

## New Central Manager John Baumgartner



**John Baumgartner** is the new OLLI Central Manager, coordinating the program at the four course sites for the Winter Term and also facilitating a Current Events course on Tuesday afternoons at First Plymouth Church.

Baumgartner was hired in November to succeed **Paul Simon**,

who was named OLLI East Manager and is readying OLLI East for its debut for the Spring Term at Mississippi Avenue Baptist Church in Aurora. Simon is working closely with Baumgartner to ensure a smooth transition at OLLI Central.

“I am proud to be a part of one of the top OLLI organizations in the country,” Baumgartner said. “I am looking forward to contributing to the fabulous legacy built by so many administrators and volunteers before me who established such a great place for adults to meet and learn.”

Baumgartner has facilitated a handful of classes for OLLI Central, a background which has helped him transition into his new role.

His final career move before “retiring” was acting Director of the Denver Division for a professional service placement company, a division of a publicly held international organization. He holds a BA from DePauw University and an MBA from the University of Michigan. With his CPA credentials he first was employed with Touche Ross (now Deloitte) He subsequently became Partner in Charge of the Denver Consulting Division of Touche Ross. Baumgartner later became senior Executive Vice President with a wholly owned subsidiary of a large NY Stock Exchange financial services company.

“John’s financial and leadership expertise and his welcoming persona make him a terrific addition to the management team at OLLI at DU,” said Simon.



## Finding a Home for OLLI Central

After nineteen years at Central Christian Church, the search continues to find another home for the Central campus for OLLI at DU. During the Fall and Winter terms we were housed at Augustana Lutheran Church and First Plymouth Congregational Church while continuing to hold classes at Harvest Bible Chapel. After hearing from many of you, we have continued our search for even better facilities.

We are now able to announce two new locations for the Spring term. We will be offering classes at the First Universalist Church located at 4101 East Hampden Avenue which is located on the Northeast corner of Hampden and Colorado Avenues, just across this intersection from the First Plymouth Congregational Church. This church just completed a five-million dollar renovation, moving into their newly renovated facility just in time for the holiday celebrations. By March, the church will be ready to receive OLLI members with open arms.

Our second location will be at Park Hill Methodist Church. Finding a location in the more established area of Denver proved to be a bit more challenging. With the assistance of Joe Brady, Tai Chi instructor for OLLI at DU, we have procured this facility, also beginning in the Spring term. This church is located at 5209 Montview Boulevard, Denver, Colorado. The church is welcoming OLLI members to experience their facility at an evening event, February XX. Watch for further information about this event.

## Nadine Von Storch

OLLI sadly lost one of its pioneering members in October. Nadine Von Storch is remembered here by Anita Leitner, former chair of the OLLI Central Advisory Council:

*Nadine was one of the most dedicated VIVA! - OLLI members. Before we had the luxury of hired staff, Nadine stepped in and helped arrange volunteers for numerous jobs as well as always be involved herself. She also attended every Curriculum Committee and Advisory Council meeting to take minutes. Her generosity was appreciated by so many. Nadine truly believed in the OLLI spirit and gave of herself time after time. This wonderful lady will be greatly missed.*

## Coming Attractions: Spring Term

To whet your appetite for Spring Term at OLLI Central and our new OLLI East, here are some of the planned courses and their facilitators:

### CENTRAL

- *The Transcontinental Railroad*, Stewart Jones
- *Fire & Light: How the Enlightenment Changed Our World*, Marjie Clark & Diane Rich
- *American's First Daughter: The Life & Times of Martha Washington*, Becky Bennett & Martha Moe
- *The Salem Witch Trials*, Myra Rich
- *The Great Lakes*, Christine Petty
- *The Trial by Franz Kafka*, Ann Cohen
- *The Other Ireland: Legends & Myths*, Don & Gracie Batt
- *Buddhist Psychology: Addressing the Challenges & Stresses of Our Lives*, Gretchen Groth
- *Evolution, Intelligent Design & the Courts*, Larry Matten
- *The Wonderful, Wacky, Sometimes Terrifying World of Insects*, Jim Nelson
- *Solar Systems*, David Shander
- *Women in Science and Technology*, Barbara Zimmerman
- *Baseball Goes to Hollywood*, Larry Matten & Greg Petty
- *Michelangelo & The High Renaissance in Italy*, Marianne Lorenz
- *Sherlock Holmes: The Casebook*, Bill Dorn

