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## Winter 2019 Newsletter

### Maureen K. Molloy, M.D., J.D. (1932-2017)

#### *Physician, Philanthropist, and Remarkable Human Being*

Who was Maureen Molloy? A quick glance at the post-nominal letters following her name tells us that she was highly educated. By virtue of the fact that she took 38 ILEAD classes between 2005 and 2013 we know that she loved to learn. Her intellectual tastes were varied, with courses on "Bureaucracy," "Keys to Assessing and Managing Risk," and "Introduction to Stone Walls and Cellular Holes" in 2005, to "My Favorite Swindles," "The Battle of Gettysburg," and "Plate Tectonics" in 2012-13. She wasn't afraid to travel from Shelburne, VT, but to make sure that her

200-mile round trip to Hanover was worthwhile, she would come to the ILEAD office and meet with our program manager, Lisa King, to plan taking two or three courses during a single day.

Maureen was born in 1932 in Woodlawn Heights, NY, just as the Great Depression was reaching full strength. She arrived shortly after her parents moved to a five-story walk-up apartment near the end of the IRT subway line in the Bronx. Well-educated and accomplished relatives surrounded her. Her father, a civil and naval engineer, worked in Robert Moses' New York City Planning Department. Her mother, starting as a sec-

retary, became executive assistant to the renowned architect Cass Gilbert, who designed the Woolworth Building, the U.S. Supreme Court building, and three state capitols, among his many notable works.

One day, when Maureen was about eight years old, her uncle, the general counsel of Guardian Life Insurance Company, asked her which of the roles then open to women she wanted to pursue; teacher, secretary, librarian, salesclerk, nurse, telephone operator, domestic, or homemaker. She thought for a moment and then

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### *President's Corner*



This has been a very exciting year for us, and we look forward to more news in the Spring. We have been working with Dartmouth and the committee it formed to evaluate options to improve the costs of operating the Golf Course. The Dartmouth College Board of Trustees has authorized a College committee to explore the possibility of partnering with an external management consortium and entering in to a long-term lease for the operation of the Hanover Country Club, home of the Dartmouth golf course. The Trustees also acknowledged that the property also needs

substantial capital investment, and as you may know, OSHER@Dartmouth, through members Tom Blinkhorn, Bill Sullivan, Iain Sim and myself, has been working closely with the College's committee to plan the new clubhouse, which may include programmatic space for OSHER@Dartmouth. We will share more as it happens!

We recently received a very substantial gift from the Estate of Maureen Molloy - a longtime OSHER@Dartmouth member. You can read more about Dr. Molloy, and her amazing career, in the article in this newsletter by Steve Tofel. This is especially inspiring as we begin to explore ways that OSHER@Dartmouth can finance its participation in a new home.

Dartmouth College will celebrate its 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2019.

We will keep you apprised of the many events and speakers that will be contributing. On March 2, 2019, there will be a reenactment in Hanover of the Dartmouth College Case argued before the US Supreme Court by Daniel Webster in 1819. We do not have a time or place yet, but you will find them on our website as soon as they are known.

OSHER@Dartmouth will be a site for the simultaneous telecast of the Camden Conference February 22-24, 2019. Now in its 32<sup>nd</sup> year, the Camden Conference was begun by a group of returning OSS Officers to continue their interest in international affairs. It started in the Camden, Maine Opera House, and rapidly outgrew it. It began to use *President's*

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answered, “a nurse.” “Why not a doctor?” her uncle replied...and so began her lifelong journey of learning.

In eighth grade she won a scholarship to Hunter College High School, a magnet school for academically gifted students in Manhattan. A New York State Regents Scholarship led to Barnard College, where she studied pre-med. She received her medical degree from the Columbia College of Physicians and Surgeons, interned at Montreal’s Royal Victoria Hospital, and completed resi-



*Dr. Molloy (right) and her aunt, Helen Reidy.*

dency in orthopedic surgery at Harvard’s Children’s Hospital and Mass General Hospital in 1963. The following year she became a post-doctoral fellow in epidemiology at the Harvard School of Public Health and received a Master of Science degree in Public Health.

