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Hello and Happy Holidays

Before we become too immersed in the wonderful holiday events of family, friends, and travel, I wanted to share a few items and events of interest occurring around the OLLI at DU community.

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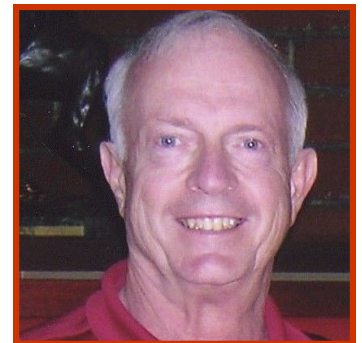
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New Central Site Manager John Baumgartner



As has been mentioned before, we are in the process of opening an OLLI East campus in Aurora. Our current Central Site Manager, Paul Simon, has stepped forward and has accepted the Site Manager position of this new site. Thus began a search for his replacement at OLLI Central. That new Manager is a current OLLI at DU gentleman by the name of John Baumgartner. Following is a short excerpt from an interview John had with our very own OLLI member Gayle Lipson:

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New Olli Site Manager (continued)

“How fortunate OLLI Central members are to have John Baumgartner, one of our own, assuming the role of manager! While John and his wife originally are from Ohio, they have called Colorado home since the ‘60s and enjoy having their three children and seven grandchildren residing here, too.

Following retirement in 2007 from a business and corporate management position with Resources Global Professionals, John has shared his varied interests with OLLI by facilitating five classes in recent years. Those courses have included *Separation of Church and State*, *Moral Compass*, and *Current Events*. Now, John looks forward to broadening his participation and perspective of OLLI in this new managerial capacity as the organization grows. Welcome John!”

(The transition between John and Paul will begin around December 1st and continue for the next month or more. The Central newsletter will have even more information on John.)

WorldView Mexico this Year....WorldView China Next!

With this academic’s year focus on WorldView Mexico, we continue to enjoy learning about our neighbor to the south. Courses are planned for both the Winter term and the Spring term on various aspects of Mexico as well as the three trips, each to be highlighted in the individual terms.

For those of us who like long term planning, it might be helpful to know that for the 2018 - 2019 academic year we will have China as our WorldView focus with a trip to China



“International
Learning”



Upcoming Events

December 11th

Our Special Event for Facilitators and Curriculum Committee members is planned for Monday, December 11th with Mr. Steve Thaxton as the featured presenter.

Steve is the Director of the Osher National Resource Center located in Chicago, Illinois. He will be speaking on all things Osher! If you have received a special invitation, please respond so we have an idea of the number planning to attend. If you would like to be invited to this type of annual event in the future, simply become a Facilitator. OLLI at DU needs Facilitators to continue the great learning we all enjoy.

December 13th

Our annual International Symposium has been shortened to a half-day event. The topic is "The Iran Nuclear Agreement: Why It Matters for US Foreign Policy in the Middle East." Our presenter will be Dr. Andrea Stanton. If you would like to join us and have not yet registered, please go to:

<http://dughost.imodules.com/international>



On Line Registration a Success

And 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 which was a delight to read! Thank you for letting us know our very intense work to make this happen resulted in a rather easy system to use.

We achieved well over a 50% online registration rate which is outstanding for our first launch.

Thank you so much!

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With an eye to allowing each site its own unique personality, I will be sending OLLI wide articles of interest to all members in an email format from now on.

These articles will not be synchronized with the timing of the newsletters. They will be posted as events and/or news occur on their own schedule. Some sites may include the articles in their newsletter, other may not.

In addition to the emails you will be able to find the articles (with a summary at the beginning of each), on each of the individual site websites under a new tab labeled: Executive Director

Thank You from Barbe

And finally, as we bring a rather challenging year to conclusion, thank you so much for being such amazing members.

We continue to weather a turbulent time in our country's and the world's history with grace and respect. OLLI at DU members truly set the mark for such.

Thank you all and Happy Holidays.

Barbe

"Volunteers"

