

## MEET BILL DORN & ROSCOE HILL

by Tricia Forbes

Today we honor two of the founding deans of New College at DU (known today as University College, the home of OLLI), **Bill Dorn** and **Roscoe Hill**. Hill and Dorn teamed up to become dean and associate dean of New College its first academic year, 1983-1984. Today University College's strongest enrollments are in the master's degree programs and graduate certificates.



Bill and Roscoe's intelligence, dedication, and integrity earned them the honor of emeriti. Bill is professor emeritus of Mathematics, and Roscoe, dean emeritus of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, and Philosophy.

Roscoe Hill hails originally from Lincoln, Nebraska. He left

for Carlton College in Minnesota, and returned to Nebraska only for vacations and holidays. Roscoe and his wife loved to travel and their visits to different countries still call up fond memories. Roscoe's interest in OLLI is continuing as he remains curious and of an exploring nature about everything and about all people. His open enthusiasm is contagious, as is that of Bill's.

Bill arrived at DU in 1968, where he taught mathematics and soon under the auspices of the English Department, branched out to teach courses on Sherlock Holmes. These intriguing classes have continued to capture the interest of OLLI participants who race to enroll rather than be on the wait list.

Bill is also a member of the Sherlock Holmes Society of London and has written a two volume "Study Guide to Sherlock Holmes," published in 2001. He was awarded the Beacon Society Prize. He also has written math and computer textbooks. His hobbies include film editing and production. He composes catchy lyrics that he adds to his numerous movie productions. These entertain OLLI members and others, bringing much joy.

OLLI is proud to be associated with these strong, talented educational leaders. Thank you for gifting us with you.

## A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

Welcome to the 2014-2015 Academic year!

Each year I hear people say, "How can you top this?" We have! Our Curriculum Committees at each site have developed our largest and most comprehensive curriculum this fall. Offering some classes on the DU Campus just adds to the excitement. We were pleased that so many members took advantage of the tour of the DU campus in late August.

We are proud to announce that 817 members will be taking classes this fall!

We are extremely fortunate to be a part of such a prestigious institution as the University of Denver and to be able to avail ourselves of the numerous opportunities it offers.

And, for your information, our 2013 – 2014 Annual Report has just been released. You may review it on our website: [www.universitycollege.du.edu/olli](http://www.universitycollege.du.edu/olli)

Have a wonderful, enticing year at OLLI!

...Vonnie Wheeler



## SUMMER PICNIC, AUGUST 14, 2014

Once again, we returned to 4 Mile Park for our OLLI Central Annual Picnic. We certainly didn't let the weather put a damper on our BBQ this year; we simply moved everything into a beautiful large room in the back of the main house. The large windows and French doors enabled us to enjoy the beautiful view and be outside for cocktails. Whether it was going to rain or not, we were not going to let a little moisture affect our summer picnic.



## DISCOVER DU

**Discover DU**, Getting to Know the DU Campus. In preparation for attending a class on the DU campus this fall, OLLI members from all three sites were welcomed recently at the Commons on the University of Denver campus by Dean **Nancy Allen**. After we enjoyed our cup of coffee, **Ryan Buller**, Access Services librarian gave a briefing on library privileges available for our members. After a tour of the Commons, guided by **Andrea Howland**, Community Relations manager, the group took a casual walk through campus with Learning and Development manager **Aimee Neu**, who provided fascinating insights and history. The morning tour ended with a delicious lunch at Nelson Hall.

### **Here are some of the comments we received:**

What a great tour today....everything was so well done and the place is awe inspiring. — *Sandy Nearpass*

It was a great tour and lunch was also terrific. Also thank you for help in the parking garage! What a lovely morning! — *Mary Jane Rowe*

Thanks for a wonderful morning at DU and for the lovely lunch! I so enjoyed this and love my membership with OLLI. Thanks, — *Eileen Naiman*

A note of deep appreciation for all that you did to make the DU campus tour so special and successful. Nicely Done! — *Dave (Charlie Brown - he's a clown) Rioch*

## OLLI SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Because we feel it is important for anyone desiring to partake in the offerings of OLLI we have scholarships available for those with limited income. If you or anyone you know would benefit from an OLLI scholarship please call the manager of the site at which you would like to take classes and she will be happy to assist you. Central: Michelle Runyon 303 507 0882; South: Jenny Fortenberry 720 339 1379; and West: Karen Thorne 303 717 4299.

## A RIVER ADVENTURE!

by **Mary Hamilton, OLLI West**

As part of the *Summer Seminars of OLLI*, 22 OLLI members embarked on a three-day canoe, camping, and geology trip on the Gunnison River in the company of geologist Ed Adams. From the get-go we were responsible for packing our wet bags, hauling them to the canoes, strapping them down, putting up our tents, and getting used to the “lavatory.”

