

MEET NANCY CAIN

By Tricia Forbes



Olli Central is thrilled to have Nancy Cain as the new Curriculum Committee Chairman to follow the excellent leadership of Anita Leitner.

Nancy grew up in San Francisco. She says her strongest influence was her father. The most important things he taught her were to work hard and pursue educational opportunities. She holds

a B.A. in English and French from the University of San Diego, and completed a graduate year at the University of Aix-Marseille in Provence. She holds two masters' degrees from Iowa State University, the first in Journalism and the second in Employment Law and Human Resource Management.

Nancy is a retired business executive whose career included many years of facilitation, curriculum development, and marketing of adult learning programs. Since retiring, Nancy has devoted most of her time to volunteer work. She teaches Board Leadership skills at Metro Volunteers, and has served as a court-appointed Special Advocate in the Colorado foster care system.

Nancy began attending OLLI classes six years ago, fell in love with the organization and its mission, and facilitated her first OLLI class last fall.

When asked what she does for fun in addition to all her activities she says she loves to travel, enjoys reading, traveling, movies and plays. She says that she really enjoys visiting her extended family in California whenever she can, where there are many young grandchildren to spoil.

We couldn't ask for a more involved, enthusiastic addition to our fine educational institution!

OLLI AGAIN HONORED BY THE BERNARD OSHER FOUNDATION

By Vonnie Wheeler, Executive Director OLLI at DU

It is with pride in our organization that I let you know that OLLI at DU has been awarded a second million-dollar endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation.

Continued growth and quality are the primary considerations for such generous recognition. Maintaining these standards can happen only when dedicated people work together. It is a chain reaction, starting with the curriculum committee and the superlative classes it develops, to the outstanding facilitators who produce them, the results of which continue to attract an ever growing number of people from throughout the greater Denver area.

As most of you know, we will receive the interest earned by the endowment each year. The interest earned with our second endowment has allowed us to hire a

much needed OLLI Central Manager, Michelle Runyon. Thus, allowing me to take off one hat and to focus on the responsibilities of the Executive Director of a multi-site, 2000-member organization. In addition to administrative duties, I will be focusing on developing University professor-based "Speaker's Series," classes, expanding our facilitator base, developing new programs, including a broader travel program, and cultivating new community partners.

This endowment is not only a huge honor, but also a very much appreciated financial boost ensuring that we have the personnel necessary to continue the personal attention to our members that we consider so important and to allow for program and activity enhancements.



LET'S GO TO COSTA RICA!

An exceptional, custom designed trip for OLLI members is planned during spring break, March 9-16.

Costa Rica is known for being a peaceful, tropical paradise, but with its wealth of ecosystems and wildlife (many still undiscovered) it is a haven for scientific exploration. While experiencing the remote beauty of the country we will be in the company of leading scientists and naturalists who will talk to us on field trips and in their research laboratories. We will gain an understanding of the current political and economic climate of Costa Rica, as well, and how it relates to the rest of Central and South America and the United States. We'll hear special presentations from academic and

government representatives while visiting the University of Costa Rica and the U.S. embassy.

We will explore and enjoy as well as learn. We will have the option to choose a mild walk or hike or a more adventurous trek. There'll be time for shopping at local markets, or taking an evening soak in a natural hot springs, or just strolling along the beach.

Our accommodations are in small, atmospheric hotels and inns and our meals in acclaimed local restaurants. The cost of the trip is \$1750 (single supplement \$200) which includes seven nights lodging (four with complimentary cocktail hour wine), all meals, guides, lectures, bus transportation throughout week. Space is limited so we encourage those interested to make their \$500 per person deposit as soon as possible. The deadline for guaranteed lodging is December 1. A detailed itinerary with hotels and restaurants is available by calling the OLLI office at 303 871 3090. Adult children of OLLI members are welcome to join their parents on this exciting adventure.



WELCOME DEBBIE!

We are so pleased to have Debbie Loftin join our staff as our office manager. Debbie, a third-generation Denver native grew up in the Washington Park neighborhood. Before joining OLLI Debbie worked in a bar exam-preparation company for 15 years. She has one daughter who is working on her Master's Degree at University College at DU.

"I am thrilled to be with OLLI, love the program and have found the staff and members to be very kind and friendly, which make for a fun and refreshing work environment," Debbie expressed. We are thrilled to have you, Debbie.

