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**OSHER AT DARTMOUTH  
ANNUAL MEETING  
2017**

**Wednesday, May 24, 2017  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**The Quechee Inn  
at Marshland Farm  
Quechee, VT**

# *Agenda*

**11:00 – 11:30 AM**

*Arrive and be seated*

**11:30 AM**

*Greetings from Sylvia Paxton, Outgoing President  
Campion Award Presentations  
Welcome from Mary-Ella Zietz,  
Assistant Provost for Fiscal Planning and Operations,  
Dartmouth College*

**12:00 PM**

*Luncheon*

**1:00 PM**

*Dartmouth College Executive Vice President,  
Richard G. Mills  
“A New Perspective on Higher Education”*

**1:45 PM**

*Welcome New Osher at Dartmouth President,  
John Sanders*

**2:00 PM**

*Adjourn*

# Osher at Dartmouth

## STUDY LEADERS

During our 2016–2017 academic year, Osher at Dartmouth members participated in one or more of 216 courses, made possible by the dedication, time, and talents of 170 Study Leaders whose names are listed below. The Leadership Council, all standing committees, and all 1,616 members (as of April 30, 2017) appreciate and thank these Study Leaders for their contribution to our continuing success.

- *Sylvia Sands Paxton, President*

Jim Adler	Patricia Crossett	John Galton
George Angwin	Harte Crow	Ann Garland
Meredith Angwin	Max Culpepper	Bruce Garland
Marianne Barthel	Ford Daley	Gene Garthwaite
Narain Batra	Samantha Davidson	Bob Gasser
Brian Beaty	Green	Scott Genzer
Charlie Berger	Rai d'Honoré	Mary Gerakaris
Ellen Bettmann	Mary Evanofski	Wayne Gersen
Chuck Bohi	Edie Domian	Polly Giantonio
Thomas Boulter	Roger Dontonville	Maynard Goldman
Katharine Britton	Lynn Dunton	Lewis Greenstein
Inge Brown	Christine Dyke	Rosie Greenstein
Susan Brown	Judith Edwards	Evans Haile
Charles Buell	Toni Egger	Jacques Harlow
Hank Buermeyer	Theodore Eismeier	Rebecca Haynes
Barbara Butler	John Engelman	Mike Heaney
Patricia Cashman	Jo Evarts	Cindy Heath
Anne Chandler	Jürgen Ewert	David Henderson
Bob Christie	Roger Feldman	Victor Henningsen
George Clark	John Ferries	Nick Heyl
Priscilla Clark	Sylvia Field	Mary Ann Holbrook
Guy Collins	Bruce Findley	Heidi Hoskin
Dan Collison	Roy Finney	Rick Hutchins
Peter Concilio	Bonnie Fladung	Lois Jackson
Gregory Cook	Stephen Flanders	Bob Jakoubek
Page Coulter	Ellen Frost	Victoria Jas
Larry Crocker	Mike Galbraith	Charles Johnson

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*(Study Leaders, continued)*

Sue Kaplan	Justin Montgomery	Anne Steele
Sarwar Kashmeri	Kevin Moquin	Barbara Stern
Virginia Kelsey	Linda Muri	Dennis Stern
Jim Kennedy	Patricia Norton	Melinda Stucker
Don Kivell	Suzanne Nothnagle	Bill Sullivan
Werner Kleinhardt	Richard Peck	Townsend Swayze
Robert Koester	Lynn Peterson	Robert Taylor
Roland Kuchel	David Pruitt	Rushad Thomas
Gail Kuhl	Janet Rae	Philip Tierney
Herb Kummel	John Randolph	Dick Tracy
Julia Labier	Sarah Reeves	Peter Travis
John Lamperti	Stephanie Reininger	Bradley Truax
Gene Lariviere	Evan Roberts	Tom Uργο
Lana Leggett-Kealey	Arthur Rosen	Betsy Vickers
Mark Lewis	John Sanders	Daly Walker
Martha Lorden	Barry Scherr	Patti Warren
DeWitt Mallary III	Laura Schneider	Don Watson
Josette Malley	Alan Schnur	Lee Webster
Raymond Malley	Alice Schori	Ken Weldon
Randolph Martin	Susan Schweizer	Jeff Wheeler
Judith McCarthy	William Scott	Bonna Wieler
Marll McDonald	Bill Secord	Dwight Wilder
Morris McInnes	Ann Semprebon	Mame Willey
Joe Medlicott	Jeanne Shafer	Jed Williamson
Nora Miller	Iain Sim	Perry Williamson
Norman Miller	David Singer	Jim Wilson
Valerie Miller	Amy Smith	Tom Wilson
Hanan Miron	Marc Smith	Larry Wolkin
Evangeline Monroe	Martin Smith	Stew Wood
Gerald Monroe	Jon Stableford	Jim Wooster

