in Later Life,” and there is a program at Oxford (England, that is) called “The Oxford Experience.”

Not the least important, using email will alleviate some of the burden of our mailing committee and save us significant amounts of money. Members who don’t use email will continue to receive their notices in the usual manner.

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Some of my friends call me Chatty Patty because I’m always chitchatting with folks to learn what’s going on in their lives, and often I admit to sharing some personal incidents I think amusing. Several such exchanges come to mind as I sit here at the computer in the Osher office. And since I’m writing the column, I get to be first!

At around 4 p.m. on a Friday, I was driving my 11-year-old Saturn in bumper-to-bumper traffic on the Parkway when I was distracted for a split second and ran into the car ahead. That car was barely scratched; mine had a folded-up hood and shattered headlights.

Would you believe this story had a happy ending? It did, because my late brother, who was my insurance agent, years ago sold me a super-duper Kemper policy that promised to replace a car totaled in an accident. I found out I had been paying too-high premiums for a lot of years, but they sure paid off. Instead of paying for repairs as I anticipated, I’m driving a shiny new car at no—current—cost to me.

Just a couple of days before, Registrar Mary Cay Burke-Hamill had a less-happy incident. As she neared her White Oak apartment house after a particularly busy day at the Osher office, she realized she was following a siren-spewing fire engine. To her consternation, the fire truck pulled right up to her building, and sadly, the site of the fire was right above her own apartment.

After spending five days in Aspinwall with friend and co-worker Millie Lynch and Millie’s dog and cat, Mary Cay and her cat, Charlie, moved to the Extended Stay America hotel in Monroeville for the next three weeks. During those three weeks, the carpeting had to be replaced, the walls had to be painted, all her clothes had to be cleaned, and Mary Cay had to buy a new chair and sofa.

“It was shocking to see the mess, and even though the Extended Stay accommodations were nice, I felt displaced and lonely,” says Mary Cay. “Charlie was scared and unhappy, too. The first night there he cried all night long.”

At the end of June, Mary Cay still didn’t have all her clothes back from the cleaner, but Charlie is okay. He’s one happy camper back in White Oak.

Once a year, Fritz Okie, his son, Tom, and sons-in-law Geep and Andrew go off together on a fishing trip. In late May, they went to a small island called Los Roques off the coast of Venezuela. They spent four days fishing for bonefish and had an excellent time, one of their best trips ever, says Fritz.

Another enjoyable intergenerational trip brought Joe Scorpion and his son, Jerry, to Yankee Stadium on June 22 to watch the New York Yankees beat the Cincinnati Reds 4-1. A Yankee fan since 1936, Joe has experienced many memorable moments in Yankee Stadium. He saw Hall of Famer Mickey Mantle get his first major league hit April 17, 1951, and he wanted to visit the House That Ruth Built one more time before it’s torn down and replaced by a new stadium in 2009.

Lots of Osher members are taking interesting summer trips, but the one planned by Joe and Rosemarie Shirk will be especially memorable and exciting. The Shirks are going to the wedding of Rosemarie’s niece and godchild, Ronya McGrady, to Wade Holland in Ravella on the Amalfi Coast of Italy.

The date of the wedding, August 08, 2008, was chosen by the bride because of her familiarity with and deep interest in Asian culture, says her Aunt Rosemarie. Over the years the McGrady family and Ronya, on her own, have lived in Hong Kong and are well aware of the special significance the number eight holds in Asia. It’s a symbol of happiness, and being married on a date with three eights is triply assuring of a good
life ahead, the bride believes. “So many of their friends from Asia are planning to go to the wedding that it’s hard to get airline tickets,” exclaims Rosemary Shirk. “It’s going to be wonderful for us to go to the wedding, and, besides, when Ronya and Wade are on their honeymoon, Joe and I are going to London and will stay in their apartment while they’re away.”

Faithful readers of the daily newspapers often see items about or letters from Osher members and bring them to our attention. We are active and outspoken members of the community, and it’s fun to bring members’ attention to these notices.

In an excellent review of the Pittsburgh Irish and Classical Theater’s production of “An Ideal Husband” in the Post-Gazette, Anna Rosenstein had high praise for the costumes designed by Joan Markert. She described them as “stunning, a colorful array of decadent couture.” Anyone who saw that play surely would agree with this praise. Joan taught a class for us last winter on “The Fashions of Pittsburgh: What Pittsburghers Wore for the last 250 Years.”

In the June 2 Post-Gazette “Letters to the Editor,” Rosalyn Sherman, former school teacher and coordinator of the Osher evening lectures, had a heartfelt letter on the State Legislature’s current discussion of cost-of-living payments to members of the Association of School Retirees. Many of these members, she pointed out on their behalf, were not professionals and held low-paying jobs that resulted in “pitifully small pensions and equally small Social Security payments.”

