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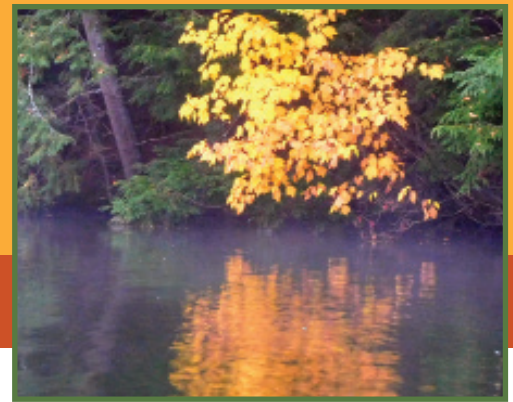


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## Fall 2017 Newsletter

### Study Leader Profile: Jerry & Evangeline Monroe

When former students of Jerry and Evangeline Monroe recall their classes with this dynamic couple, they usually remember that they both taught the course as co-leaders. The two of them have taught around 30 courses, but in only one were they actually listed as dual study leaders. “We always attend the others’ course and we interact so much that it often appears that we’re co-leaders,” says Evangeline. That probably describes much of their life together, which began when they met around Thanksgiving, 1959, when Jerry was on his first foreign posting with the State Department in Caracas, Venezuela.

After a brief posting to Santo Domingo, Jerry became the air attaché and trade negotiator in Dusseldorf,

West Germany in 1961. Those who remember what was happening in Berlin in 1961 know that this would have been a particularly interesting time to be an air attaché.

After returning to Washington, D.C. for a relatively brief stint at Foggy Bottom, Jerry was posted to Hong Kong in 1967. They recall it as one of their favorite places, and Evangeline



took advantage of the opportunity to become a student of Chinese geography.

Then back to West Germany for 5 years, where they served in Bonn and where Jerry participated in the Four Power Agreement on Berlin, which ultimately led to the recognition of East Germany. When the treaty (known as the “Berlin Agreement” – even though Berlin is never mentioned by name in the treaty) took effect in 1973, it recognized both Germanys, and each was then represented at the United Nations. Most historians recognize this as the beginning of the end of the Cold War and a new period in East-West relations which came to be known as détente.

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### President’s Corner



I am truly honored to take over the reins from Sylvia Sands Paxton, who led us for the past two years. We all owe her our most sincere thanks for her tireless efforts!

As this is my first letter to you as president of OSHER@Dartmouth, let me introduce myself. I retired 7 years ago, after 40 years as a cardiac surgeon at Northwestern and DHMC. I am in the Dartmouth Class of 1964, and went to medical school at the University of Michigan. My wife Karen and I live in Lyme, and enjoy all aspects of the outdoors. We are both avid learners, and have enjoyed many ILEAD and now Osher classes. We have watched Osh-

er grow steadily, and only increase the number and quality of its offerings. This year’s Summer Lecture Series on “Global Challenges Confronting the United States” set a new high point for timely topics, prominent speakers, and national attention.

We are now one of the larger Osher programs among the 120 OLLI’s nationally. As we grow, we realize that we truly need more room for classes. Your leadership has been exploring potential venues for a new home that would combine classrooms and offices into a single location. Our dream would be to build a facility, with adequate parking, close to the Dartmouth Campus. We acknowledge that the realization of that dream may be years away, and that we may need to accept a transitional location outside of Hanover until it is possible to build. The Venue Committee has spent

countless hours looking at real estate, drawings, and ideas, as well as meeting with College officials and commercial agents. I am hoping that we will have more information to share with you by the time this newsletter goes to press. The College has generously offered to work out financial assistance with us in the form of a loan. Our Osher endowment cannot be used for real estate.

I am committed to maintaining our core values of providing an exciting, high caliber curriculum and other programs. I value everyone’s input to ensure that we meet your needs and wishes. Thank you for the opportunity to lead this exciting organization.

Warmest wishes to all of you,

- John H. Sanders, Jr., M.D.  
President, OSHER@Dartmouth

## Letters to the Editor

The following message was sent by a member to his summer Study Leader:

**This was a great learning experience for me and I congratulate you (all) for making it available! I think Osher would benefit if more leaders were able to participate in the consultative rigor. It's so natural to lecture and drone-on. For me, whipping up DISCUSSION takes a lot of effort.**

Thanks again.  
Don Kivell

**Have a question or comment? Mail your submission to this address:**

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(Please include "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line of your message.)

