Celebrating Us
2000 - 2010

September 26, 2010
Program

Welcoming Remarks............................................Jayson Brodie, Chair
Executive Board

Greetings and Acknowledgements.................Jim Freehling, President/CEO,
Introduction by Marilyn Blumsack
Brookhaven at Lexington

Congratulatory Address.................................Laurence Bacow, President
Introduction by Ken Fettig
Tufts University

Presentation of Gifts........................................Marilyn Blumsack, Director

Special Recognition of Committees......................Jayson Brodie, Chair
Executive Board

Honoring the Study Group Leaders....................Fran Lanouette, Chair
Curriculum Committee

The Next Ten Years..............................................Sam Brown
Executive Board

Concluding Remarks......................................Ken Fettig, Chair Emeritus
Executive Board
**History of Lifelong Learning at TUFTS**

**PROLOGUE**

- 1998 - A small group of alumni proposed that Tufts develop a lifelong learning program.
- With the financial and logistical support of the University and the Alumni Council, the program was created.

**ACT ONE: Fall 2000 - Spring 2005**

**Scene I: Fall 2000 - Summer 2001**

- September - newly established Tufts Institute for Learning in Retirement (TILR) presents 8 peer-led study groups, for eight weeks with 82 participants.
- March 2001 - Marilyn Blumsack appointed as director of TILR.

**Scene II: Fall 2001 - Summer 2002**

- Fall - collaboration with Brookhaven at Lexington begins.
- On-line Study Groups (“E-Learning”) inaugurated with four courses offered and 38 participants subscribing. Office of Alumni Relations electronically “blasts” 40,000 alumni with the announcement.
- Spring - Lunch and Learn series inaugurated.

**Scene III: Fall 2002 - Summer 2003**

- First newsletter published by Marilyn McCaffery.
- Winter, 2003 - Winter Term initiated, four consecutive weeks, mid-January to mid-February.
- Travel/Learn: London Tour: 14 Brookhaven residents and 5 TILR members.
- First video-conferencing class between TILR Medford and Brookhaven members.
- Cooperative relationship with The Fletcher School established with the school agreeing to provide speakers for Lunch and Learn, for the Great Decisions course, and work-study students.
- First Curriculum Committee Retreat held in Edward R. Murrow Room, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.
- Committees for Lunch and Learn, Membership, Newsletter, and Hospitality formed.
- End of term lunches launched honoring study group leaders (SGLs).
- Travel/Learn - Trip to China led by member Norma Sears, with 25 TILR members.
Scene IV: Fall 2003 - Summer 2004

- TILR changes its name to TILL (Tufts Institute for Lifelong Learning) in recognition that many of its members are not the slightest bit retired.
- “April in Paris” party featuring French dining and musical entertainment held at Brookhaven, in the Spring.
- “Tufts Day at the Museum of Science,” Boston, with speaker Tufts University Professor Gary Goldstein, includes 100 TILL members and Brookhaven residents. Lunch and Boston Duck tour included in festivities.
- Special Sessions committee begins.
- Newport, R.I. Tour - behind the scenes tour of “cottages,” complete with lunch at the New York Yacht Club.
- Newsletter renamed “sTILLife.”

Scene V: Fall 2004 - Summer 2005

- Membership Fee inaugurated.
- January - First Osher Foundation proposal submitted for $100,000 funding. Proposal accepted in March. TILL joins 63 other Lifelong Learning Institutes across the nation.
- Extra curricular activities offered at request of members - including a God’s Club” and “TIGers” (theater interest group).
- First Annual Meeting. Volunteer of the Year honored.
- Marketing Manager appointed, funded by Osher Foundation grant.
- Collaboration with University College in special program, “Making the Most of the Rest of Your Life.”

