MEET LAWRENCE MATTEN
Tricia Forbes

Olli Central is honored to list Larry Matten as one of our members. His illustrious history reveals an astounding round of achievements. Larry is married to his second wife, Susan, Marlene having passed away in 1995. His children with Marlene are Sharlene, Alan, Sharon and Ronald. Together he and Susan have 6 children and 14 grandchildren.

Larry’s education spans many prestigious institutions: A.B. from Rutgers, The State University, Newark, NJ; Ph.D. from Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. and JD from Southern Illinois University School of Law. He was an active Paleobotanist for 38 years. His published biography, American Men and Women of Science.

Larry was elected to the Linnaean Society of London. And he was elected a fellow of the Illinois Academy of Sciences, co-editor of an international journal (Palaeontographica.) He is a certified (TAC) track official and taught for 45 years. His publications include 9 books and manuals, 51 scientific journal articles, 4 chapters in Professional books, and one published appellate Court Case. His students wrote 15 Masters theses and 5 doctoral dissertations.

As one can see, Olli received a talented member and generous facilitator in Larry who joined us in 2011. His well attended classes include topics such as Science Fiction Literature; Amazing Fossils; Darwin; Science and Religion; Science Fiction on American TV; Evolution, Intelligent Design and the Courts; Science Fiction Short Stories; Evolution of Humans.

It would seem that this Professional man would have little time for hobbies, but he does. His hobbies include piano, water aerobics and travel (Susan and he have recently completed their 30th cruise.) And he tells us he is an avid baseball fan.

We are to say the least, very proud that he chose OLLI Central to share his many talents!

A WORD FROM OUR DIRECTOR

It is with much appreciation that we applaud all of our OLLI members who have so enthusiastically supported our efforts to be a more environmentally friendly organization. Using your OLLI coffee cup each week has not only emphasized the importance of sustainability, but has also cut the expenditure of purchasing literally 100s of disposable cups each week. Thank you so much for your continued support.

- Vonnie Wheeler, OLLI Director
inclusive communities and to become leaders motivated to contribute to the common good.

Chopp is a widely published author and editor. Her six books include Remaking College: Innovation and the Liberal Arts (2013), which she co-edited with Haverford College President Dan Weiss. Her other notable publications are The Praxis of Suffering: An Interpretation of Liberation and Political Theologies (1986) and The Power to Speak: Feminism, Language, God (1989). She has published more than 50 articles.

A native of Kansas, Chopp received a BA from Kansas Wesleyan University, a MDiv from St. Paul School of Theology, and a PhD from the University of Chicago. Each of her alma maters has honored her with distinguished awards, and she has received six honorary doctorates from other colleges and universities.

WELCOME CHANCELLOR CHOPP

Rebecca Chopp, PhD, comes from Swarthmore College in Pennsylvania, where she has served as president since 2009. As president of Swarthmore, Chopp passionately upheld the College’s longstanding commitment to admitting the most highly qualified students without regard for their financial circumstances. She supported innovative ways for faculty and students to interact at Swarthmore and extended the distinct role the school plays in educating students to build

A HEAD’S UP FROM THE OLLI CENTRAL ADVISORY COUNCIL

A New “Revisited” Version of the Winter Party
Stay tuned: A new version of the Winter Party is in the offing. Watch for announcement in early February.

Central’s Volunteer Fair — February 9-12 at Central Christian and Harvest Chapel.

Did you know that it takes close to 800 volunteers to keep OLLI Central going each year? With that in mind, OLLI Central’s Volunteer Fair will be spotlighting some of the ways members can join in and keep the OLLI fires burning. The Volunteer Fair, at Central Christian and Harvest Chapel will coincide with the morning and afternoon class breaks. We invite every OLLI member to drop by our tables during one of the breaks. It’s worth it — we will even give you a cookie!

Here’s what we’re looking for this year:

Greeters
Facilitators
Class Assistants

WELLaware Sub Committee members
A standing Group of Members who have no idea want they want to do.

We really need your help.
It’s fun to get involved.

Anita Leitner, OLLI Central Advisory Council President

WELLWARE KICK OFF

Joan Baronberg

September 23, 2014 was our OLLI WELLaware Kickoff. Cardiologist Dr. Richard Flanagan, Cardiologist, Author and World Champion Rower inspired a packed house of 200 people to get moving to keep well. His message about diet and exercise was down-to-earth practical and just what we all needed to kick off the new OLLI WELLNESS program. As we munched the no-calorie wraps and fruit arranged aesthetically for us, we were able to think about how we could implement Dr. Flanagan’s recommendations.