Due to heavy spring melt, the Gunnison River was wide, deep, and its current, swift. Stan and I started off in our canoe and paddled along until we hit the Hail Mary rapids where we promptly flipped our canoe. Remembering our instructions, we floated feet first until we were “rescued” and our boat was ready to go again. All in all, five boats flipped during the trip, making everyone ready for “Happy Hour” each evening, which was followed by delicious meals and meaningful conversation. Saturday was June 21st the summer solstice. We celebrated with a bottle of Norwegian aquavit, which was thoughtfully provided by one of our group.

The highlight of the trip was a hike with geologist Ed Adams in the spectacular Dominguez Canyon. He described the formation of the area and the stories behind the petroglyphs along the Dominguez Canyon wall. On the way back, a 40-foot waterfall beckoned us to take a dip.

At the end of the weekend we all pitched in at the “take out” hauling all of the gear and the boats up the hill where we said goodbye to our incredible guides and all of our most interesting new friends.

I close with a bit of advice: Don’t be too hasty in getting rid of your camping equipment because if you are an OLLI member you might just need it! What a great, memorable trip!



Geologist Ed Adams on our hike



Relaxing around the camp site



Getting ready to go

## THE OLLI BILL BEANEY INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM FOCUSES ON THE MIDDLE EAST

Two prominent speakers will address “The Ever-Changing Middle East: Its Politics and People” at our annual International symposium, Friday, December 5.

Professor **Nader Hashemi**, director of the Center for Middle East Studies and of the Josef Korbel School of International Studies at the University of Denver, will provide insights during his morning presentation, “The ISIS Crisis: Understanding the Rise and Expansion of the Islamic State in Iraq and Syria.” Following lunch on campus, **Greg Dobbs**, Emmy Award-winning correspondent for ABC News will present, “What we see in the Middle East Today Might Look Altogether Different Tomorrow.” From his feet-on-the-ground experiences, he brings an informed on-the-scene perspective that breathes life and realism to both current and historical events.

The price for the full-day symposium and lunch is \$40 for members and \$60 for guests. Reservation may be made by sending your check to OLLI at 2211 S. Josephine, Denver, CO 80208

## OLLI WELLWARE WILL KEEP US MOVING



Our WELLaware wellness program will formally kick-off at each site during the month of September with the theme “Keep Moving.” Plan to attend one of the three kick-offs, enjoy a healthy snack or lunch, hear a short motivational presentation, and decide if you would like to join your OLLI friends in one of the three special-interest groups, hiking, biking and walking. All attending the kickoffs will leave with an OLLI pedometer to encourage you to “keep moving!”

Look for OLLI WELLaware classes, workshops and InterActive activities beginning with the fall term. All will be identified with the Wellware logo.

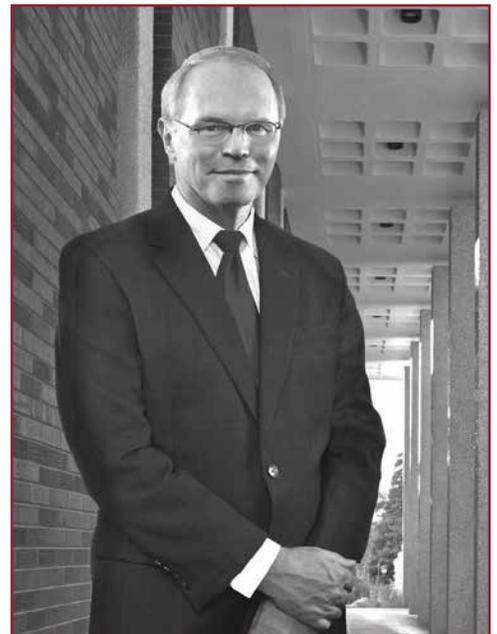
**Wellaware Kick off:** Note: **changed date and venue**

**OLLI Central:** September 23, 11:45am – 12:45pm – Central Christian Church, 3690 Cherry Creek S Drive. Speaker: **Dr. Richard Flanigan**, cardiologist, author, and world champion rower.

### WELLaware Sites to See & Apps to Load

**Luminosity.com** - Keep your brain challenged with research-based puzzles and games. Unlock your own fully personalized training program to challenge memory, attention and more.

**Triagehealth.com** Use this easy tool, created by two ER doctors, either online or download a free app. Either way, you’ll be amazed at how easy it is to explore treatment options for a host of medical conditions.