### EAST

- *Managing the Maverick Mind*, Barbara Ratcliffe
- *Globalization, Trade & Immigration*, Dennis Grogan and Ron Goodwin
- *Cybersecurity: from Cyber Crime to Cyber Warfare*, Paul Mauro
- *Constantine's Sword by James Carroll, Ralph Stern*
- *Metamorphosis: The Journey from Fire to Renewable energy*, Bob Stephens
- *Writing for Life, Martin Shopes*
- *Matinee at the Bijou 3: The Screwball Comedy Mysteries*, Mac McHugh

And of course, we will offer multiple sessions of our popular Current Events and Great Decisions courses!

## Deanna Manchion



**1948-2017**

It is with deep sadness and affection that we marked the December 24 death of Deanna Manchion, an extraordinary, long-term OLLI Central

volunteer and member. Hundreds of people have attended Deanna's wonderful classes in Visual and Performing Arts over many years, and she had one of the most faithful followings of any facilitator at OLLI. She was a warm, engaging, excellent teacher whose joy in her subject matter was contagious, inclusive and fun.

In addition to facilitating her classes, Deanna served for seven years (a record) on the OLLI Central Curriculum Committee. In that role, she identified, developed and encouraged volunteers to participate in presenting classes in an ever-expanding arts program. She was an outstanding member of the committee and will be greatly missed by her colleagues, the facilitators she worked with, and the many members who knew her through her work.

Deanna and her husband Ed moved to Colorado in 1973 where she worked as a substitute teacher and then pursued a business career. Ed died in 2003 and she retired in 2007 after more than 20 years in the telecommunications business and rediscovered her passion for teaching through OLLI.

Deanna was diagnosed with a very aggressive cancer. She fought hard and with optimism. Her love for OLLI was apparent as even in hospice care in late December she continued to be passionate about listening to music, finishing up her OLLI classes, and visiting with family and friends.

She is survived by her father Dean Nauman, husband Dale Manchion, son Jess Burlason and daughter Charlotte Briscoe.

A large contingent of OLLI members fondly remembered Deanna at her memorial service on January 26.



# Online Registration Debuts at OLLI Central

As Barbe Ratcliffe, OLLI at DU's executive director, wrote in her December newsletter, "a heartfelt thank you to every member who braved the world of automation and registered for your desired Winter term courses through our new online registration platform. We have received wonderful feedback – some of which we can incorporate, some of which is not possible on the current software platform we are using – and much of it was a delight to read!"

More than two-thirds of the nearly 900 OLLI Central members who registered for Winter Term used the online system. In addition to permitting OLLI members to register from anywhere (in the world!) in a timely manner, online registration is a much more efficient and accurate method that relying on mail and paper forms. As Barbe noted, the program we are using has limitations as well as distinct advantages. We will utilize member suggestions and our own analysis to tweak the system for the Spring Term.



## New Member Orientation

*Veteran facilitators Sydney Myers and Dick Reinish welcome new members to Winter Term 2018 at the New Member Orientation on January 11.*

## Notes from a Manager

*By Paul Simon*



One impact of a popular and worthwhile program like OLLI is the excessive demand for popular courses.

Just to look at few winter courses, for example, 41 members who registered during the First Draw period listed Ted Talks as Nos. 1 or 2 on their list of preferences for courses. The course limit is 25. Forty-five members select 1 or 2 for Revenge of Geography. The class limit is 30.

We always try to give members who register during the First Draw period their top two choices. You can see from these numbers that is a mathematical impossibility.

Fortunately, thanks to the excellent work of our OLLI Central Curriculum Committee and our invaluable facilitators, we were offer more than 60 classes for Winter – a considerable increase from the fall. Still, many of the classes filled just from those who registered during the First Draw period.

I'm sure it can be frustrating when you don't get into the classes you want the most. The silver lining, of course, is OLLI offers so many opportunities to satisfy your quest for learning.