To update you on our OLLI WELLaware Program, we currently have 3 interest groups; walkers, hikers and cyclers, each group having between 35 and 50+ participants. They have all enjoyed events this past fall and look forward to adding snowshoeing this winter and a cycling class this spring for those of us who haven’t been on a bike since we received our driver’s license.

Come join one of our groups and “Get Moving.”
For more information you can contact:

Walking Beverly Edelstein, beverlyedelstein@hotmail.com
Hiking Gene Schnabel, gschnabs@gmail.com
Cycling Frank Schneider, Frank@consultscg.com
Getting Ready for the Spring “Weekend in the Rockies”

Thanks for all of you who have already registered for our Weekend in the Rockies in May at the Aspen Lodge outside of Estes Park where OLLI members will gather with old friends and new to enjoy a weekend in the company of two of our favorite, DU professors, along with a new friend of OLLI.

Professor Buie Seawell will present one of his most popular lectures on, “Cultivating the Virtuous Life in the 21st Century.” Popular Economics Professor, Bob Melvin will talk about the philosophical roots of the simple life and about individuals throughout history who developed and embraced a philosophy of simple living, including Plato, Ben Franklin and Teddy Roosevelt.

Our new friend of OLLI, Dr. Glenn Sackett will talk about the joys of active meditation, including, “Photography as Meditation.”

The casualness of this rustic lodge allows for relaxed sessions with plenty of time for socializing. In addition to walks in the woods, Bob’s wife, Sue will lead a morning session on “Everyday Stretches for Balance.”

Presentations, lodging & all meals included:
$675 per couple
$450 for a single room.
$100 per person deposit (by February 7)

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Denver, CO 80208

No Mike?
No Way!
Carol S. Altman

I’m guessing that I’m not the only OLLI member who is dumb founded by the announcement that Mike Darchewski has left Central Christian Church and OLLI for a full time position. I’m trying to balance the happiness for Mike’s good fortune against the disappointment of losing him from our OLLI program.

I have an enduring memory of the frequent, substantial, and gracious support that I experienced working with Mike while I was facilitating an Olli course this past fall.

If there is a more pleasant, more positive, more patient, and more caring staff member than Mike on the planet, I’d like to meet that person. Perhaps there might be a few who would come close.

Mike was the on call AV doctor, who arrived on a moment’s notice, and all he had to do was place his healing hands on the ailing equipment for whatever was troubling it to disappear. He is masterful at assessing needs and astute at anticipating problems and finding creative solutions to them. Mike’s flexibility and his friendly, gracious, manner of relating to everyone are indeed admirable qualities! He is one of those fine and rare human beings who put others’ needs before their own.

How very fortunate we were to have someone of Mike’s ilk working in our community, infusing it with such positive energy, even if so briefly.

International Symposium

More than 130 of us took advantage of the OLLI International Symposium, named in honor of Bill Beaney, on the first Friday in December.

In the morning, we were helped to understand more about ISIS by Professor Nader Hashemi, faculty member of the Korbel School and Director of the Center for Middle East Studies. He focused on the long post-colonial history of Syria and Iraq—where ISIS is most successful—of authoritarian despotism and the vacuum created by on-going war and state power breakdown. Although almost all Middle Eastern states raise questions of “legitimacy,” Syria has had a brutal dictatorship for 41 years and Iraq has been at war since 1980. Their particular vulnerability means he is unsurprised by the success of ISIS in these two states. The question and answer session was lively and made it clear that there is no simple solution leading to our hoped for establishment of “democracies.”

Lunch was Middle Eastern style and delicious. Greg Dobbs, International Correspondent for ABC News, titled his afternoon presentation, “What we see in the Middle East Today Might Look Altogether Different Tomorrow.” A frequent visitor and journalist in the area for many years, his scope was more general, but not less discouraging.

As always, it was stimulating to spend a day focusing on an important topic, no matter how intractable. And the weather and the company were excellent.
to us, pulling her hair, “The website didn’t look anything like this!” Her laughter was infectious. And the evening ended well for us all, with swimming in the nearby hot springs and with Vonnie and daughter Val lounging on the local goddess’s lap.