Christopher Hill, Dean  
Korbel School of International Studies,  
University of Denver

## TIMELY LECTURE KICKS-OFF THE FALL TERM

**Christopher Hill**, dean of the Korbel School of International Studies at DU and former Ambassador to Iraq and Korea, enlightened us on the latest developments in the Russia/Crimea crisis the week before the fall term opened.

The informative special lecture was free for all OLLI members, their families and friends. When we are confronted with an issue of such great international concern we feel it important for an organization such as OLLI to respond in a timely fashion by stepping out of our classrooms and opening the doors for anyone desiring to hear from an international expert on the topic.

## FALL HOT TOPIC LUNCHEON: COUNT DOWN TO MID-TERM ELECTIONS

The country will be looking at “swing state” Colorado during the upcoming, important mid-term elections.

**Chuck Plunkett**, *Denver Post* Politics editor, will address crucial issues at our fall Hot Topic luncheon, Friday, October 10. He will discuss questions such as, “Where is the Tea Party in relation to mainstream Republicans?” “Are Democrats maintaining the strengths they exhibited since 2008?” “What has been the impact of the millions in outside spending on both parties?” He will also look at two critical local races that will be nationally important: Rep. Cory Gardner’s attempt to unseat Mark Udall and Andrew Romanoff’s attempt to unseat Rep. Mike Coffman.

The luncheon on October 10 will take place at 11:30am – 1:15pm, at the Holiday Inn Select, 455 S. Colorado Blvd. The cost is \$18 for members, \$22 for guests. Make your reservation by October 7 by sending your check to the OLLI office, 2211 S. Josephine, Denver, CO 80208.

## YOUR ADVISORY COUNCIL

Welcome our current and new AC members. OLLI is structured as a membership program, providing an opportunity for members to participate in all aspects of the program and its delivery. Member input especially drives decisions about the learning experiences, including their design, content, methods and format. The OLLI Advisory Council was established as the voice of the membership, creating a structure by which OLLI's programming would reflect the needs and preferences of the members.



From left to right: John Fritschel, *Budget Liaison*, Mimi Karsh, Art Strasburger, Vonnie Wheeler, *Executive Director, OLLI at DU*, Julie DeTemple, Barbara Lilly, Joan Baronberg, in front: Anita Leitner, AC Chair, Missing from the picture: Vicki Jones, absent Michelle Runyon, Central Manager, taking the picture

## HEADS UP – FROM THE OLLI CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL. WHAT'S A CLASSROOM ASSISTANT?

by Anita Leiter, OLLI Central Advisory Committee President

Beginning fall term, we are all going to see a lot of administrative assistants in our classrooms. You might be wondering who such a person might be. The answer is simple. Our Central Manager, Michelle Runyon, and the managers at OLLI South and West, are thrilled to have these volunteers available for distributing flyers, making announcements about upcoming programs and events, and generally being the manager's voice in the classroom. They will also be available to help the facilitators with first-day logistical announcements and with first-time OLLI members who have questions.

Being an assistant is easy. For any member who wonders how he or she might help our all-volunteer organization, this could be the perfect fit.

And we're sending a big THANK YOU to members who have volunteered to be assistants for the fall term.

For more information, contact Julie DeTemple, [detemple@ecentral.com](mailto:detemple@ecentral.com), our current Class Assistant Organizer for the Advisory Council, or email Michelle at [michelle.runyon@du.edu](mailto:michelle.runyon@du.edu).

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

October 10	Fall Hot Topic Luncheon
Dec. 5	International Symposium, Friday
Dec 24–Jan 4	Office closed for Christmas/DU Break
October 27	Winter Catalog Posted on the Website
Winter Term	January 12 – March 9th, no classes for MLK, January 19
February 6	Spring Catalog Posted on the Website
Spring Term	March 30 – May 22
May 29–31	Weekend in Rockies

*We are happy to let you know that we will be holding our popular "Weekend in the Rockies" again next May. Plans are under way for a special weekend to be held at the Aspen Lodge in Estes Park May 29-31, watch for details coming soon.*

### DID YOU KNOW THAT...

Beginning in October, OLLI Central's new lunch-and-learn program, "Mid-day Morsels," will be offering an eclectic array of informational speakers throughout the academic year? Watch for details coming soon.

OLLI member **Jan Shellhammer** is a part of the Edwin Carter Legacy Society and was honored as a group member at the society's annual luncheon this past May?

Your OLLI membership card gives you library privileges at the DU Anderson Academic Commons? See our website, [www.portfolio.du.edu/olli](http://www.portfolio.du.edu/olli), membership benefits tab for details.

## IN MEMORIAM

*We will miss the contributions of these dedicated OLLI members*

Maxine Levi	Max Sugar
Steve Cohen	John Lightburn
Shirley Simonson	Sanford Watzman



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