“Age doesn’t hinder area players” headed a June 21 Tribune-Review article about the Bob O’Connor Summer Tennis Classic held in June at various city parks. Pictured practicing his backhand was Bob Dickman, 88, one of six octogenarians playing in the men’s 70 doubles event in the tournament. Ed Landerman, 85, was another. His picture appeared on the Tribune-Review website version of the story.

If you like reading these chats about the doings of Osher folks, send us news about your doings too! Mail to the newsletter at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Hunt Library, 4909 Frew St., Pittsburgh, PA 15213-3890 or email to ADULTLL@andrew.cmu.edu
What I Learned at The 2008 Osher Conference  
By Millie Lynch  
Administrative Coordinator

Rita Zecher and I attended the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute Fifth National Conference in April in Phoenix, Arizona. The conference provided an inspiring opportunity for representatives from the Osher organizations throughout the country to gather together, socialize, and share “best practices.”

I learned that there are currently 119 Osher Lifelong Learning groups in the United States, with 70,000 total membership; only two states are without Osher Institutes—Delaware and Rhode Island.

The Osher Foundation is in its thirty-first year. In addition to supporting lifelong learning, the foundation also provides funding for integrative medicine, local grants in the arts and education, and college re-entry scholarships.

For general information on the Osher Foundation, check their website at www.osher.net. To find other Osher Institutes around the country, click the “Find An OLLI Near You” tab on the Home Page. You can look at the trips other Osher organizations are planning around the world, and if you are interested in writing, take a look at the Life Story Center and the resources available to assist you in writing about your life.

Pennsylvania has three Osher Institutes in addition to ours: Penn State (Main Campus), Pitt, and Widener. The following table shows the statistics of Osher programs with 1,000 or more members:

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I was dazzled by the range of imaginative courses and lectures offered by different Osher groups. Here are some samples:

- The University of California at San Diego broadcasts some lectures on their website via YouTube. Go to www.ucsd.tv to watch lectures on “Chronic Disease Management,” “Pain and Palliative Care,” “Perspectives on Ocean Science,” “Plant Diseases,” etc.
- The University of Hawaii at Manoa offers a cinema series class. “Culinary Cinema” included a film and dinner series. Classes saw a film in the late afternoon and dined afterward at a local restaurant fitting the theme of the film.
- Eckerd College in Florida has a few unique classes: one featuring one of our own, “Gene Kelly—Light as Air,” and “Korean Tea Ceremony” classes.
- George Mason offers “Wineries and More in Virginia Hunt Country” and “Wines of Argentina and Chile.”
- Dayton’s “New Horizons Band” allows members to learn and play in a band as senior adults.
- Saginaw planned a trip to Mexico in conjunction with a Spanish language immersion class.

Special interest groups have formed at many Osher Institutes:
- Penn State: Dinner Theater, Supper, Hiking, Writers, and Readers
- George Mason: Book, History, Fiction Writers, Genealogy, Bridge, Cycling, Drama, Photography, Italian Conversation, and Homer

I thank the Osher Foundation for the conference that allowed us to be inspired and reinvigorated with the successes of others.
Food for Thought
By Marilyn McDevitt Rubin

When the subject is Globalization, the subject is China, says Osher study leader Silvia Borzutzky.

The following observations from the recent National Geographic magazine special issue on China underscores her observation. China is expected to overtake the U.S. as the world's largest economy in ten years.

China has the world’s highest number of annual deaths triggered by air pollution. It has the world’s largest number of Internet users—220 million, surpassing U.S. web surfers.

China’s one-child policy created a generation of only children that numbers 90 million. One hundred nineteen baby boys are born for every hundred girls. The number of unmarried young men—called bare branches—is predicted to be 30 million by 2020.

“Slow Foods” is a concept that has caught on in the U.S. Will “Slow Medicine”? It’s the idea of Dennis McCullough, M.D., who writes about seniors in his book Compassionate Approach to Caring for Your Aging Loved Ones, Harper Collins. According to Dr. McCullough, concerns begin around retirement, when family members are still lively, taking classes, socializing, and contributing to the community.

The first question for all senior adults is, “Do you have a living will?” Questions that follow with advancing old age include “Should you be driving?” “Can you manage the house alone?” and “Is it time to review your medications?” Questions to be asked and suggestions for dealing with the answers are in Dr. McCullough’s book.

Germany now has more Michelin three-star restaurants, nine, than any other European country except France. Prices reflect quality, but at $150 to $225 (excluding wine), fine dining in Germany costs about half what haute cuisine costs in France.

Older persons can get cognitive benefits with activity that is fairly simple, like walking 20 minutes a day, says Waneen Spirduso in the magazine AARP. She is a professor at the University of Texas at Austin and the author of Exercise and Its Mediating Effects on Cognition.