At this point, we should provide the back story on this remarkably creative and resilient woman. Born in Colorado in a year so long ago that we will respect her privacy (hint: think the Chinese year of the Tiger!), Vonnie began a life-long commitment to learning. She was educated at CU, Boulder, married and had four children. Her husband decided to go in a different direction when she was 32. Jobless and facing all the challenges every single parent knows, her children (and now her nine grandchildren) mostly remember the good times. No matter how tight money was in those early days, there was always an envelope with money earmarked “For Fun.” Despite these early setbacks, Vonnie eventually developed an event management business that reflected her own unique creativity, specializing in tourism, fundraising and education. She later used her background in education to develop and co-founded VIVA, one of DU’s extension programs.

“We started with a great core of members in the VIVA days. Then with the sponsorship of DU and Bernard Osher, we transitioned into OLLI and continue to attract the people that make OLLI what it is today – a fun place to meet our peers while satisfying our intellectual curiosity.” Through her unique foresight, she had accurately anticipated that many retired baby boomers would seek continuing education. Like all effective leaders, Vonnie credits OLLI’s success to the people she works with. However, she will admit that part of the program’s success is due to her energy, ideas and ability to get things done. “No doubt I have trodden on a few toes along the way – I regret that, but hope everyone thinks the results are worth it.” The two elements that make up Vonnie – dynamo and whirlwind – work well together, especially when

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One of the great rewards of being a member of OLLI is being surrounded by people over the age of 50 who have a wealth of experiences, are engaged with life and are willing to share their insights, knowledge and wisdom. Having a classmate who was alive when World War I broke out in 1914 and who can share memories of almost every major world event of the past century is a treasure worth recognizing.

On November 5th the 50 Soapbox classmates of Paul Marcus spent their break celebrating his 101st birthday. Fortunately for Paul I had forgotten to bring the 101 candles that we were planning to require him to blow out. But we still sang Happy Birthday, shared his mammoth cake and then listened to the special poem that classmate Bernie Eisenstat wrote for the occasion. And Paul, himself, concluded by joking about his age and life in general.

Paul Marcus is a remarkable person as anyone who has shared a discussion class with him will attest. He is always smiling and his quick wit and natural charm make him a delight to be around. But he especially stands out when the discussion turns serious and classmates are wrestling with a major issue. That’s when Paul, with a measured sense of timing learned over the years, will raise his hand and stand so as to be heard by all and bring a unique perspective on the issue for further discussion.

Paul does not attend OLLI classes to be entertained or to while away his time. He views his role as that of a full class participant, listening carefully to others and then interjecting his views like everyone else. And he does this with his trademark smile, his delicate sensitivity toward his classmates and his natural humorous slant. If we are ever searching for a role model for the aging process, the person I most aspire to be like, no matter to what age I might live, it is Paul Marcus. And I will make sure to have all 102 candles with me for next November’s birthday celebration.

Thank you!!!

A special thank you to the volunteers who have helped with so many different projects this past and current term, we couldn’t do it without you.
## A GLANCE AT OUR UPCOMING SPRING TERM CLASS TITLES

### Economics
- **Understanding Personal Investing, Part II: Are You Smarter than a Monkey?**
- **The History and Evolution of the Federal Reserve**
- **Economic Impact: Fiscal vs Monetary Policy**

### History
- **The U.S. Navy in the Pacific: History and Current Challenges**
- **Catherine II of Russia: What Made Her Great**
- **April, 1865: The Month that Saved America**
- **LBJ: From the Senate to the Presidency**
- **The Dreyfus Affair: How Justice Was Perverted**
- **The History of Genocide**
- **Call to Arms: Mobilizing America for World War II**
- **Rocky Mountain National Park Celebrating 100 Years**
- **An OLLI at DU Speakers Series African Americans in the Old West**
- **An OLLI at DU Speakers Series**

### Literature and Writing
- **African Eyes II**
- **8 Greek Tragedies**
- **The William Shakespeare Society**
- **Hearing Genuine Voices of Mid-Century Authors**
- **Writing into Your Wisdom**
- **Taste Life Twice**
- **Dante for Dummies: The Inferno**
- **Cuentos Breves**
- **Let’s Explore Poetry**
- **Alice Munro Short Stories**
- **Stories of the New American West**
- **The Stories of John Cheever**

### Philosophy, Religion & Psychology
- **The First Four Hundred Years of Christianity**
- **Pricing Morality**
- **Humor is Everywhere!**
- **Aging with Wisdom and Vitality**

### Public Affairs
- **Trends in War and Peace**
- **Soapbox**
- **Great Decisions – 2015**
- **Current Events**
- **Colorado Constitution and the Douglas County School Voucher Case**
- **The Rule of Law: A Multifaceted Tour**