We will post your question or suggestion anonymously unless you direct us to include your name.



## Pilot Program for Retirees

In an effort to grow its membership, OSHER@Dartmouth has embarked on an experimental program to offer a one-year free membership to new retirees from partner organizations. The program is in its trial period and is initially limited to new retirees from Dartmouth College, DHMC, and Dresden SAU #70. Upon retiring, employees from these partners will be presented with a voucher certificate valid for one year's free membership. New members will still be responsible

### Study Leader Profile (cont.)

Back again in Washington, things were changing at the State Department. It had been decided that married couples serving together was a problem, and a directive was sent out stating that one spouse would have to resign. (This was generally interpreted to mean that the wife would need to resign). Evangeline decided that this would be a perfect time to take the Foreign Service Exam and join in 1978. A joint posting to Bern, Switzerland followed, then back to Washington. She was assigned to Nicaragua at the State Department, where she served as Desk Officer during the Reagan administration. She found the assignment frustrating and decided to run for - and win - the post of vice president of the American Foreign Service Association, the professional association of the Foreign Service that represents over 15,000 members. She spent several years in this role, and then both she and Jerry were posted to Italy, where he was head of the U.S. Mission to the U.N. agencies in Rome, and she was a political officer to the Italian government. She describes her job loosely as, "reporting on the activities of the Communist Party in Italy."

It was now 1989, and a couple that had watched from a ringside seat the beginning of détente was now about to watch the slow motion collapse of the Soviet Union. Suddenly, political attachés from Poland were calling, and those Soviets serving in Rome were quite anxious to meet. It was the perfect time to wind down a lifetime in the Foreign Service, so they returned to Washington, where Jerry's last post was working with the United Nations' food programs. Evangeline retired 2 years later, and they moved to Woodstock, VT in 1999.

In 2000 they joined ILEAD, where they have taught the following classes: German history, diplomatic history, the European Union, the decline of the American middle class, US immigration, and an exploration of anti-Semitism.

Thank you, Jerry and Evangeline, for all you've given our members!

- Steve Tofel,  
Marketing & Communications Committee

for the course fees in which they enroll. Thus far, the program has been received very positively. Dresden's SAU representative said, "Definitely we will offer this to our new retirees." The DHMC representative said, "We would love to do this." Possible expansion to all regional employers will be determined based on the success of this initial effort.

- James Lynch,  
Marketing & Communications Committee

## Can You Guess...?

This image was used to direct class members to the site of a summer 2017 class. Can you guess the course it was used for?



Image courtesy Iain Sim.  
(See page 5 for the answer.)

## Address to Attendees of SLS by Dartmouth President Phil Hanlon

The following are excerpts from the transcript of the speech delivered by Dartmouth President Phil Hanlon at the July 27 session of the OSHER@Dartmouth 2017 Summer Lecture Series.

**G**ood morning. On behalf of everyone at Dartmouth, it's a pleasure to welcome you to this very special event as part of the 20th annual Summer Lecture Series presented by OSHER@Dartmouth.

One of the greatest lessons we seek to instill in all who come to Dartmouth is a passion for lifelong learning, and nowhere is that passion more evident than at Osher.

Each year, thousands of Upper Valley residents take part in the exceptional educational programming offered through Osher, from courses, to social events and excursions, to outstanding

lectures like this one.

So, I'd like to begin by thanking our newly appointed President of Osher, John Sanders, who will be moderating today's discussion, as well as John Ferries and Pete Bleyler, co-chairs of the Summer Lecture Series, for luring such an incredible speaker to campus for today's session: former U.S. Secretary of Defense, Bill Perry.

John will have the honor of formally introducing Bill in just a few moments, but I simply want to say that we're delighted to have Bill with us today to speak about the dangers of nuclear proliferation, a topic that deeply impacts our national security and to which Bill has dedicated the great majority of his 65-year career.

I also want to thank all of you for attending today and for your commitment to engaging in complex topics that

affect our communities and our world.

The liberal arts, at its best, instills in us an insatiable thirst for knowledge...a desire to always be broadly knowledgeable so that we can live our lives and contribute to society as educated, informed and engaged citizens.