# Osher at Dartmouth

## VOLUNTEERS

This past year, a talented group of Osher at Dartmouth members donated their time, effort, and patience to supply much-needed support for both their fellow Osher members and the office staff. Volunteers helped with a wide variety of tasks, including greeting visitors to the office, relaying phone calls, setting up for classes at the D.O.C. House, offering assistance at Tech Cafés, and providing vital support during registration periods. The office staff is tremendously grateful for the help and generosity of the individuals listed here, and any we may have inadvertently omitted.

Pam Ahlen	Sylvia Garfield	Ann Perbohner
Anne Baird	Lynn Garfield	Pam Reese
Elaine Ball	Ann Garland	Rosemarie Scibetta
Barbara Barnes	Claudia Gibson	Caroline Sim
Kris Bellinger	Nora Gould	Cindy Stableford
Brian Blanchette	Janette Hannah	Anne Taylor
Steve Campbell	Joan Hartwell	Cynthia Thompson
Nancy Carter	Mary Ann Holbrook	Bill Tingle
Patrick Christie	Marilyn Hunter	Joe Tofel
Gael Clauson	Renate Jaacks	Steve & Linda Tofel
Susan Cohen	Sandra Johnson	Bobbi Travis
Susan Copeland	Marcie Ann Kennedy	Paul Tuhus
Margot de l'Etoile	Emily Kletzein	Laurie Wadsworth
Bruce Findley	Judy Landry	

**Osher at Dartmouth**  
**GIFTS RECEIVED**  
**Friends of Osher**  
**(November 2016 - April 2017)**  
**Total Amount of Gifts Received: \$12,475**

Our thanks to the following donors:

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George and Mary Niles	Ray & Lenita Robbins	Edward Warren
Mary Jane Ogawa	Laura Rosenthal	Jeffrey Wheeler
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Marilyn Paganucci	Elizabeth Sanderson	Mame Willey
Jane Palmer	Frank Sands	Tom & Joan Wilson
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\* *Matching gift*





# *Thomas B. Champion*

## *Award for Exceptional Service*

### **Ann Garland**

### **2017 Recipient**



Ann started her exceptional service to Osher at Dartmouth in 2013 when she began teaching iPad classes which she has offered to members a few times every year for the past five years. She started the iPad café and helped launch the YouTube iPad playlist, and cafe blog. In 2015 Ann taught Google Drive with Martin Smith, and in 2016 they joined to teach PowerPoint to interested Study Leaders.

After a brief stint on the Marketing and Communications Committee, Ann joined the Curriculum Committee. In March 2016 she became Chair of the Study Leader Support Sub-Committee. She introduced an evidence-based approach: the committee evaluated feedback forms and surveyed study leaders on training needs. Workshops were offered in line with the outcomes and then evaluated to determine which modality had the greatest impact on study leaders. She led the committee in developing partnerships with Upper Valley Educators Institute, River Valley Community College, and Best Buy to run training courses on subjects as diverse as ‘Creating Discussion in the Classroom’ to ‘Managing Digital Images and Videos in Your Class Presentations.’

The Study Leader Support Sub-committee now troubleshoots one-on-one with Study Leaders, primarily for support using Google Drive and PowerPoint, but really in any area in which they want assistance. They provide Mentors to new Study Leaders to ease their way into the Osher at Dartmouth system. They have developed a tech team within Study Leader Support and reached out to the general membership for those with expertise to also assist Study Leaders.

Working with the Chairs of the two other Sub-Committees of the Cur-

riculum Committee, Vetting, and Evaluation, information on classes and Study Leaders is now exchanged to create a seamless organization and bring better classes to our members.

We are delighted to present the 2017 Champion Award to Ann Garland for her exceptional service to Osher at Dartmouth.

# *Thomas B. Champion*

## *Award for Exceptional Service*

### **Iain Sim**

### **2017 Recipient**



Iain Sim has become indispensable to the Osher at Dartmouth operations in so many ways and we are very grateful for his exceptional service! He became a member in 2012 when he and his wife, Caroline, retired to the Upper Valley. In 2013 he joined the Finance Committee and in 2014 became Vice-Chair. Under the guidance of C.J. Smith, then Treasurer, Iain led the 2014 Cost Structure Survey which made recommendations for increased efficiency of operations, changes in process to reduce expenses and tools to encourage more prudent use of staff resources. In fiscal year 2014-2015 he led the development of the FY 2015-2016 budget. In March of 2015; Iain assumed the responsibilities as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee on the untimely death of C.J. Smith.

