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**“Quarterly” News: Winter 2013 Class Notes**  
**by Priscilla Morse Huston**

Our 50th Reunion will be Thurs, May 15 - Sunday, May 18, 2014. It will start Thursday afternoon with a ceremony where we present scarves to 2014 graduates, our “Bridges” or “Granddaughter” class.

Mary Lee Warren is leading our class effort to connect with our 2014 sisters. Together our boards decided to name our relationship “64-14 Bridging 50 Years of Tradition,” or simply “Bridges” for convenience.

In Sept. the Reunion Committee, Class Officers and Class Agents all met on the MHC campus together to make plans for our 50th. Mini reunions at Cape Ann in August, Northern California in September, and at MHC early October also brought classmates together. Check [www.mhc64.com](http://www.mhc64.com) for details. Please send reunion suggestions or questions to Ellen Manfredonia Nutter, Reunion Chair, [elnutter@aol.com](mailto:elnutter@aol.com).

There are too many happenings to detail here, but one special incident at the MHC mini seemed a must. Have you visited the Archives in Dwight? Fascinating MHC historic material is stored there and much of it is being digitized. You can begin an online visit at [www.mtholyoke.edu/archives](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/archives). On Tues., 2 Oct 2012, fourteen classmates entered the Archives. While sitting at a table covered with historic college documents, Sarah Mowitt was startled to see a letter and then a scrapbook that had been prepared by her Grandmother, Helen Sanders, who graduated from Mount Holyoke in 1912. The college has digitalized the scrapbook that recorded Helen’s sophomore year to give a glimpse of student life at that time. It was an amazing experience - Sarah had no idea that the college possessed a scrapbook prepared by her Grandmother - and the archivists had no idea that the granddaughter of Helen Sanders would be in their audience. You can see the digitalized scrapbook by selecting the digital archives and searching for 1912 or Helen Sanders or by going to: <http://mtholyoke.contentdm.oclc.org/cdm/ref/collection/p1030coll8/id/7986>

Joyce Davenport, winner of two national singles championships, was honored Monday Oct. 8, 2012 when she was inducted into the U.S. Squash Hall of Fame at the U.S. Open Squash Championships that took place at Drexel.

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Anita Corman Weinblatt received a wonderful letter from Dr. Kiseko Ozaki Minaguchi who received a masters when we graduated in 1964. Kiseko now lives in Tokyo JAPAN and has recently retired from Teikyo University where she taught Film Studies and English as a professor. She mentioned how she loved the campus in the fall and sends good wishes to Marilyn Ursu Bauriedel, her big sis.

Meg Cormeny O'Brien visited the Boston and Philadelphia areas during July. MHC friends visited included Ann Heckel Oppenheimer, Carol Nagy Theodore's husband Eustace and three of their grandchildren at Camp Becket, and Katrina Hellebush Loo-by.

A notice of Susan Elizabeth Davis's pro-choice novel, *Love Means Second Chances*, appeared in the Summer Alumnae Quarterly. For more see [www.lovemmeanssecond-chances.com](http://www.lovemmeanssecond-chances.com).

For more timely and complete news and pictures for most entries, visit Recent News at [www.mhc64.com](http://www.mhc64.com). If you are looking for a classmate, please try MHCConnect (see link on MHC64.com or [www.mtholyoke.edu](http://www.mtholyoke.edu)). Send a note to [website64@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:website64@mtholyoke.edu) if you have questions or comments.

Tributes:

Information that Phyllis Michele Nielson died on Feb 23, 2011 arrived too close to the deadline to include a tribute here. Please look for more on the website and in the next Quarterly.