So thank you, once again, for taking advantage of this special opportunity to hear from one of the world's most respected nuclear arms experts, not to mention a brilliant mathematician – a title that is personally near and dear to my heart. Here to introduce him now is the President of Osher, John Sanders.

*Philip J. Hanlon '77 became the 18th president of Dartmouth College on June 10, 2013. He is the 10th Dartmouth alumnus to serve as its president.*

## Tribute to Roger Feldman

**W**hen Roger informed his spring 2017 class that he would not be leading a film series in the fall, the moans began. Since 2010, Roger has lead 21 courses and presented 168 films to almost 1,000 participants. Course titles have ranged from "Laughing Out Loud" to "Art and Artists in the Movies," and each year we anxiously awaited what Roger would come up with next.

### Did You Know...?

OSHER@Dartmouth members use approximately 5,800 paper coffee cups every year. The office uses approximately 100,000 sheets (about 2 tons) of paper annually.

If you'd like us to become a "greener" organization, why not consider bringing a reusable mug to class instead of using a paper cup? To cut down on office paper use, think about receiving your course materials online instead of in print.

For each film, Roger prepared a written overview pointing out special things to watch for and provided an analysis that was, by itself, worth the price of admission. Those who have been lucky enough to attend his courses will forever pay close attention to the opening scenes, will scrutinize the color palette, will listen carefully to the music to see what mood is being established, will pay particular attention to the editing, notice all of the camera angles, and will stay through the credit roll in hopes of seeing footage from the cutting room floor.

At our last film, and before our traditional closing lunch, Roger's groupies thanked him for not only sharing his love and knowledge of movies, but also for wearing his heart on his sleeve every Thursday morning as we got to know this special

person. His love of the movies and Audrey Hepburn is second only to his love of his family and new puppy! We also thanked our wonderful and devoted class representative, Barbara Perry.

Oh, how we will miss our Thursday morning movies and the humor, wit, and wisdom of Roger Feldman.

- Peter and Kathy Christie



Study Leader Roger Feldman

# CLASSIFIEDS

## WE WANT YOU THIS WINTER!

Our program needs enthusiastic leaders who are interested in offering courses this winter term, which runs from January 15 - March 9, 2018. We welcome your chosen subject, or you might consider leading a course on one of the following topics:

Fly Fishing • Working with Clay • How to Play Chess • How to Play Bridge • Juggling for Beginners • Cooking for One or Two • Birding • Walking Group • Native American Studies • Review of Updike • Regional Authors • T.S. Eliot • King Lear • Reading the Constitution • NH/VT Geology • Supreme Court "Blunders" and Outcomes • Advanced Genealogy • Knitting • Crocheting • Life and Music of Paul Simon • Life and Music of Leonard Cohen • How to Play Guitar • Conversational French • Conversational German • Music of Broadway Theatre • Irving Berlin's Music • Movies Based on Grand Thefts • Anthropology • Archeology • Volcanoes • Vietnam • Putin and Russia • China • North Korea • Science • World War I • Famous Art Forgeries/Art Theft • Shakers of Enfield, NH • Class on Russian "Greats" • Health • Thorny Conversations • Chemistry

**Our Study Leader Support committee is available to offer advice, guidance, and assistance every step of the way.**

### Ready to Lead?

Contact the OSHER@Dartmouth Office at (603) 646-0154  
or email [osher@dartmouth.edu](mailto:osher@dartmouth.edu)

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Friendly, adaptable volunteers are needed to help with a variety of tasks in the Osher office. Opportunities range from greeting visitors, answering phone calls, responding to questions, stuffing envelopes, making photocopies, and more. Computer knowledge not required, but those with basic computer skills may be asked to help with simple data-entry tasks.

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## WANTED: STUDY LEADER MENTORS



We are looking for experienced OSHER@Dartmouth Study Leaders who are willing to mentor and support first-time leaders.

### INTERESTED?

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## IMPRESS YOUR FRIENDS

### By learning to be tech support for your class!

It's so much easier than it sounds! If you're capable of turning on a light switch or plugging an electrical cord into a wall socket, you have the basic skills we need!

Tech support volunteers will learn to operate the classroom equipment we use in our DOC House classes, including LCD projectors, Blu-Ray players, and document cameras. Our goal is to make every Osher classroom as self-sufficient as possible by training volunteers in the responsible use of our equipment. Help us move into a new phase of our program by learning new skills!