That's why as I leave site manager responsibilities for OLLI Central in the very capable hands of John Baumgartner, I am enthusiastic about our progress and our future.

As the new manager of our new OLLI East, I'm also excited about kicking things off with the Spring Term. *Come join us!*

## Meet Mac McHugh



Growing up in southeast Nebraska amongst the bucolic cornfields, creeks and rolling hills of the small, historic town of Nebraska City, Darwin McHugh – aka “Mac” since his military days – led a childhood unlike that spawned by contemporary urban/suburban life. He

roamed the countryside around his fenceless town, often being gone all day floating boats in the local streams or riding his bicycle out to North Table Creek where Lewis and Clark had camped on their 1815 trip up the Missouri.

Mac lived in a home built in the 1880s by a Civil War veteran who received the land and cash as payment for his military services. Trees and grass had been re-growing since the Civil War, previously razed by local indigenous peoples so that buffalo would be attracted to the lush new grass growth.

Mac also did a lot of reading as a kid and as a teen he earned money detasseling corn, delivering newspapers and working as a stockboy at Newberry’s. On Friday nights he often went to the movies at the Pioneer Theatre, where he could stay as long as he wanted watching or rewatching first and second features.

Emulating two beloved and influential teachers, Mac had planned to take up teaching when he went off to Peru State College to major in Business Education and Administration, but his career trajectory was rerouted when he joined the Air Force in 1971 to avoid imminent military draft. This led to many other unplanned, but ultimately satisfying career trails, which, in the end, also led to some form of leadership and teaching.

Mac’s first Air Force assignment was in Denver where he spent four years at the Air Force Accounting and Finance Center, along with 300 other military personnel and 3500 civilians. As a curious person, Mac was happy to accommodate his supervisors’ encouragement in learning computer systems, and this resulted in expertise which served him through years of military-related jobs in accounting, auditing, system security, software design, testing, acquisition and customer assistance.

It is this latter focus – customer assistance – that embodies Mac’s proudest career and personal achievements. He takes great pride in being able to effectively communicate with,

train and serve others doing a given task, thus embodying the attributes of the teacher he once planned to be. This has been demonstrated for OLLI in several ways, from Mac’s help with the new computerized registration system to his facilitation of numerous popular classes.

Never repeating the same class twice at the same OLLI site, Mac enjoys the creativity of coming up with ever new subject ideas and the approximately two months’ research involved in bringing them to fruition. His teaching standard of success relates to something a friend once told him: “If you can go away from a class remembering five things, you are doing good.”

Mac works to “always bring up little-known snippets of information -- something that people didn’t know about.” In his class entitled “The Wizard War,” for instance, he talked about ideas that were developed during World War II, but never carried out, like the “bat bomb” wherein incendiary devices would be attached to bats dropped by aircraft so they could nest in the eaves and attics of Japanese houses made out of wood and paper. Discussing aspects of the war in the South Pacific, he talked about the sizes of leeches and the ways one effectively detaches them. He always endeavors to present information specifically relevant to class members and that which is meaningful and provocative.

The photographic interests Mac developed in high school are conveyed in his film classes, like “Matinee at the Bijou,” wherein class members view “B” movies -- those which followed the main feature, begun during the Depression so that movie goers would feel they were getting their money’s worth. Injecting humor is a strong component of Mac’s teaching and he observes that “people need something to laugh about, especially after the seriousness and upset of the last election.”

Mac feels that his classes at OLLI in particular brought an end to post-retirement thumb-twiddling. Recently, while he was working on the new registration system, his wife noted that she hadn’t seen him happier since retirement. “But,” he says, thinking about his rewarding years of supporting others with projects in his civilian military jobs, “that’s what I (always) did.” He adds, “I think we’re doing it right at OLLI. It’s important for retirees to keep engaged and not vegetate. I like OLLI. I believe in it.”