### Facilitators
- **Economics**
  - Mark Teter
  - Dennis Grogan
  - Steve Winber
- **History**
  - Frederick Rabin
  - Reva Greenburg & Nan Morehead
  - Jerry Angerman & Marije Clark
  - Jack Dorwart & Boyd Hight
  - Gil Hermann
  - Al Lackner
  - Jane Earle
  - Anita Leitner
- **Literature and Writing**
  - Ann Cooper & Carol Jansch
  - Bill West
  - Eileen Wigginton
  - S. Lineberger
  - Ruth Neubauer
  - Cherie Orwig
  - S. Wolkerstorfer & Joe Hester
  - Jay Baugher
  - Bobbie Wright
  - Kelly Smith
  - Grace & Don Batt
  - Rita Johnson
- ** Philosophy, Religion & Psychology**
  - Stewart Jones
  - Mitch Stewart
  - Gene Minzer
  - Carolyn Parry
- **Public Affairs**
  - Bob Rose
  - Dick Wisott
  - TBA
  - Barb Deter
  - Dick Reinish & Sydemy Myers
  - Jay & Andrea Baugher
  - Larry Matten
  - Mike Walsh
The Supreme Court Decisions that Impact Our Society
What’s New for Denver Regional Agencies?
An OLLI at DU Speakers Series
China Rising
An OLLI at DU Speakers Series (Held at OLLI West)

Science, Research & Technology
Real World Math - Sense or Nonsense?
The Birth and Death of Stars
Three Scientific Controversies: GMOs, Epigenetics and Climate Change.

Visual & Performing Arts
International Film Shorts
Film Shorts: Here and There, Then and Now
British Composers: Sterling Achievements
World’s Greatest Paintings, Part II:
Baroque to Abstract Expressionism
Western Art: Roath Collection from Taos & William Matthews Gallery
Modern & Contemporary Art: New Acquisitions & the Joan Miro Exhibit
History of Ballet
Hollywood Interprets the Broadway Musical: 8 More!
Resolving the Mystery of Film Making
A Walk in the Park: Denver Botanic Gardens & Denver City Park Tours
All the Symphonies of Beethoven
Symphony 101
Ansel Adams: Artist & Conservationist
American Art from the Armory Show to Taos

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HOW TO GET THE MOST OUT OF OLLI
Nancy Cain

Spring semester is right around the corner, and the Curriculum Committee is proud to announce its largest (50+ classes!) program ever. To help you in the registration process, here are a few important tips:

• Notice the TYPE of class you are considering making sure it’s what you want. It could be identified as Discussion, Lecture, Speaker Series, Music, Field Trip, etc. It will also indicate Required Reading, Video or other specifics to guide you.
• Read the full description of the class, not just the title, before you sign up.
• Don’t ever make an “Unlimited” class your first choice, because most are easy to attend.
• To get the class you want most, always mark it as 1
• Always register before the first draw, 10 days following the catalog begin posted, if possible.

Other tips include:
• If you park in the neighborhood, don’t forget to read the street-sweeping signs. They are enforced!
• Think about carpooling to make driving and parking easier.
• OLLI members are welcome to eat lunch in the Activity Room between classes.
• Don’t forget to wear your nametag: OLLI is a social environment and a great place to make new friends.
• Clip and save these reminders for future semesters.
SAYING GOODBYE TO A DEAR FRIEND
Bob Montgomery & Mo Mathews

Our friend, Bob Samuels, died this past fall term after living about 93 years. He began facilitating in 1999, enjoying facilitating the opera classes for over 10 years, watching the enrollment grow from about 15 to 100 at its height.

His knowledge was vast, his wit sharp, his puns awful, his smile warm and his easy going ways made him a delight to work with. He loved opera so much that he took Italian lessons to understand what was going on and could sing many arias from memory. He sang in the Colorado Chorale for years, never missed the Met auditions, had a phenomenal record of picking the winners, and rarely missed the Met Opera broadcasts in High Definition or any of the regional opera productions. He was a rare one, and he made a difference.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 6     Spring Term Catalog Posted to website, www.portfolio.du.edu/olli classes tab
February 9-12  Volunteer Fair
February 16    “First Draw” be sure we receive your registration by this date
February 20    Winter Hot Topic Luncheon
March 30-May 22 Spring Term
May 29-31      Weekend in the Rockies