In his position as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee Iain has made financial reporting more understandable to members of the Leadership Council and more transparent to members with articles in the Osher at Dartmouth newsletter. He has introduced new structure and purpose for various financial accounts, developed annual budgets, and forecasts and analyses of the financial performance of individual programs. He has integrated the income from the Osher Endowment into annual financial planning. He has developed “finance buddies” whereby members of the Finance Committee work with Standing Committee chairs to develop responsible budgeting for their programs.

Iain has served on many Osher at Dartmouth committees over the last three years including the Leadership Council, the Dartmouth Relations Committee, the Planning Committee, the “New Home” Working Group and the Summer Lecture Series Committee.

Iain is also passionate about leading classes, tackling topics that represent a learning opportunity for himself as well as for the class. His contributions have ranged from the impact of the human genome sequencing project on healthcare and bioethics to the life of British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her very special relationship with President Reagan.

We are delighted to present the 2017 Champion Award to Iain Sim for his exceptional service to Osher at Dartmouth.

# *2016 Annual Reports*

## **President's Report**

Your committees have worked hard to improve our program to benefit members and the College. Here is a brief summary of some of our accomplishments and continuing efforts on your behalf:

### **Summer Courses**

Due to the success of our summer term pilot project, Osher at Dartmouth now offers four terms, enabling us to reach people who come to the Upper Valley primarily in the warmer months. During this term, we give our members special options to include their family and friends in various programs.

### **More Social Activities**

The Membership Services Committee is planning three or four social events per year so we can spend more time meeting other members and study leaders. Hope you'll look for the information announcing them in the Friday weekly e-mail and plan to join us.

### **Summer Lecture Series**

This year, series ticket holders will be granted free admission to attend three or four specially selected Dartmouth Film Society movies. Each film will relate to one of our seven sessions, and will be shown in Spaulding on the Tuesday prior to the corresponding lecture. The subject matter and the speakers are outstanding!

### **Osher Endowment Lecture, Round Tables, and Special Lectures**

A free lecture on a timely subject is offered in the fall as part of our membership enhancement, supported by the endowment given to us by the Bernard Osher Foundation. Two years ago, Anemona Hartocollis of the New York Times spoke to us about refugees. This past year the Honorable Tina Nadeau, Chief Justice of the NH Superior Court, spoke on Drug Courts. We enjoyed Round Table discussions on the Presidential Election (both before and after), and Fake News.

## **A New Home**

We have made several visits to properties in Etna, White River Junction, Hartford, and Lebanon trying to find the right spot for a new home for Osher at Dartmouth. Working with staff to determine how many classrooms we need for each term and each hour, the Committee has determined the desired square footage we need. We are pursuing locations in Hanover, White River Junction and Lebanon as I write. We're working with the College to find the right place at the right price.

## **Movies and Lunch for Members**

This is a new membership benefit for members to attend a free movie at the Nugget one morning a month, and then go to the Canoe Club for lunch if so inclined with 25% off the tab. Forty-two of us enjoyed John Wayne and Maureen O'Hara in *The Quiet Man* in early March and many of us went on for a delicious lunch. Dates and names of the movies are posted on the weekly Friday email.

## **Art Gallery**

This is the second year hosting a rotating art gallery that brings in local artists to exhibit their work. 10% of sales go to Osher at Dartmouth and this year's total is \$793. This year we had 11 artists showcase in mediums including photography, oil painting, and fiber art. Thank you to Anne Baird, Laurie Wadsworth, and Nora Gould for curating the artwork.

## **Library Privileges**

Members now enjoy a full year of library privileges at Dartmouth libraries when they sign up for a course.

## **Partnerships**

We're working with Northern Stage, Opera North, and New London Barn Theater in a pilot project to exchange ads in their programs and our catalogs. We also continue to work with the Montshire Museum and Vital Communities.