Fun and Food at the Summer Picnic

Anna Greenberg, a longtime member, was kept entertained by the cheerful talk of Ed Landerman at her table, as were Mary Cay Burke-Hamill and Millie Lynch, who relaxed from their official duties.

Osher Secretary Gloriana St.Clair and her friend Roger Sorrells were early arrivals. Ruthe Karlin, who moved to Pittsburgh just three years ago, provided an example of what we say about Pittsburgh being a small town where everyone seems to know everyone else. She was explaining to Audrey Catrow and Nancy Sussman that she had moved here because her son-in-law had accepted a faculty position at Pitt. It turned out that he is on the staff at the School of Public Health, as is Nancy Sussman. And, of course, Nancy knew him slightly and was happy to meet his mom-in-law.

Music played through the two hours before the raindrops fell. DJ John Padula chose lots of golden oldies like “Splish Splash, I was Takin’ a Bath,” and Frank Sinatra singing “New York New York” to hum along to. He played some jazzy dance tunes that inspired Pat Silva, Jayne Keffer, Ed Landerman, and the Kennedys to hop up and do a little swinging. And all during the picnic, roving photographers Al Treger and Millie Lynch were snapping away.

In spite of the rain, the crowd had a good time. Next to the weather, for any event-planning committee a second concern is choosing the event. Should Osher plan a similar event next year, or should another kind of summer party be considered?”
Annual Meeting
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A future step is for us to publish the course catalog online on the website, then to accept payment online.

This past year 350 new members were invited to join, and our waitlist stands at 558. Because of expanding numbers, some of our classes have been held off campus. In another first this past year, the board voted to give a $50 Border’s gift certificate to study leaders for teaching during a term.

Rita thanked the many chairpersons and committees that made the past year such a successful one. A note of thanks was given to Administrative Coordinator Millie Lynch and Registrar Mary Cay Burke-Hamill.

Two gifts of appreciation were announced for the year: $1,000 to the Carnegie Mellon School of Computer Science and $2,000 to the School of Design. Catherine Copetas accepted the award for the School of Computer Science, where the gift will be used to underwrite students’ attendance at conferences.

New officers elected at the meeting are Julian Eligator, president; Betsy Martin, vice president; Gloriana St. Clair, secretary; and Fritz Okie, treasurer. Phyllis Davidson and Rosalyn Treger were elected as new board members. Helen-Faye Rosenblum was elected to a second term on the board.

Incoming President Julian Eligator said he is proud to represent Osher and feels 40 years younger being around young people on campus. The many hours contributed by the volunteers, who are the backbone of the program, are unbelievable. He hopes next year to report back on as many positive events as Rita.

At the end of the business meeting, Betsy Martin thanked Rita Zecher for the successful efforts made this past year and presented her with a gift certificate to the Carnegie Museum Shop.

The event concluded with lunch and entertainment. Judy Robinson and Helen-Faye Rosenblum presented readings, and Bob Runzo played the piano.

What People Are Saying About Summer Classes:
The Art of the 17th Century: The Baroque in Western Europe—taught by Benjamin Paskus
I got so much out of this course. Dr. Paskus tried to cram as much information as he could into the hour and a half...I liked the little side stories he interjected about the artists and their lives.
It’s All Talk Wants to Hear from You!

Tell us about your travels and triumphs, interesting things you’ve done and you’ve seen. Use this form, fold, tape, and mail, or email your news to ADULTLL@andrew.cmu.edu.

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Newsletter
What’s New?
By Millie Lynch

- Take a look at our revamped website at www.cmu.edu/osher. It’s very easy to navigate; we’ve worked to incorporate the best features from a variety of other Osher organizations to include as much information as possible in a clear format.

  Note the Calendar of Events. It lists the dates, times, and locations for our lectures, trips, and meetings. In the Lecture and Events Section, left-click on one of the photos to see additional photographs from some of our lectures.

- The Fall 2008 term offers 114 classes! This is a record. Congratulations to our Curriculum Committee for putting together a tremendous array of classes.

  There will be a major change with Winter/Spring registration procedures this year.

- Because we have received so many “late” registration forms, the Board of Directors has agreed to institute a $15 late fee for registration after the official deadline.

  The reasons for this are many. The registration process is labor intensive. Many tenacious, meticulous volunteers, such as Al and Lynn Colker, Phyllis Davidson, Gloria Kleiman, and Margie Silverman work during peak registration periods, helping with the bulk of data entry. After the registration cut-off date, we have much less extra help. We need to confine registration to the registration period so that we can move on to other important projects that make our classes possible. We will also be increasing our membership this fall, so there will be more registrations for the Winter/Spring term. So please send your registration forms in by the deadline.