The commissioner of the Vermont Department of Health, an early mentor, asked her to join what was then known as the Crippled Children’s Service in 1967, as scoliosis surgeon. She traveled countless miles around the state examining children afflicted with this condition and performing their surgery. As an epidemiologist, she constantly reviewed her results in medical journals and presented

them at medical symposiums in order to continually improve the treatment of Vermont’s children.

Unfortunately, after her mentor retired, the new commissioner decided to eliminate the “foreign travel” budget, meaning that Maureen could no longer travel to New York and Boston to present her papers to the Scoliosis Society and the Pediatric Orthopedic Society of North America.

After 20 years with the VT Dept. of Health, the research and subsequent papers that she found so fulfilling became impossible to present to her colleagues. Disappointed, and recognizing that she qualified for early retirement, she did just that. But “retirement” wasn’t what she had in mind, just a major change in direction. Her pension allowed her to enroll at the Cornell School of Law, where she received her J.D. in 1990. To qualify for her Vermont license, she worked for the Vermont Attorney General in the medical fraud department. She became an acknowledged medical-legal expert and offered her services to attorneys in 41 states – but not Vermont, as she refused to be involved in malpractice cases in her adopted state. Her practice flourished, and then something remarkable happened: Maureen, an attorney who specialized in medical malpractice, was elected President of the Vermont Medical Society. This single honor probably speaks most to the career and character of Dr. Molloy; a doctor and lawyer, so respected by her colleagues that they accorded her their highest honor.

She retired permanently in 2006 and became an ILEAD regular. She enjoyed extensive road trips with her brother Martin throughout New England and the Maritimes. A “proud Luddite” was how she referred to herself in order to explain why she never owned a television, but she wasn’t really opposed to technology, and stayed in close contact with friends and professional colleagues via the internet. She remained in the magnificent home she’d built in Shelburne, VT

until the end of her life.

In addition to her many accomplishments she was also the single greatest benefactor of OSHER@Dartmouth in our history to date, save for the endowment from the Bernard Osher Foundation. Her incredibly generous bequest to us will make many of our future programs possible. We owe so much to this remarkable woman that too few of us had the privilege of knowing.

*Our sincere thanks to Dr. Maureen Molloy’s brother, Martin Molloy, Ph.D., M.B.A., of Palo Alto, CA for his assistance.*

*- Steve Tofel,*

*Marketing & Communications Committee*

## OSHER@Dartmouth Art Gallery



Stop by our 7 Lebanon Street office to enjoy a new exhibit every quarter!

### November/December: “Barns and Backyard Discoveries”

**Priscilla Anne Eliades, Evelyn Swett, and Shiela Swett**

Our art gallery is free to view during regular office hours:

**Mon-Thurs 8:30am to 4:30pm**  
**Fri 8:30am to 1:00pm**

### *President’s Letter, cont.*

teleconferencing to share live with other venues in Maine. It draws speakers from all over the US and abroad. Attendees come from more than 25 states and other countries. This year’s topic is “Is this China’s Century?” The inclusion of Dartmouth in the Camden Conference is both an honor and a real opportunity for our members. The Conference will be presented in DHMC’s Auditorium H, and registration will be available on our website ([osher.dartmouth.edu](http://osher.dartmouth.edu)) in early December.

*- John H. Sanders, Jr., M.D.*  
*President*

## Treasurer's Report

When the autumn leaves sport their vibrant yellows, oranges and reds, it is a sign to members of your Finance Committee that it is time to turn attention to developing our budget for the next fiscal year (in this case beginning July 1, 2019). At the time I became Treasurer in 2015, our organization was in the process of adjusting to the transition from ILEAD to OSHER@Dartmouth. Three years later, the \$2 million in capital that we received from the Bernard Osher Foundation, ably managed by Dartmouth's Boston-based endowment managers, has grown by 12%, all the while contributing a steady flow of funds into our general operations budget each month. The Osher money now makes up 23% of our operating budget, helping us to hold membership dues and

course fees steady while allowing us to offer a number of activities such as the "Osher at the Movies" series, special lectures, and round-table events at no cost to members. Osher funds also help cover some of our basic operating expenses. Meanwhile, inflation is on the rise (you will have noted the Fed is gradually raising interest rates), and our rental and staff costs (the two biggest components of our annual budget) continue to increase. Your Finance Committee will be looking hard at the prospects for 2019-20; I hope the Osher funds will allow us to hold fees steady once more in the next budget.