## **Membership**

Each year we need to replenish approximately 200 memberships to keep our Osher at Dartmouth membership steady. We ask members who do not renew if they will share with us the reasons for not re-join-

ing, and consistently they tell us, “We were ill,” “We travelled more,” or “We just didn’t find a course that was appealing.” Leadership Council voted this year to make an effort to increase our membership within the next two years by adding an additional 300 new members. We need to do this to provide funds for a new building. We have started a pilot project initiative to encourage retirees from Dartmouth College, Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center, the Dresden School District, and the White River Junction VA Medical Center, to take courses with us. We will evaluate the results at the end of the year, discussing overall membership size again.

### **Organization**

A task force is working on revising our by-laws to reflect our current organization, provide flexibility, and define what we want the organization to become. The new by-laws will be presented to the membership for a vote this year.

### **Relationship with Dartmouth**

We have partnered with Allen House Community part of Dartmouth’s Residential Housing Initiative. We have initiated a pilot project mentoring program where interested students are paired with volunteer Osher at Dartmouth members. Forty-one students signed up for the three positions with Tom Blinkhorn (World Bank), Roland Kuchel (Foreign Service), and Christopher Wren (Journalism). We participated in RED Talks (a take-off of TED talks) at the home of the House Professor, where faculty, students, and Osher at Dartmouth members met, mixed, and discussed topics of interest. (If you are interested in participating, please contact Diane Doe at the Osher office.)

Many thanks to the volunteer study leaders, office volunteers, committee members, activity organizers and helpers, and to our staff who make this all happen!

- *Sylvia Sands Paxton, President*

# Curriculum Committee Report

It is a pleasure to chair this committee with so many committed members, always looking to explore ways to improve and enhance the experience for class participants and study leaders. For the past year, the Curriculum Committee has been very active with a great deal of the work being accomplished by the subcommittees. One of our goals was to have the three committees work more closely together. The Chairs were in close communication and there was overlap on committees. This has proven to be very beneficial.

In 2016, Osher offered 216 courses, including 20 summer term course. The “experiment” of summer courses was a success, and this year, there are 28 courses offered.

The Vetting Committee responsibilities were shared by a revolving group of chairs: Vic Henningsen, Toni Egger, and Jim Wilson, each taking a term. All proposals are carefully reviewed before being approved, and vetters are available to assist instructors with their proposals.

The Evaluation Committee, chaired by Barbara Jones, has benefitted from encouraging class participants to use our website for their follow-up forms online rather than paper. This has made the work more efficient and easier to save for future reference.

The Study Leader Support Subcommittee, chaired by Ann Garland, reaffirmed its mission to provide support and training workshops for Osher at Dartmouth’s valued study leaders. It offered its annual “How-To” course for future study leaders, connected seasoned study leaders as buddies with new study leaders, and provided pre-term orientations. This year the committee initiated community partnerships with Upper Valley Educators Institute, River Valley Community College, and Best Buy. These new partnerships offered study leaders a greater variety of workshops in both pedagogy and technology. Workshop topics were identified through a study-leader survey, and ran the gamut of teaching with PowerPoint for Mac and PC, managing digital content in the classroom, to using Backward Design in designing a curriculum.

We are now reviewing options to increase the number of people spe-



cifically responsible for the recruitment of study leaders. Ideally all Osher members are always recruiting instructors and members.

- Sandra Hoeh, Chair

*Curriculum Committee: Ginia Allison, Tom Blinkhorn, Toni Egger, Ann Garland, Jim Heffernan, Vic Henningsen, Barbara Jones, Martha Lorden, Jeannie Mallary, Sylvia Paxton (ex officio), Pam Reese, Jim Schmidt, Laura Schneider, Bill Secord, Melinda Stucker, Bill Sullivan, Jim Wilson.*



## Finance Committee Report

This report for Fiscal Year 2016-17 is based on the actual results for the nine months of the fiscal year to March 31, 2017, plus an estimate for the remaining three months to our closing on June 30, 2017. Our fiscal year mirrors that of Dartmouth College; full year results will be available sometime after mid-July 2017 when the College closes its accounts for the year.

We began the year with a balanced budget. Our major sources of revenue, other than the distribution from the Osher endowment that is discussed separately below, are member dues, and fees from participants in the summer lecture series and our classes. With 1616 members as of April 30, member numbers are down slightly compared to the prior two years and revenue will likely come in under budget. We were able to secure a notable roster of generous corporate underwriters and sponsors for the 2016 summer lecture series which helped us schedule an impressive array of speakers. Total ticket sales were somewhat less than budget but we expect larger audiences when the 2017 series gets underway this year on July 13. By contrast, fees for classes (fall, winter and spring terms combined) have achieved budget. Overall we forecast revenue will be at 97% of budget at year end.

