Honoring Our Facilitators

John Baumgartner/OLLI Central Manager

It was a very special evening in April when once again we honored those that are absolutely essential to the continued success of the OLLI at DU program. The gathering for honoring our facilitators has been an annual dinner event. In addition to Central facilitators, the new East Site, managed by Paul Simon was included for the first time. University College was also ably represented by Dr. Allison Freiderichs, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. The spotlight is on our experienced facilitators as well as those facilitators that took the leap into their first experience.

We are greatly dependent on those willing to give their time, passion and expertise to providing classroom topics and content as well as devoting several weeks in delivering their program. This is all done on an unselfish volunteer basis.

The awards were divided into four separate categories with award requirements as follows. Diamond, 25 classes, Master, 15 classes, Senior 10 classes and special recognition for first time facilitators.

The facilitators receiving the Master Awards were Jay Baugher, Bix Bicknell, Mark Burger, Hillary Carlson, Terry Ortlieb, Barbara Thorngren, Eileen Wigginton, Sheldon Fisher and our Executive Director, Barbe Radcliffe, who also frequently finds the time to facilitate.

The Senior Awards were earned by Ann Cohen, Stewart Jones, Barbara Lilley, Peter Lohaus, Kelly Smith, Bill West and Steve Wimber, Pam Murdock and Nan Morehead.


Although there were no new diamond awards given this year there are facilitators as part of the overall OLLI family...
**Sneak Peek of Central Winter Classes!**

Listed below are just a few of the classes and facilitators OLLI Central is offering in the winter term. Please join us!

- **Isabella, The Warrior Queen**
  - Nan Morehead and Reva Greenburg

- **The Soul of America**
  - Hilary Carlson & Kathie Stokes

- **Thomas Jefferson: The Art of Power**
  - Davis Lippman

- **Introduction to Game Theory**
  - Robert Dodge

- **The Life and Opinions of Tristam Shandy**
  - Bill West

- **Supreme Court Decisions**
  - Tom Bieging

- **American Politics**
  - Reid Reynolds

- **C.G. Jung and Depth Psychology**
  - Karen Karvonen

- **Ethical Decision-Making in a Complex World**
  - Steve Spirn

- **21 Lessons for the 21st Century**
  - Terry Ortlieb

- **The Seven Greatest Scientific Discoveries**
  - Wilson Wiedenheft

- **The Great Gatsby and The Jazz Age**
  - Marianne Lorenz

- **American Musical Theater**
  - Wendy Rouder

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**Spotlight on a New Member**

By Gayle Lipson

OLLI exists for its members; therefore, each term we highlight just one of our many outstanding new members as we celebrate and welcome our new life-long learners! For this term we are featuring William Maniatis.

Having retired four years ago from a career medical practice in Urology, Bill Maniatis joins us this fall as a new OLLI Central member. Bill has an interesting Colorado history. Born in Buffalo Bill’s old house on 24th and Curtis, he later graduated from South High School, Denver University, and Colorado University Medical School. Now, he enjoys a busy retirement keeping up with nine grandchildren, and serving on several boards including Opera Colorado, CU Medical School Alumni Board, Samaritan Institute, and the Kempe Ambassadors. But, that’s not all. Bill continues to sing with the C.U. Denver Choir and Colorado Choir, an activity he has engaged in for over 38 years. Recently, while playing golf, (yet another of his many pastimes) Bill heard about OLLI, and still being open to additional pursuits, he enrolled in two classes: Science Speaker Series, and Solar System. He reports that he is thoroughly enjoying both courses.

Welcome to OLLI, Bill. You will be a great addition to our community of learners!
Socially Speaking

We need your thoughts and suggestions. OLLI is primarily an adult learners program and a substantial one it is. Last year, over three terms, OLLI Central offered over 180 classes with over 5000 in attendance. If we take all sites into consideration i.e. East, West, South and On Campus, over a year's period of time, we have well over 400 classes and 12000 in attendance.

While these statistics speak to our success in meeting the educational needs the question is, do members have a desire to expand our social interactions beyond the classroom?

Central has offered interactive classes like Tai Chi, Yoga, Pilates, Chorale and Watercolor which in some respects offer an opportunity for social as part of an activity of common interest. In addition, we have a hiking group and a walking group which also offer opportunity for socializing.

Socialization does happen before and after classes or at break time. In some instances, sharing a lunch room between morning and afternoon classes, assuming the classes are at the same location, becomes a good time to socialize.

Some sites, including Central over current and past years, actively plan social activities beyond the classroom. Events like Trivial Pursuit Night, Halloween Parties, Pot Luck Dinners and Ice cream socials have been popular with some.

Questions:

As members do you feel a need for OLLI to have unique social events beyond classroom or other activity interactions?

If the answer to the above is yes what suggestions might you have for OLLI Central social events?

For your thoughts please email john.baumgartner@du.edu

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