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**by Priscilla Morse Huston**

Catherine Higgs Milton was honored by State of CA. California Volunteers has established an award in her name to recognize the most outstanding AmeriCorps member in the state.

Caroline Webster Bernard reports: “Took 2 Road Scholar trips this past summer (2014) - 4 days in Quebec City, 11 days in Ireland. Enjoyed both experiences very much and am looking forward to more travel in 2015. Costa Rica is in the works, and a weekend with MHC64ers in Albuquerque.”

Mary Jane (Gigi) Higgins has been happily continuing our glorious 50th reunion with visits with classmates over the summer with her freshman roommate, Jane Crombie Michel, in Chartres, France; Nancy Albrecht August in the Boston Public Library’s beautiful atrium; Meg Cormeny O’Brien when she was visiting New England; and Jean Vnenchak, canoeing the Charles River.

Melinda Yates Costin continues to work in healthcare at a public hospital in Fort Worth, Texas. She writes: “Had a lovely cruise through Alaska in August. Active on two Boards, Dallas Children’s Advocacy Center and College of Healthcare Information Management Executives. Gratefully enjoying time with Jerry, husband for 37 years.”

Several members of our class met with members of our 2014 Bridges Class on the MHC campus at a Volunteer Conference Sept 19-21. No surprise, Mary Lee Warren has continued to help carry our Bridges efforts forward.

Barbara Hemley Rosenn and her husband Dan Rosenn (Amherst ‘64) have moved to a lovely new home on the Charles River in Dover, MA. Barbara still works as a psychologist, and spends time with her nearby daughter and her family. She also frequently visits her daughter-in-law and 2 sons, both musicians in LA. She and Dan also have a country home in Ashfield, MA, near MHC, where they enjoy “the same landscape, constellations, and beauty in each season” that they found at MHC.

Betsy Wadt Mulcare and her husband, Bob, enjoyed visiting Jane Shilling Emerson and

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her husband, Mike, at the Emersons' home and gardens overlooking Puget Sound.

Priscilla Morse Huston stopped by Jane English's lakeside home in Northern VT late in August. She encourages you to look into Jane's calendars and other projects with photos that highlight this and other areas.

Take a look at our updated website at [mhc64.com](http://mhc64.com) for more about reunion, our new class officers, plus pictures and RECENT NEWS expanding on the above notes. Send your thoughts on MHC, Reunion, the website, etc. to the new class officers at the following group email address, [officers64@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:officers64@mtholyoke.edu).

**“Quarterly” News: Spring 2015 Class Notes**  
**by Jean Vnenchak**

We had our first mini-reunion on Dec 5 and 6 in New York City. Lily Klebanoff Blake, Ellen Manfredonia Nutter and Dave, Mary Lee Warren, Caroline Webster Bernard, Mary Ellen Scarborough, Barbara Dallinger Crowell, Barbara Rosen and Pat Martone, Beth Schnoll Krugman, and Jenna Caputo [2014] gathered for dinner at the Brasserie and then went to college Vespers at St. Bartholomew's. The concert was exquisite. Saturday morning featured a visit to the Neue Gallery for the Egon Schiele exhibition.

Mary Lee continues working with the class of 2014. She held a Bridges luncheon at Lily's, Dec. 6. Robin Gramlich Gordon, Mary Jane (Gigi) Higgins, Donna (Dee) Wilson Nelson, Ellen Manfredonia Nutter and Dave came as well as several 2014ers who braved torrential rains.

Contact Nancy Chambers Goff and Heather Tyrie Wilcauskas with ideas for future minis.

Gigi is excited about her goddaughter Nell's early acceptance to Mount Holyoke. MHC was her first choice.

Karen Otte and her husband, Victor Friedrich, retired to their 250+ year-old CT post and beam home 3 yrs ago. Cosmetic repairs devolved into having to jack up the house to replace rotted timbers. Karen and Victor joined local town boards as a distraction during this ordeal. Karen sings with the Greater Middletown Chorale, which per-

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formed Handel's Messiah with the New Haven Symphony.

Mary Ann Lytle Anthony reports that her granddaughters are both now in her old dorm, Pearsons. Senior Brittney will graduate with a degree in film studies and a minor in architecture. She has applied to Disney U for computer graphics. Sophomore Cassidy is a SAW mentor and photographer for the Mount Holyoke News. Mary Ann's husband officiated at the October wedding of their first-born grandchild and his childhood sweetheart.

Susan Bass Marcus is enjoying retirement more than ever. She hopes to see her novel, MALEVIR: The Dragons Return, in print by late spring/early summer. Recent travels took her through the Canadian Rockies and to London and Paris.

