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**MOLLY BLOOM**

## **2024-25 Membership Renewal Deadline: May 1, 2024**

**(After May 1st membership will open to waitlist)**

**See Details Below**

ISSUE #4: April 2024

### **MOLLY BLOOM**

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024**

**Top Booked & Award-winning**

**Entrepreneur & Inspirational Keynote Speaker**

**Bestselling Author of Molly's Game an Oscar-Nominated Film**

**Professional Athlete & Alumnus of US Ski Team.**

Molly Bloom is an inspirational keynote speaker, entrepreneur, and bestselling author of *Molly's Game*. She is best known for her memoir, *Molly's Game*, which was adapted into an award-winning film of the same name by Aaron Sorkin. Bloom's memoir chronicles her journey from college student to LA waitress to building and operating the largest and most notorious private poker game in the world. Her games featured hundreds of millions of dollars and players like Leonardo DiCaprio, Tobey Maguire, A-Rod, and Ben Affleck.

Bloom began her career as a world-class skier. While training as a pre-teen she was diagnosed with severe scoliosis and had to undergo surgery that the doctors said would end her athletic career. A year later, fully recovered, she was back on the slopes. She later joined the U.S. Ski Team and at 21 years old was ranked No. 3 in North America in moguls, but her Olympic dreams would go unrealized as she left the team to pursue other projects. This led her to what she thought would be a year sabbatical in LA. Bloom was finishing her degree in Political Science from the University of Colorado - Boulder, and was in the process of applying to

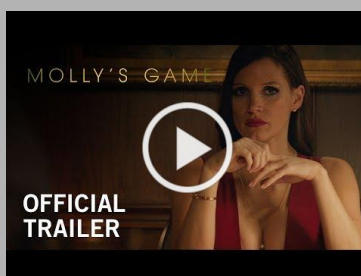
top tier Law Schools, when her assistant job turned her into an accidental entrepreneur, running one of the most exclusive, high-stakes underground poker games in the world, pulling in as much as \$4 million per year. What happened next is where her story truly begins.

Some of Molly's engagements include Fortune 1000 and strategic clients such as Comcast and US Bank. The film *Molly's Game*, written and directed by Aaron Sorkin, stars Academy Award winner for Best Actress, Jessica Chastain (as Molly), Idris Elba, Kevin Costner, Michael Cera, Brian d'Arcy James, and Chris O'Dowd.

Featured on Daily Hive and the New York Times as a 'must watch' movie, Molly's Game is now available to stream on YouTube TV.

Bloom has appeared on numerous shows and in media outlets such as Ellen, Vice, The Los Angeles Times, NPR, Vulture, and has been asked to speak at Fortune's Most Powerful Women, for companies like Blackrock Financial, SiriusXM Radio, and delivered the 2018 commencement speech at Colorado State University.

Currently, Molly is focusing her energy on uplifting and mentoring other women after having been the mentee of amazing, dynamic women herself. In 2020, she launched the One World Group to support women facing various challenges, especially those exacerbated by the global pandemic. In 2022, she launched TORCHED, a new podcast about Olympic controversies.



"Molly's Game" will be available for sale in paperback for \$20.50 after the lecture.



## **Molly Bloom Luncheon**

***Happy Hollow Club  
1701 South 105th Street  
Cost \$28 - advance reservations required***

Reservations **MUST BE POSTMARKED** on or after **April 5th**

We will **STOP** accepting reservations on **April 17th**

Seating is assigned as reservations are received.

For group reservations (2-10), please submit only one check, and include all names in your group to avoid double seating.

Tickets for each group will be under the name of the individual who made the reservations.

Make checks payable to **OMAHA TOWN HALL**

Send to: Elaine Anderson  
6523 N 105th Avenue  
Omaha, NE 68122

Questions? [elaineanderson28@hotmail.com](mailto:elaineanderson28@hotmail.com) or 402.686.8571

### **Please Note:**

- Include your email and phone number on your check.
- Pick up all tickets at the luncheon table at the lecture and distribute to your group.
- No tickets will be sold the day of event.
- If your luncheon plans change, your ticket may be used by a friend.
- There are no cancellations or refunds.

## President's Letter

Dear Omaha Town Hall Members,

It has been my honor and pleasure to serve as the President of Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series this year. This year the Pilot Virtual Program enabled us to reach out to members on the waitlist enabling them to participate virtually with our lectures. With the success of this program, we have added a Virtual membership level for the 2024-2025 season. In addition to the Virtual level, a Platinum level was created to enhance the patron membership levels. The Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series Board works with dedication and commitment to maintain the high level of excellence for Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series and its membership. This year we have six members who will be completing their board terms. A special thank you to all of them as they have provided dedication and commitment for six years. They are Phyllis Choat, Maureen Turner, Amy Knuth, Lori Pirnie, Mary Lynn Reiser, and Jill Thomsen. A huge thank you to our outgoing board members for their dedication to Omaha Town Hall. I'm happy to announce to you that Stacy Wilson is the incoming President. The Annual Meeting of the membership of Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series will be held immediately prior to the lecture. We are pleased to announce the following slate as selected by the Nominating Committee to join us as new board members: Sharon DiBiase, Mary Brandon, Kim Hord, Betsy McDaniel, and Karen Palmer. This year was filled with great speaker starting with Frank Abagnale, fraud prevention expert; Candice Millard, best selling author; Jeff Corwin, wildlife expert; and the finale - Molly Bloom.