Tribute for Anne Carlisle

We were surprised and saddened to hear of the death of Anne J. Carlisle on Aug 1, 2012. Anne lived in Arlington MA and was very active in our class as well as the Boston area. She served as Reunion Gift Chair, class agent, booklet chair (20th reunion), and as a member of the MH Club of Boston. Carolyn Goodyear Pantazelos, Lenore Wadzinski Yousef and Mary Wegner Mayer remember Anne as laid back with a wry dry sense of humor. In addition to her work, Ann was very active as a Red Sox fan; taking classes, including scuba diving and violin; reading avidly; enjoying her lake-house and the companionship of her cats. Marilyn Donovan Timbers shared an inter-

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esting memory of Anne as a “dedicated and devoted fire captain” when they were in Abbey. Anne is survived by her beloved sister Miriam Carlisle of Lexington VA. A Boston Globe obituary was published Aug 12, 2012.

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Anne Greer Garonzik, Katrina Hellebush Looby, Mary Jane (Gigi) Higgins, Debbie Newcomb Nightingale, Joan Potthoff Cronin and her daughter Juliet Cronin, Gena Reisner, Mary Ellen Scarborough, and Hope Whitaker Justman joined Lily Klebanoff Blake to dine at the Brasserie before attending the Vespers Concert at St. Bartholomew’s, NYC. Many continued the reunion the following morning by touring the jewel-box Frick Museum and having brunch at the David Burke Townhouse.

For Joan Potthoff Cronin this mini-reunion was the opportunity to reconnect with our class. After her junior year, Joan had transferred to Washington U in St. Louis. Joan went on to receive her law degree, to marry, to raise three daughters and work in several legal profession capacities. She retired as Sr VP for Banking Supervision and Regulation for the Fed. Reserve District. She and her husband, John, live in west St. Louis County, MO. [Click for more details.](#)

[Click here for full details for the Oxford mini-reunion Ellan Odiorne Derow.](#) Ellan reminds us that couples are welcome.

Mary Lee Warren writes about the event she and Lily Klebanoff Blake attended: “As part of the 1964-2014 Bridging 50 Years of Tradition (“Bridges”) project, along with President Pasquerella, we were invited to join 2014ers for M&Cs (Milk and Cookies) festivities on November 27th. They laughed at our descriptions of life on campus in the 60’s. President Pasquerella mentioned this event in her MHC Moment 2012; saying in part: “By all external markers, today’s students live in a profoundly different world than those who graduated in 1964, yet they draw from the wisdom of those who have gone before with rapt attention and focus.”

The next on-campus Bridges opportunity was Feb 22nd, a reception for the 2014ers as a prelude to their “J-Show” -- I hope many of you were able to participate.

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Carol Carter Stevens, who has moved to Exeter RI, writes: "My husband is now fully retired, and I am going to be able to get more involved with researching the family genealogy. I got together with Susan Davis, Elizabeth (Betsy) Beatty Gable, and Alison Pedicord Schleifer this past summer, as we have been doing for a decade or so. Looking forward to the 50th!"

Priscilla Morse Huston writes about her Nov./Dec. trip to Cambodia: "I made many friends, saw and learned a great deal. There were 10 of us from the US. Two were former Cambodian Refugees from 33 years ago. One of the women had been forced to leave without saying goodbye to her 3 small children. I was with her when she saw them and their children for the first time. It was chaotic but very special. We met and worked with many people in their village outside Battambang and focused primarily on education and healthcare." See [.mhc64.com](http://.mhc64.com) for more details.

Lily Klebanoff Blake was quoted in the Dec 10 Forbes 2013 Investment Guide. She spoke of the progress being made in numbers and influence of women on boards.

Ellen Kaplan Levy moderated a panel, "Neuroscience and the Arts Today: Shared Interfaces". Read more about Ellen's work at [.complexityart.com](http://.complexityart.com).

Do you have a website? Share by sending descriptions to [website64@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:website64@mtholyoke.edu) for posting on our website.