— Ellen Sloan, OLLI South



## 3 Action Steps 3 actions necessary to be prepared for disasters & other emergencies:

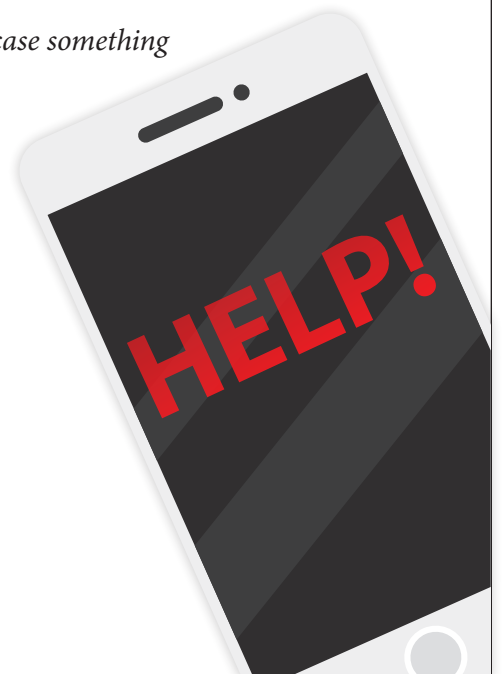
### 1. Get a Kit (Checklist)

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# Emergency Numbers to have in your Cell Phone

- **ICE: In Case of Emergency** – Include a name and a label for who they are (i.e. husband, friend, etc.). If you have a lock screen, add the number to the lock screen so emergency responders can access it easily.
- **Local Fire Department** – Local fire departments have a wealth of information and provide community training and local CERT support. They also have burn day information.
- **Local Police Department** – Know the non-emergency number for your area.
- **Water Company** – Useful for calling about broken water mains. They can also provide information if you have a boil water alert or another contaminated water issue.
- **Power Company** – Know who to call in case of power outages.
- **Poison Control** – The national hotline is 1-800-222-1222. They will connect you to your regional hotline.
- **Nearby hospitals** – Consider having a few nearby hospitals saved in your phone.
- **Doctor** – Also, consider having family members' doctors as well!
- **Animal control** – They can help with stray dogs and cats can be a problem, as well as other wildlife issues you may have.
- **Next door neighbors** – Get to know your neighbors and exchange numbers!
- **Tow truck** – List a few local tow companies or your AAA number.
- **Insurance agent** – Find out who to call in case you have an accident or home damage.
- **Boss/Coworkers/Volunteer Coordinators** – In case something happens while on the way to or during work or volunteering.
- **Veterinarian** – In case of emergency with your four-legged friends.
- **Highway Patrol** – This is especially important to have while traveling.
- **Pharmacy**
- **Lost or Stolen Credit Card Hotline**





## Mark Your Calendar

**February 5, 2018**

Winter Catalog Posted on Website

**February 8, 2018**

Midday Morsels. "Family Conversations."

First Plymouth Church, 11:45 – 12:45

**February 19, 2018**

First Draw for Spring Term

**March 1, 2018**

Midday Morsels. "Dignity in Dying."

First Plymouth Church, 11:45 – 12:45

**April 2, 2018**

Spring Term Begins

**May 25, 2018**

Spring Term Ends

**August 6, 2018**

Fall Catalog Posted on Website

**August 17, 2018**

"First Draw" for Fall Term

**September 17, 2018**

Fall Term Begins

### IN MEMORIAM

MELVIN DINNER

RITA JOHNSON

GLORIA KUBEL

DICK MANDEL

## 3 Action Steps Continued...

\* *Have at least 3 days of supplies in each kit!*

\*\**Remember to check your kit and replace its contents every 6 months!*

### 2. Make a Plan (Checklist)

- Discuss** local disasters with your family and designate responsibilities for each family member.
- Plan** 2 meeting places for your family; one right outside your home and one outside your neighborhood
- Learn** how to turn off household utilities like electricity, water, and gas and how to use a fire extinguisher
- Tell** everyone in the household where emergency info and supplies are kept
- Practice** evacuating your home 2x/year
- Include your pets**
- Support your community**

### 3. Be Informed

- Learn what disasters or emergencies may occur where you live, work, and play
- Identify how local authorities will notify you during a disaster and how you will get important information
- Learn what you can do to prepare for disasters (i.e.) first aid, CPR, etc.
- Share what you learn with your family, household, and neighbors
- Encourage others to be informed, too!

*All information was gathered from American Red Cross's Disaster Preparedness brochures*

\* *Sign up for emergency alerts at:*  
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