Administration remains by far our largest area of expense. Our wonderful staff are all Dartmouth employees but Osher pays their salary and the “employer’s contribution” to their benefits. Second to employ-

ee expenses are the costs for DOC House, the 7 Lebanon Street offices, and the classrooms that we rent each term at locations around the Upper Valley. Expenses for the 2016 summer lecture series were held below budget, while class expenses have modestly exceeded budget. By holding back on implementing some planned activities, we forecast expenses will also come in under budget such that we will have a modest surplus of revenue over expense at year-end.

Our Osher endowment is held by Dartmouth and managed as part of the overall pool of Dartmouth endowments by the Investment Office. We continue to enjoy a stream of revenue from the distribution of income earned, and in fiscal year 2016-2017 have used the distribution to support a number of activities which we believe are true to the objective of the endowment, that is, "to enhance the member experience." For example, members have enjoyed the Annual Osher Lecture, several special lectures and roundtable events, and the 'Golden Oldies' at the Nugget, all at no charge. We also have used the funds to explore new programs, "underwriting" costs that may not be covered by the event fees. This has included our first ever "Summer Program" of events that got off to a great start in July, the "Viennese Evening" held in December, and the publication of an anthology of members' poems, short stories, and art work. We have used the distribution from the endowment to fund part of our infrastructure needs such as office space and the shuttle bus that was used in the fall when demand for parking around DOC House exceeded availability. We have also supported training to help our course leaders sharpen their teaching skills.

In addition to our operating reserve, we have two capital accounts: the Friends of Osher and the Memorial Gifts funds. Through April 30, 2017 gifts to the Friends Fund were \$12,475. We have used some money in this fund to purchase needed classroom equipment. As we progress toward our goal of securing better space for our entire operation, the Friends Fund will be a valuable resource for the acquisition of needed capital items. There has been no activity to date in the Memorial Gifts fund.

Finally, I wish to extend my thanks to our office staff and the volunteer members of the Finance Committee who have helped in the management of our finances. The Finance Committee also thanks Mary-Ella Zietz and her team in the Dartmouth Admin. Provost Finance Center

for support in managing and reporting our financial transactions. This month Kristin Wood steps down from the Finance Committee after six years of service. We thank her for all the support she has provided over the years.

- Iain S. Sim, Treasurer and Chair

*Finance Committee: Iain Sim (chair), Bill Dietrich, Roy Finney, Ann Hargraves, William Paxton, Sylvia Paxton (ex officio), Bob Pomeroy, Linda Spencer-Green, Rob Titus, Pat Vlamynck, Kristin Wood.*



## Marketing & Communications Committee Report

### **Mission Statement**

The mission of the M&CC is to build awareness of and promote participation and membership in Osher at Dartmouth by highlighting its broad offerings as well as the positive social aspect of being a member.

All of our communications feature our logo, with its distinctive message, “Osher at Dartmouth - Discovering the new. The provocative. The timeless.” This year we have added a subtext to most messages, “Never Stop Learning.”

### **Personnel**

Jeff Bendis announced that he will be leaving the Committee after more than 6 years of dedicated service. Jeff served as Chair of the committee for 3 years, edited the Newsletter, went on numerous missions as an Osher at Dartmouth good will ambassador, and helped edit many of our publications. His thoughtful advice on the Committee was much appreciated and he will be sorely missed.

Bruce Macdonald takes over as Chair, effective today, and he will be ably assisted by Jim Lynch as the new Vice-Chair.

Richard Neugass will continue as Secretary and Editor of the Newslet-

ter, a job he has done superbly this past year.

## **Initiatives**

Over the past year the Committee has focused on:

- Increasing our membership with outreach programs aimed at retirees and other newcomers to the Upper Valley.
- Publicizing our many special events, including the free “Golden Oldies” movies at the Nugget Theater.
- Gaining a higher profile in local media.
- Building the Osher at Dartmouth brand.

- Steve Tofel, Chair

*Marketing & Communications Committee: Steve Tofel (Chair), Mary Niles (Vice-Chair), Richard Neugass (Secretary), Jeff Bendis, Joan Hartwell, Jim Lynch, Bruce Macdonald, Laura Schneider, Joe Tofel, Sylvia Paxton (ex officio), John Sanders (ex officio), Amy Olson (ex officio), Sarah Chamberlin (ex officio), Laura Belback (ex officio).*



## **Membership Services Committee Report**

The mission of the Membership Services Committee is to enhance Osher at Dartmouth member benefits. We organize various social events during the year to celebrate one another, a new term, study leaders, volunteers, and staff. This year, we added a pre-summer term gathering. We serve refreshments at the Summer Lecture Series. We also work with the Marketing and Communication Committee, we brought free morning movies at The Nugget once a month to our members. In partnership with the Canoe Club, Osher members who attend the movie and go to the Canoe Club for lunch receives 25% off their entire tab.