THE EXPERIMENT THAT WORKED

By Anita Leitner, OLLI Central Curriculum Committee Chair

This fall, for the first time ever, all three OLLI at DU sites, West, South, and Central, have joined to host a single speakers' series, at **The History Colorado Center in downtown Denver. 220 OLLI members will participate in the seven-week series titled *Moments in Colorado History* that will feature a variety of classes: *Early Denver and Auraria; Soldiers on Skis – The 10th Mountain Division; the Dust Bowl in Colorado; Our Best Ghost Towns; Sand Creek Massacre; Our Amazing Parks and Trails; and Colorado Rail History.* Speakers include Dr. William Convery, Colorado State Historian; John Fielder, eminent Colorado photographer; Charles Albi, former executive director of the Colorado Railroad Museum; and other authors and History Colorado Center speakers.**

An added feature is a late afternoon bus trip to Gold Hill in Boulder County along one of the most beautiful fall-color roads. The destination is the historic Gold Hill Inn Lodge where the lucky attendees will enjoy a pre-dinner presentation by a member of the Gold Hill Historical Society and a great dinner at the Inn.

We are excited about the success of this joint effort and are especially grateful to the History Colorado Center for providing their experts and great hospitality.

FALL TERM OPENS

1,301 OLLI members (224 brand new) took their seats in 101 classes at OLLI Central, OLLI South, and OLLI West for the fall term. Were we this happy when we went back to school?



“EGYPT: WHAT’S NEXT?” SUBJECT OF 2013 INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM

The full-day annual Bill Beaney International Symposium will feature two prominent professors whose expertise is Egypt. The morning presentation, “Has the Arab Spring Failed: Reflections on Egypt’s Democratic Transition” will be led by Professor **Nader Hashemi**. Professor Hashemi is the director of the Center for Middle East Studies and an Associate Professor of Middle East and Islamic Politics at the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver. Following lunch on campus, **Dr. Robert Lee**, professor of political science at Colorado College, Colorado Springs, will present “Understanding Egypt in a Regional Context: Dilemmas for American Policy.”

The symposium will be held in Sturm Hall (handicap accessible) on the University of Denver campus, December 6, from 9:00am to 3:00pm. Lunch and close-in parking will be provided. The cost for the symposium is \$40 for members and \$60 for guests. Adult children of OLLI members may attend at the member price. Reservations may be made by sending a check (payable to OLLI International Symposium) and mailing to OLLI, 2211 South Josephine St., Denver, CO 80208, before November 30. A parking permit will be mailed to each participant. Questions: 303 871 3090

“COLORADO WATER” HOT TOPIC LUNCHEON

As a semi-arid state, water scarcity is a chronic concern for the people of Colorado. Thousands of water professionals, managing billions of dollars in infrastructure, are currently employed to ensure that cities, farms, and the environment receive adequate amounts. But can this continue? What about the effects of population growth and climate change? What about our obligations as a headwater region to provide water to other states?

These and other issues will be addressed by **Professor Doug Kenney**, director of the Western Water Policy Program at the University of Colorado Law School. The Hot Topic Luncheon will be held Friday, October 18, 11:30 -1:30, at the Holiday Inn Select at 455 S. Colorado Blvd. The cost is \$17 for members and \$22. for guests. Your check is your reservation; please mail to OLLI, 2211 S. Josephine St. Denver, CO 80208 before October 15.

THANK YOU, DOTTIE!

Dottie Ambler, our librarian, has decided to shelve her last book for OLLI. After ten years of registering all of our DVDs, audio tapes, magazines, and books Dottie has decided to move on.

When she started, all we had was a stack of books and a bunch of VCR tapes stacked in a corner. She took one look and said, "Something has to be done here." So she did it. Now everything is registered in categorized order and placed on bookshelves the same way. Speaking of bookshelves, she went out and found them for us, even scrounging around University College for shelves that were not in use and then getting someone to drag them into our library room.

We will miss your smiling face and gracious manner, Dottie. Thanks for everything!



**DID YOU
KNOW THAT...**

...**Jerry Mellman** was honored recently by The Rocky Mountain Jewish Historical Society for his photography.

...**Paul Marcus** turns 100 this November!

...we would like very much to brag about other accomplished OLLI members. Let us know about them by emailing Debbie in the OLLI office, debra.loftin@du.edu.

...we are looking for a volunteer who would be interested in being our OLLI Librarian. The library is already established we just need someone to: recording new entries in library record; place new additions on appropriate shelves; review honor system checkout periodically. If you find this of interest please contact Debbie in the OLLI Office, 303 871 3090.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 18	Hot Topic luncheon
November 1	Winter Curriculum posted on website
November 7	Fall term ends
December 6	International Symposium
Dec. 24 – Jan. 2	OLLI office closed
January 6	Winter term begins
January 20	Holiday (no classes)
March 3	Winter term ends
March 9 – 16	Costa Rica trip
March 24	Spring term begins
May 15	Spring term ends

IN MEMORIAM

We will miss the contributions of this dedicated OLLI member

Gen Mellman 1935 - 2013



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