In July we welcomed two new members to our committee - Terry Martin, a new member recently retired from a successful career in retail banking joined

us, and Marty Blumberg, Treasurer from 2007 – 2011, returned to the committee. Meanwhile, we have lost four members because of term-limits or competing commitments. If you think you might like to replace one of these retiring stalwarts as a member of the Finance Committee, please come to one of our monthly meetings to "try us out." We meet on the third Tuesday of each month at 12:00 pm. As we move closer to acquiring new space, there is a lot going on beyond pouring over spreadsheets. Contact Lisa King in the office for details.

- Iain S. Sim,  
Treasurer and Chairman,  
Finance Committee



## The Search for a Travel Mug

As part of our effort to minimize the waste we produce at our class sites, and realizing that members would enjoy the chance to utilize a customized mug from our program, OSHER@Dartmouth staff and volunteers recently searched for a travel mug that we could offer to our members at a low cost. Our search was based on the following criteria:

- container large enough to hold at least 10oz of liquid
- insulated to maintain temperature of contents for extended periods
- spill-proof lid; spill-proof sip/pour outlet
- easy to transport

After an extensive search, a selection was made, and as of our winter

term, members will have the opportunity to purchase a Contigo Byron travel mug from the OSHER@Dartmouth office.

The mug holds 16oz of liquid, and consists of a vacuum insulated stainless steel body and BPA-free plastic lid. It will maintain the temperature of hot beverages for up to six hours, and cold beverages for up to twelve hours. For full information on the mug, visit [www.gocontigo.com/16-oz-snapseal-byron-stainless-travel-mug.html](http://www.gocontigo.com/16-oz-snapseal-byron-stainless-travel-mug.html). While this mug normally costs \$10.00 or more at most retail stores, we will subsidize part of the cost of each mug, and will offer them to our members at \$7.00 each. Keep track of our weekly e-mails for more information.



## Striving for Sustainability

In April 2017, after a special task force spent a year compiling and reviewing data, Dartmouth President Phil Hanlon used their report to call on the college community to play a leadership role in improving global sustainability and overcoming the challenges of climate change. To achieve that goal, the college has established a series of initiatives designed to drive Dartmouth toward a low carbon system and to minimize waste.

In reviewing the task force's report, the OSHER@Dartmouth office staff were shocked to learn that Dartmouth College produces, on average, 7 million pounds of waste each year!\* This figure prompted us to review our own practices. On an annual basis, an average

of 5,800 paper cups are used and disposed of at our classroom sites, including DOC House and the R.W. Black Community Center.

OSHER@Dartmouth is taking inspiration from the College's efforts, looking for ways in which we can minimize our own waste and achieve a higher level of sustainability. To that end, as of winter term 2019, we will cease purchasing paper and plastic cups for our classroom locations.

We realize that the majority of our members enjoy the beverages provided at both the DOC House and the R.W. Black Community Center, and we will continue to offer those beverages. We ask our members to bring their own

beverage containers if they wish to indulge in the coffee, tea, or hot chocolate offered at their classroom site.

We hope that this initiative will prove successful in minimizing the amount of waste produced at our classroom sites each year. We will continue looking for ways to increase sustainability in our program, and hope that you will be inspired to share your thoughts and ideas with us.

- Sarah Chamberlin,  
Marketing & Communications Coordinator

\*Source: "Our Green Future: The Sustainability Road Map for Dartmouth" ([www.sustainability.dartmouth.edu](http://www.sustainability.dartmouth.edu))

## In the Footsteps of Nan Shepherd

This August, six members of my Osher Fall '17 class "A Scottish Woman and her Land: Nan Shepherd's *The Grampian Quartet*" and two others congregated in Braemar, Scotland. We were there to explore firsthand the territory that Nan Shepherd writes of so brilliantly and memorably in the three novels and memoir of the mountains that constitute the Quartet. We rented a wonderful joined cottage and house on the outskirts of the village, on the slopes of Morrone. Morrone is one of the most accessible of the Cairngorm Mountains, and much beloved by Nan Shepherd, who used to stay close to the house we rented when she climbed in the Cairngorms.