- Laura Schneider, Chair

*Membership Services Committee: Elaine Ball, Sandra Johnson, Sylvia Paxton (ex officio), Rosemarie Scibetta, Bobbi Travis.*

# Planning Committee Report

## **Mission Statement:**

The Planning Committee is responsible for examining the future needs of Osher at Dartmouth, and reports its findings to the Council.

## **Recommendations:**

Given its mandate to focus on Osher at Dartmouth's future, the Planning Committee made the following recommendations to the Leadership Council in 2016/17:

- That a Membership Development Task Force be constituted with the charge of attracting 500 new members per year by 2018 (currently we routinely attract 300 new members per year).
- That a Dartmouth Advisory Council be created, made up of current/recent faculty/administrators. It is hoped that this Council will serve as a useful sounding board and help us better integrate ourselves into the academic fabric of Dartmouth.
- That a Leadership Development Task Force be formed to 1) initially update and refine current by-laws and 2) subsequently, to more purposefully cultivate future leaders of Osher at Dartmouth.

All of the recommendations were accepted by the Leadership Council and at year's end, it was determined that the Planning Committee would immediately set about creating task forces to begin implementing the above recommendations.

- Skip Sturman, Chair

*Planning Committee: Anne Baird, Carol Barr, Tom Blinkhorn, Sandra Johnson, Bruce Macdonald, Sylvia Paxton, Stuart Pompian, John Sanders, Iain Sim, Punch Taylor, Steve Tofel, and Sarah Chamberlin (ex officio).*

# Summer Lecture Series Committee Report

**Series theme:**  
**“GLOBAL CHALLENGES CONFRONTING  
THE UNITED STATES”**

Russia. China. Cyber Warfare, Nuclear Proliferation. Global Terrorism. Brexit. The EU. Global Warming. These challenges are real. The threats are real. The stakes are high. Furthermore, these challenges are happening simultaneously and in some cases are inter-related. How should the world respond? What should the U.S. do? Those questions frame the focus of the Summer Lecture Series this summer. It promises to be the most timely, provocative, ambitious, and powerful lecture series we have ever held.

The Summer Lecture Series committee is hard at work finalizing plans for the upcoming series, to be held on consecutive Thursday mornings at Dartmouth (Spaulding Auditorium) from July 13 to August 24.

An impressive group of prominent speakers has been recruited:

- July 13: James Steinberg (former U.S. Deputy Secretary of State)
- July 20: Chris Inglis (former Deputy Director, NSA)
- July 27: William Perry (former U.S. Secretary of Defense)
- Aug. 3: Julie Smith (former National Security Advisor to VP Biden)
- Aug. 10: Matt Rojansky (Director, Keenan Institute, Woodrow Wilson Ctr.)
- Aug. 17: Kerry Emanuel (original Global Warming crusader, now at MIT)
- Aug. 24: Admiral James Stavridis (former NATO Supreme Commander Europe)

A wonderful group of local civic-minded companies and organizations have agreed to be underwriters of the entire series or Sponsors of individual sessions.

A new feature is being added this summer. Three informative documentary films, setting the stage for three of the individual lectures, will

be shown at Spaulding Auditorium two nights before those lectures. They are free to series ticket holders.

The Summer Lecture Series is an important Osher at Dartmouth program celebrating it's 20th year. It is our leading, most visible outreach to the community, and our best new member sampling experience. Summer Lecture Series program mailers and announcements, and other publicity pieces, will go out from the Osher office in late-May. You may purchase tickets now on the Osher website, by calling the office, or at the door at Spaulding on the day of the lecture.

- Pete Bleyler and John Ferries, Co-Chairs

*Summer Lecture Committee: Ginia Allison, Jeff Bendis, Pete Bleyler, Tom Blinkhorn, John Ferries, Ann Hargraves, Corlan Johnson, Deborah Luquer, John Mathews, Joe Medlicott, Sylvia Sands Paxton, Rosemarie Scibetta, Iain Sim, Bill Sullivan, Townsend Swayze, Bill Tingle, and Steve Tofel.*