ONE LAST REMINDER: MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL IS MAY 1st :

Members have three ways in which to renew their membership:

1. You may visit the membership table at the April lecture, or
2. You may choose to mail the renewal form and payment to: P.O. Box 636, Elkhorn, NE 68022
3. You may choose to pay by credit card online. Please note: the online price includes a fee for credit card processing.

After May 1st, membership opens to our waitlist. If you have questions please contact Julie Lyons at [omahatownhall@gmail.com](mailto:omahatownhall@gmail.com)

Lastly, I want to thank our membership for your continued support of Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series. You continue to be engaged with our speakers, and always make each speaker feel welcomed and wanting to return to Omaha. In September we look forward to seeing everyone and celebrating the 60th Anniversary of Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series with guests Dr. Larry J. Sabato, Joan Lunden, Kate Anderson Brower, and Ken Jennings.

Bev Westerberg  
President, Board of Directors  
[omahatownhall@gmail.com](mailto:omahatownhall@gmail.com)

## 2024-25 Membership Renewal

**Deadline: May 1, 2024**

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**Dr. Larry Sabato - Wednesday, September 25, 2024**  
**Joan Lunden - Wednesday, October 23, 2024**  
**Kate Andersen Brower - Wednesday, March 26, 2025**  
**Ken Jennings - Wednesday, April 23, 2025**

### MEMBERSHIP LEVELS

**Virtual Online Membership**

**\$120**

- Live online access to all four lectures - 10:30 a.m. CST day of lecture (live online viewing only)

## Season Membership

**\$125**

- Admission to all four lectures
- Option to make reservation for lunch featuring Q&A with speaker (advance payment required)
- Option to watch lecture live online
- Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series e-newsletters
- Transferability of membership card if unable to attend lecture

## Bronze Patron Membership

**\$250**

(Value: \$188 - Donation \$62)

- Season Membership privileges plus...
- Reserved seating at the front of the lecture hall
- Two lecture guest passes (must be used during 2024-25 season)
- Patron members will be recognized in monthly e-newsletters

## Silver Patron Membership

**\$500**

(Value: \$300 - Donation: \$200)

- Bronze Patron Membership privileges plus...
- Four lunches with optional seating at patron table (non-transferable & must be used during 2024-25 season)

## Gold Patron Membership

**\$750**

(Value: \$410 - Donation: \$340)

- Silver Patron Membership privileges plus...
- Dinner for two at one of four Board of Directors Speaker dinners (non-transferable & must be used during 2024-25 season)

## Platinum Patron Membership

**\$1000**

(Value: \$410 - Donation: \$590)

- Gold Patron Membership privileges plus...
- Platinum Patron recognized at all four lectures on pre-lecture slide show

## **PAYMENT OPTIONS**

**IN PERSON**

**(include Renewal Form below)**

Checks payable to *Omaha Town Hall*

Return Renewal Form and payment to Membership table at March and April lectures.

\*Checks Only\*

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**BY MAIL**  
**(include Renewal Form below)**

\*Must be postmarked by May 1st to be processed\*

Checks payable to *Omaha Town Hall*

Mail Renewal Form and payment to:

Omaha Town Hall  
PO Box 636  
Elkhorn, NE 68022

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**CREDIT CARD**

Please Note: The **online price includes a fee** for credit card processing.

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**\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\***

**NEWSLETTERS**

Newsletters are electronic and sent via email. **If you know someone who is NOT receiving this newsletter, please tell them to check their spam and junk folders.**

**ATTEND IN PERSON**

- We continue to monitor Covid in our community. Please consider how you feel the morning of the lecture and please stay home if you do not feel well.
- For those who join the lecture in person, masks and sanitizer will be available.
- The 2023-2024 membership card that is yellow is needed for entry.

**WATCH VIRTUALLY ONLINE**

- For those who would like to watch virtually, please reserve your space by **emailing Beth Wooster at [woosterne@gmail.com](mailto:woosterne@gmail.com) by Friday, April 19th** to reserve your space.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email within 48 hours, please email your request again.
- Last minute virtual viewing requests are very difficult to accommodate.
- Please **check your email Tuesday evening after 8:00 p.m** for the distinctive link to the lecture. Be sure to check your junk folder. If you have not received an email from Omaha Town Hall, please email Beth Wooster.
- Please do not share the link, Omaha Town Hall is charged for use of this service.
- Omaha Town Hall's legal contract with our speakers **prohibit recording** of lectures, which must viewed live and in real time.

**SEAT SAVING**

Saved seats are limited to **one per person**. Large groups must enter the lecture together.

## **KEEP MEMBERSHIP CARDS ON HAND**

Many members find seats early and then leave the lecture hall to purchase a book, visit with friends, or use the restroom. Ushers check membership cards **each time** a person enters the lecture hall.

## **HEARING IMPAIRED**

St. Andrew's has a comfortable room at the back of the lecture hall with volume control.

## **QUESTIONS?**

### **April Luncheon:**

Elaine Anderson, [elaineanderson28@hotmail.com](mailto:elaineanderson28@hotmail.com)

### **Membership & General Information:**

Julie Lyons, [omahatownhall@gmail.com](mailto:omahatownhall@gmail.com)

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## Omaha Town Hall Lecture Series

St. Andrew's United Methodist Church, 15050 West Maple Road, Omaha, NE 68116

**Wednesday, April 24, 2024, at 10:30 a.m.**

Doors open at 9:30 a.m.

Please bring your **YELLOW** membership card to all lectures.



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