At reunion, Libby Bradbury Pethick talked of her planned stem cell transplant. She is now in remission and feeling very well.

Suzanne Selby Grenager reports that she and Trond are continuing their three-pronged life of CA, Nova Scotia, and PA for as long as they can. Suzanne is exploring the topic of graceful aging. Contact her at [sgrenager@aol.com](mailto:sgrenager@aol.com) to collaborate about ways to share our "elder wisdom" with the wider world.

For full details and photos see: [www.mhc64.com](http://www.mhc64.com)

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Gretchen Beck Green (author) and Angus and Betsy Wadt Mulcare and Bob went to Kitty Eppston Rabinow's gorgeous condo on Captiva Island FL. Kitty had prepared a wonderful lunch, which was enjoyed on the porch overlooking a spectacular view.

Mary Dee Beall, Edie Prentice Mendez, Helga Lemke, and Vicki Diez-Canseco visited Alcatraz Prison with FebruMary for the exhibit by human rights activist artist Ai Weiwei who is forbidden to leave China and could not oversee the installation. Vicki and Edie had other art excursions, including one with F. Chaney Li.

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Kate Shockey Lafrance writes: In Jan. we were on an Odysseys Unlimited tour of Panama and Costa Rica. A week of that tour was on a 72-passenger ship. The Panama Canal is truly incredible, especially because the daunting work was done over 100 years ago. Costa Rica was beautiful with gardens, birds, and plants. We had time to snorkel, swim and go zipline!

Jane Shilling Emerson (author), Sarah Allen Mowitt, Barbara Dalinger Crowell, Susan Schuck Hirst and Hope Whitaker Justman had lots of fun traveling and learning together during 128 miles of rigorous trekking and experiencing the cultures of Nepal and Bhutan in Feb. and Mar. 2015. While in Thimpu Bhutan, they spent time with the amazing MHC alumna Dr. Tashi Zangmo MHFP who is doing a remarkable job of helping young Bhutan women lift themselves into more independent and productive lives through education.

For more, see page 35 in the Summer 2015 Quarterly for article called Trekking Through India, Nepal, and Bhutan.

Adventures with Hope: Barbara Neumann Babb and sister-in-law Mary Jane Shonn, Susan Salot Gaumer, Mary Vic Jones Giersch and Charlie, Nancy Chambers Goff, Gail Welch Hanson and Dick, Ellen Rice, Carol Carter Stevens and Bruce, and Katherine Taylor Trout were privileged to travel with Hope Whitaker Justman on her third Road to Shu odyssey from Chengdu (Sichuan) to Xi'an (Shaanxi). They were accompanied by a Chinese TV crew making a documentary (Chinese/English) on Hope and her untiring efforts to save and share what remains of this historic, ancient route. The group reports that the road is indeed a treasure - and so is Hope, whose knowledge and organization squeezed two millennia of Chinese history and culture into an extraordinary 3 weeks!

Jean Vnenchak in Lexington MA: After almost no snow until Jan. 26, we got about a foot of snow. At least two more feet of snow fell by Feb.15 and the temperatures stayed well below freezing. Amazing to have two-foot drifts on our somewhat sloped roof with its solar panels.

We have recently been informed of the deaths of 2 classmates who died several years ago.

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Pamela Timson Carlson died of ovarian cancer Nov. 9, 2006. Her loving family was by her side.

Pam attended MHC for one year, and transferred to the Univ. Wisconsin-Madison. There she met the love of her life, Thomas Wesley Carlson. Following their wedding in Hinsdale IL Aug. 1963, they moved to Honolulu HI where Tom was stationed as an officer in the US Navy. In 1966 they moved to Ogden UT where they started Carlson Golf and resided until Pam's death in 2006. Pam's true passion was raising her three children and working with her husband her last 25 years.

Remembered fondly by MHC Safford classmates, Pam's lovely smile and her sweet sincere personality were still there when classmates visited in Hawaii and Utah. Pam was a caring wife, mother, grandmother, and friend. An obituary, picture and more specific comments and memories will be available at [MHC64.COM](http://MHC64.COM).

Jean Arthur White died at Life Care Center of Nashoba Valley in Littleton MA on Oct. 10, 2008. She was born in Malden MA on Apr. 10, 1942. Jean was with us on campus for our Freshman year. She married George E. White who died in 2005. Jean made her home in Townsend MA before moving to Littleton; she taught science and mathematics at Notre Dame High School in Fitchburg. Her 4 children (Jeffrey White, Jonathan White, James White, and Jennifer Smith) and 7 grandchildren survive her.