ACT TWO: Fall 2005 - Summer 2010

Scene VI: Fall 2005 - Summer 2006

- Fifth Anniversary celebrated with Lecture and Arts series.
- Membership in newly renamed Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Tufts (Osher LLI) has grown to more than 500.
- Second $100,000 grant from Osher Foundation received.
- EDventures - special interest/social groups grow and increase under directorship and coordination of Bob Wohlgemuth - include a movie discussion group, a Dine Out group, a book group, and a history club.
- Learning Center for Study Group Leaders (SGLs) established to help and support present and prospective SGLs.
Scene VII: Fall 2006 - Summer 2007

- Study Groups begin to be held at Brookhaven on Wednesdays, with some Brookhaven residents as SGLs.
- Fall 06: Re-designed website launched.
- “Teach for America” Community Service Project joins Osher LLI with TUAA and Brookhaven in collecting school supplies to benefit needy New York City students.
- Travel/Learn - “Bronte Country Journey” led by Dot Dudley.
- “The Third Age - The Bonus Years: A Forum for Boomers” is presented.
- Another Osher Foundation grant of $100,000 is awarded.
- SPOTLIGHT - a new magazine forum for writings, photographs, and artwork by Tufts Osher LLI members is inaugurated, with Tania Friedman, Mary Hafer, and Arline Heimert as editors.

Scene VIII: Fall 2007 - Summer 2008

- Monthly Film series - “Movies about Aging and the Second Half of Life” held at North Hill and Brookhaven.
- Weekly “E-News” introduced, bringing announcements and listing of upcoming events at both Brookhaven and the Medford campus to members every Friday.
- Travel/Learn Adventure - “All the World’s A Stage” designed and led by Dot Dudley, takes members through Shakespeare country in London and Stratford.
- New Online Book Club inaugurated.
- Participants now span 21 countries and 24 states.
- Spring Reception at Brookhaven, featuring Paddy Homan, Irish Balladeer, and Don Wessels, pianist, entertains 131 members.

Scene IX - Fall 2008 - Summer 2009

- Travel/Learn Adventure - “Victorian Bookends,” led by Dot Dudley, takes members to the Victorian haunts of authors Jane Austin and Thomas Hardy.
- “Ambassadors for a Day” program for alumni presented by Director Marilyn Blumsack and SGLs Ken Fettig and Dottie Burstein at the Palm Aire Country Club in Sarasota, Florida.
- Travel/Learn Adventure - “Madrid to Mallorca” explores modern art and literature in Spain.
- Special Event - EDventures PLUS treats members to a cruise to the Isles of Shoals, Portsmouth Harbor, a tour of Star Island, and an elegant lunch at Wentworth-by-the-Sea.
Scene X - Fall 2009 - Summer 2010

- 71 study groups courses now offered throughout the Fall, Winter, Spring, and Summer programs to more than 500 members.
- First of 4 AARP Driver Safety Programs offered as a community service conducted by volunteer SGL Nancy Doherty, and attended by more than 150 people.
- Community Ambassador Programs initiated at Malden Elder Services, the Cambridge Senior Center, and the Bedford Senior Center.
- Special Event - “Autumn Day of Splendor” - members tour Cummings Veterinary School, lunch at the Old Mill Restaurant in Westminster, and “leaf peep” along the Mohawk Trail.
- “Lest We Forget” - a Community Service Project, collects games, supplies, and non-perishable food items for U.S. troops deployed in Afghanistan.
- “Broadway and Beyond” - members celebrate a holiday dinner and Theater Party held at Brookhaven.
- Special Event - EDventures PLUS brings members to the 10th Annual ECHO Performing Arts Festival at the Peabody Essex Museum in Salem, with dinner at the Lyceum restaurant.
- New Summer Dance Film Series led by Scholar SGL Carolyn Salvi, delights dance aficionados at Brookhaven.

EPILOGUE

Scene XI - Fall 2010 -

- COMING SOON TO A LOCATION NEAR YOU - NEW AND EXCITING ADVENTURES! ! !

WANTED:
Your Tufts Osher LLI Memories!

We are interested in having you write a brief statement as to why you became a member, when, and a memorable highlight. We plan to feature your comments on our website and throughout the celebratory year.

If you wish to withhold your name and submit anonymously, please let us know.