We had a tremendous week of stunning walks, memorably good food, picnic lunches, and occasional dinners out. We read enjoyable sections from Nan Shepherd's books, marveled at rainbows, experienced a little rain and a lot of sunshine, and laughed a lot. There were wildlife sightings - Scotland's native red squirrel, already rare, but including a very rare white-tailed sub-species; a pair of golden eagles; an osprey; and black grouse - and time for paddling in a loch and walking barefoot on the heather!

One highlight was seeing Queen Elizabeth, Prince Philip, Prince Charles, and Camilla (just feet away!), traveling in their cars between Balmoral Castle and the nearby Crathes Church. We encountered Prince Charles' security detail a second time later in the week on the Balmoral Estate, when we hiked around Loch Muick and up to a waterfall on the lower slopes of Lochnagar. That day we stopped for lunch on the Loch Muick shore in front of Glas Altt Shiel, the private retreat built by Queen Victoria after the death of King Albert, and featured in the recent film *Victoria and Abdul*.

We climbed Morrone on a beautiful day with great visibility and far views to the north of the park and highest peaks there. That day we saw the eagles soaring as we ate our lunch in sunshine on the top. We had lovely riverside walks at the Linn of Dee and Glen Lui, through Scots pine and 'birkwood' (birch forest), the ground a cushion of moss and soft grass, and along the River Dee further along its route to Aberdeen at Ballater. We visited Crathes Castle with lovely painted medieval ceilings and stunning gardens, stopped on the Bridge of Dye on the Cairn o' Mount road which has



seen foot traffic since Roman times, including Macbeth. We enjoyed highland dancing and piping exhibitions, discovered a stunning exhibit of photographs taken in the Cairngorms, also "in the footsteps of Nan Shepherd," did a bit of shopping (hairy Highland cow doorstops featured!), and enjoyed making meals for each other. Some of the group had adventures getting lost by taking buses in the wrong direction. On one cool evening we had a fireside reading by a blazing wood stove.

The morning we left we were graced with rainbows, both behind the house and at the bus stop, for those leaving early for Aberdeen. It was truly a remarkable week.

- Anne Shivas,  
Study Leader



# Holiday Open House

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Wednesday,  
December 5th  
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm  
DOC House

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Open to all  
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and Study Leaders

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**2019 Winter Term:**  
**January 14 -**  
**March 15**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### Tech Cafés

Thur., Jan. 17 ..... 9:30 am - 11:00 am  
Tues., Jan. 29 ..... 2:30 pm - 4:00 pm

### Hot Plates, Hot Topics at Jesse's Steakhouse

Thur., Dec. 6 ..... 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm  
**The Geo-Political Contest in Syria**  
Speaker: Bill Sullivan  
\$30 per person; pre-registration required

### Movies

*The Front Page* (January)

**OFFICE CLOSED:**  
**December 24 through**  
**January 1**

## *Lisa's Corner - by Lisa King, Program Manager*



### OSHER@Dartmouth NEEDS VOLUNTEERS!

Our organization runs with the help of several volunteers who donate their time to help on a variety of projects, by serving on a committee, or assisting with a short-term task. We have various positions and opportunities within our organization needing your support and participation. Here are just a few of the areas where you could help:

- Recruiters – Emailing and calling potential Study Leaders.
- Tech Support in the Classroom – Training is provided.
- Tech Cafés – Help other members by answering questions about their mobile devices.
- Class Representatives – Take attendance in class, encourage members to fill out follow up forms online, etc. We will walk you through the steps, it's a great way to learn your classmates names, and an opportunity to work with the staff and assist a study leader. There isn't a huge time commitment.
- Classroom Set Up/Break Down - Assisting at the DOC House.

If you would like the chance to give back to your organization, it would be most appreciated. If you are interested, please email [osher@dartmouth.edu](mailto:osher@dartmouth.edu), subject line: Volunteer Help. List the tasks you would be willing to assist with. We can work with you based on your schedule and preferences. Thank you for your consideration.