Visit RECENT NEWS on [mhc64.com](http://mhc64.com) for pictures and more information.

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**by Jean Vnenchak**

Mary Lee Warren with Barbara Anderson Ratigan, Nancy Chambers Goff, Anita Corman Weinblatt, Susan Koch, and Mona Marich Hanford planned a June mini-reunion in DC. They hoped for 20 classmates, and were thrilled to get 41 plus 14 spouses, family and friends. We reveled in DC's history, politics, and culture; lunched with alums from our Bridges class; but above all reconnected with old friends and made new ones. At dinner at Nancy's, Dee Wilson Nelson shared her book, "Soul Strings", her original fiber artwork paired with Haiku-inspired poems. [www.soulstrings.us](http://www.soulstrings.us)

Lily Klebanoff Blake came to DC after speaking in Shanghai at the International Con-



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ference on "Law and Society: The Jews of Shanghai".

Gail Welch Hanson could not be in DC as their eldest granddaughter was graduating from highschool. She is headed to Bowdoin in the fall after spending summer on the Cape working as a camp counselor. While visiting grandchildren in San Francisco, Gail lunched with Mary Dee Beall, Betsy Callaway, Edie Prentice Mendez and Leslie Raissman Wellbaum. Leslie was recovering from hip surgery and anticipating 2nd in July. All, but Betsy, are reveling in retirement!

Laraine Masters Glidden was asked to serve as chief academic officer for a semester during a search for a new provost at St. Mary's College of Maryland, where she had worked from 1976-2012. Since no one was hired, Laraine is now un-retired through June 2016. Serving as Provost is rewarding, but she is eager to re-retire.

Mary Jane (Gigi) Higgins was delighted to have a visit from Katrina Hellebush Looby, who came to Boston from Philadelphia in May. They visited Barbara Horwich Lloyd in Cambridge.

Mary Ann Lytle Anthony spent a fabulous weekend on campus for Brittney's graduation, marched with the alumnae relatives ahead of the seniors and was let onto the lawn around Mary Lyon's grave for a great view of the laurel ceremony.

Before the meeting of the College's Endowment Investment Committee, members were hosted by Barbara Flesch Resnek at Fenway for a Red Sox Game. Others, including top Sox fan, Lynn Pasquerella, and VP for Finance, Shannon Gurek, joined in cheering the Sox to victory.

Christa Smith Sammons became grandmother to twins last December. Clara and Lydia join brothers Misha (5) and David (3). Christa's been retired for 5 years. She and Jeffrey are contemplating moving to a continuing care retirement facility. Currently, Christa volunteers at their aging-in-place organization ([www.HomeHavenVillages.org](http://www.HomeHavenVillages.org)). Check RECENT NEWS in [www.mhc64.com](http://www.mhc64.com)

With deep sorrow, we report the death of Sarah Rabinow Pesikoff '90, the daughter of Kathryn (Kitty) Eppston Rabinow. Kitty wrote:

Sarah Rabinow Pesikoff [MHC '90], daughter of Richard and Kitty Eppston Rabinow

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died at home in Houston Texas in July after a 1 1/2 year battle with a rare form of soft tissue sarcoma. Survived by her sister Rebecca, her parents, her husband David and two sons 14 and 17 she was not only Kitty's younger daughter but one of her best friends. A loyal MHC alumna, Sarah flew to South Hadley to attend her 25th reunion this past May while she was in between chemo treatments. A scholarship exists in Sarah's name at MHC.

We have also learned that Barbara DuBarry Erdman died on June 9, Linda Goldstein Heineman on July 16, and Libby Bradbury Pethick on July 29. See [www.mhc64.com](http://www.mhc64.com) and Winter Quarterly for tributes.

**Harriet Hatcher Morrill**

Harriet died on March 17, 2015 from ovarian cancer. Her mother, Ruth Cronk Hatcher, was class of 1938. An economics major, Harriet lived in South Rockefeller her senior year. Junior Year she studied agricultural economics at the University of the Philippines, and worked as a Crossroads Africa volunteer in Kenya doing community development.

She met her husband James Morrill, a Peace Corp volunteer, in Venezuela where she volunteered with Accion after getting a masters in economics from Stanford. They had two children, Jim and Molly. Harriet started the computer science program at Hotchkiss where Jim was teaching. In 1983, she joined IBM. She thrived in IBM's technical environment. When she retired in 2013, she was a key leader within IBM's High Availability Center of Excellence, advising global corporate customers.

Family visits and vacations, including annual gatherings on Martha's Vineyard, were a special source of joy.

Her husband, children, grandchildren and two brothers survive Harriet.