Office staff will meet with interested members for scheduled training sessions.

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Pictured above:  
Bob Koester conducts a lecture on the August solar eclipse. This lecture took place at the Howe Library on August 8, and the room was full!

## Our Film Series

OSHER@Dartmouth members and their friends receive free admission.

Films are shown at the Nugget Theater in Hanover, NH, starting at 10:00 am.

Wednesday  
September 13, 2017  
*Four Feathers*

Members - don't forget to wear your name badges.

Members receive a special discount to lunch at the Canoe Club after each film!

## Osher Art Gallery

Stop by our 7 Lebanon Street offices to enjoy a new exhibit every two months.

### September/October

**John Lehet**  
photography

### November/December

**Bruce and Ann Peck**  
etchings, paintings on silk

The gallery is free to view during regular office hours:

**Mon-Thurs 8:30a to 4:30p**  
**Fri 8:30a to 1:00p**

## Can You Guess...? Answer

The image shown on page 2 was used to direct class members to Study Leader (and OSHER@Dartmouth President) John Sanders' home, where they enjoyed "Hot and Cold Smoked Salmon Prepared at Home."



Pictured, left to right: John Sanders, French McConnaughey, Deborah Luquer, Charles Ashton, Jeff O'Brien (back is to camera), Steve Tofel, Ginia Allison, Barbara Jones. Image courtesy Iain Sim.

## New Perspectives from the Insider Experts

It's exciting to see Spaulding attendance filling up again. This year's first Summer Lecture drew 735 members, just under 45% of our total membership, with 673 the next week.

And were members in for a treat: two of the most impressive speakers we've experienced to date. In week one, James Steinberg, former US Deputy Secretary of State, gave us new perspectives on the China-US relationship and the nuances (ideally) involved.

Then the next week, Chris Inglis, former Deputy Director of the National Security Agency, delved into the complex levels of Cyberspace to a degree most of us had never imagined previously. No longer was it clear that it was Country A taking

Action B in order to achieve purpose C. Instead it was an esoteric journey through the ever changing worlds of geography, technology, and human nature, a multi-leveled whodunit for only the most nimble of minds.

The new presentation format allowed speakers to really 'open up' to member questions in what has always been the most telling section of revelations. It looks like this "Global Challenges" Series is already a huge success that can only get better each week.

- Bruce Macdonald,  
Chair,

Marketing & Communications Committee



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## Fall Classes September 5 - November 17, 2017

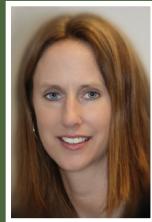
### Tech Café Dates

Need help with your laptop or mobile device? Have a question about Osher registration or downloading course materials? Stop by and get answers!

- Tues., Sept. 25 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- Thurs., Oct. 5 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- Thurs., Oct. 19 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- Thurs., Nov. 2 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- Tues., Nov. 7 2:00 pm - 3:30 pm
- Tues., Nov. 14 9:30 am - 11:00 am

No appointment necessary. All Tech Café sessions take place at the DOC House.

### *Lisa's Corner*



Hello Everyone,

We had a great response to opening day of fall term registration on July 25, 2017, despite a slow period at the beginning. There was a small issue with the bandwidth on our registration site, and after taking over 10 minutes to process one registration, I made a call and they fixed it! Thank goodness! We apologize to all of our members, and assure you that as soon as we knew the problem existed, we had the IT folks address it as quickly as they could.

This fall, for the first time, we limited members to a two course limit for the first six days of the registration period. This seemed to work quite nicely, and has allowed many members to be placed in highly popular courses. Additional registrations were allowed as of Monday, July 31.

OSHER@Dartmouth is actively looking for recruiters to help find instructors. You do not have to attend meetings. You just have to be willing to make a few phone calls, send emails, follow up with potential leaders, and keep the office informed of your contacts. We will hold a meeting in September for those interested in assisting with moving Osher forward and expanding our course offering and instructors. If you'd like to attend, please email me at [lisa.l.king@dartmouth.edu](mailto:lisa.l.king@dartmouth.edu). We will give you the tools you need to help with our curriculum offerings!

Thank you all for your patience and understanding.

- Lisa King, Program Manager