Please write or e-mail your responses to:

Marilyn Blumsack, Director
Tufts Osher LLI
039 Carmichael Hall
Medford, MA 02155
Marilyn.Blumsack@tufts.edu
The Stars

**Study Group Leaders** (SGLs) are the essence and soul of the Osher Lifelong Learning program. Their importance to the success of our program cannot be overstated. They stimulate intellectual curiosity and continued learning. We depend on their energy, enthusiasm, dedication, concern for quality, and the thoughtfulness and vitality they share with each of us as Study Group Leaders.

We recognize that our SGLs come from a wide range of backgrounds, interests and experience and need not be experts on their course offerings. Their primary role is to be a facilitator, helping everyone in the study group express his or her views and keeping the study group focused and informative. They plan and organize their study group and through their leadership work to provide an enjoyable learning experience.

Where would we be without their zeal and vision? Our growth depends on the new thoughts SGLs continue to bring us everyday. We are able to celebrate our 10th Anniversary because these SGLs found the time to share their gifts and talents with a very eager body of lifelong learners.

We would like to take this opportunity to enthusiastically thank all past, present and future Study Group Leaders! Their ongoing support enables Osher LLI to continue and thrive.

Thank you and congratulations one and all.

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Joseph O'Donnell 1  Marion Shepp 1
Rev. David O'Leary 1  Chuck Staples 1
Wiff Peterson 1  Darby Tench 1
Bob Pride 1  Albert Ullman 1
Alice Radin 1  Harriet Weinfeld 1
Raymond Revers 1  C. Burleigh Wellington 1
Larry Rinaldi 1  Marnie Wengen 1
Mark Rumley 1  Russell Werner 1
John Russell 1  Judy Wessells 1
Dudley Samoiloff (deceased) 1  John Zamparelli 1

The Supporting Cast

SCHOLARS

Brad Clompus 8  Devin Jessee 1
Rachel Mansfield 5  Tina Marie Johnson 1
Xinghui Xing 5  Radhika Joshi 1
Ronnie Oleskar 4  Emre Kayhan 1
Meron Langsner 3  Jenna Kubly 1
Neil Cohn 2  Christof Kurz 1
Jina Kim 2  Abby Lindsay 1
Patrick Meier 2  Jeff McConnell 1
Aaron Price 2  Reid Offringa 1
Matthew Templeton 2  Mihaela Papa 1
Hassan Abbas 1  Ivan Rasmussen 1
Nkeng Asong 1  Jean-Louis Romanet 1
Susan Banki 1  Carolyn Croissant Salvi 1
Elizabeth Chalecki 1  Edward Spang 1
Joel Edlestein 1  Yushiou Tsai 1
Nicole Evans 1  Rachel Victor 1
Linda Jarvin 1

OUR CAST
CONGRATULATIONS on your 10th Anniversary!

We are honored to be part of the Tufts Osher Lifelong Learning Institute family.
Best wishes for continued success.

From your Learning Partners at
Brookhaven at Lexington

Upcoming Sessions 2010 - 2011

Winter  January 10 - February 7, 2011
Spring  March 14 - May 9, 2011
Summer  June 6 - June 17, 2011
Credits

Production

Jayson Brodie, Executive Board Chair
Mel Bernstein, Nominating Committee
Sam Brown, Finance Committee
Linda Carey, Membership Committee
Ken Fettig, Chair Emeritus, 10th Anniversary Committee
Arlene Heimert, SPOTLIGHT Editor
Regina Kando, Lunch and Learn Committee
Fred Laffert, Vice-Chair
Fran Lanouette, Curriculum Committee
Lois MacElhinney, Membership Committee
Marilyn McCaffrey, Outlook Editor
Bob Wohlgemuth, EDventures Chair
Robert Green and Maralyn Segal, Members-at-Large
Marilyn Blumsack, Director

Directors

Marilyn Blumsack, Tufts University, Osher LLI
Robyn Gittleman, Tufts University, Experimental College
Lynne Romboli, Director of Resident Services at Brookhaven

Tech Support

Blake Ratcliff, The Fletcher School, Intern
Kristin Dukes, Tufts University PhD Candidate, Intern
Patrick Mahoney, Tufts University, Coordinator of A/V Services

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