Tribute for Phyllis Michele Nielsen:

Phyllis Michele Nielsen of Clearwater, FL, died on February 23, 2011. Phyllis was a zoology major at college with interests also in math and French. She was in North Rocky senior year. Hope Whitaker Justman remembers her fondly from that time and from an early reunion. Phyllis went on to get her medical degree from New York Medical College. Her daughter Kirstjen writes that her mother was an orthopedist and had served in the U.S. Army. She was dedicated to her church and did extensive volunteer work. Three children, a granddaughter, and two sisters survive her. Condolences can be sent to: Kirstjen Nielsen, 518 Tobacco Quay, Alexandria, VA 22314. We send our deepest sympathy to Kirstjen and to all of Phyllis's loved ones.

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From Mary Lee Warren: A Bridges event on April 25th during the recent class agents' meeting on campus combined the career accounts of Gail Simons Humphreys, Gail Hunt Reeke, Betsy Wadt Mulcare and Nancy Chambers Goff, with great desserts and time for warmth, mingling and chatting with 2014 students. The astonishing success of Bridges reminds us and the college that the alumnae -- especially from the Class of 1964 -- are an enormous available resource.

For Christa Smith Sammons [christa.sammons@gmail.com](mailto:christa.sammons@gmail.com) 2010 was a big year: she became a grandma for the first time, retired from the Beinecke Library at Yale and has been writing a memoir. MHC archivist Patricia Albright provided good help and now has Christa's college reminiscences in the archives.

In April, while visiting the MHC campus for a Class Agents meeting and the Bridges Project, Priscilla Morse Huston and Jean Vnenchak visited the archives. With the help of Leslie Fields, they were able to see a copy of Christa's Memoir.

Remember the Archives! They are interested in personal memories of college life and life after graduation. Photographs, letters, journals, notebooks, and even exams are all of special interest. To document student life they depend upon students and alumnae. For details go to [www.mtholyoke.edu/archives](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/archives).

In March 2013 Hope Justman led a second tour along

China's 2,000 year-old Road to Shu. Mary Dee Beall and Ann Heckel Oppenheimer were enthusiastic participants, reporting that Hope is an incredible guide and her itinerary (cities and towns that warmly greeted western visitors, and easy-to-moderate hikes on the Old Road) was fabulous. Watch for photos under "2013 Tour" at website: [www.chinasgreatroads.com](http://www.chinasgreatroads.com).

Lisa Lansing writes:

At long last I have a grandchild, Fernando Ruiz Gwartzman, who lives (alas) in Brasilia with his parents, my son Dan and his beautiful wife Karina. Doc and I still live in the



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northwest corner of CT. Doc's parents are still alive at 97 and 94.

Susan Parks [www.susanparks.com](http://www.susanparks.com) writes: Learning Italian is the new challenge! Last year my partner Jane and I bought a seasonal B&B 1 hour by train from Florence, Italy. Jane teaches in the UConn study abroad program in Florence every Spring. We will be spending more time in Italy when Jane retires in two years.

Susan Bass Marcus and husband Stephen recently traveled to Ecuador and Peru. She writes: Highlights included seven nights cruising and landing at the Galapagos Islands and a day at Machu Picchu. I'm 7/8ths through the first draft of a fantasy novel I'm writing, also working on my Spanish, Italian, and French *comme d'habitude*. Still sculpting puppets.

Two of our classmates had interesting reasons for missing the J-Show Bridges reception. Ellen Williamson Rockefeller spent 2 weeks birding in Ecuador and Pam Lucey Driscoll's daughter had a baby right during "Nemo", and she was on happy Grandma duty in New Haven.

Caroline Webster Bernard has settled into life in CT and is enjoying nearby grand twins, part time library job, singing, skiing, and golf. She looks forward to May 2014 and expects the coming year will be spent gathering and putting together material for our 50th Yearbook.

Following the class agent's meeting, Gigi Higgins, Diane Kelley Fenton and Jean Vnenchak walked down to the green for a taste of Pangy Day (see [www.mtholyoke.edu/news/stories/5684385](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/news/stories/5684385)), one of MHC's most beloved traditions that we knew nothing about. For more detail about these class notes, please visit Recent News on our website at [www.mhc64.com](http://www.mhc64.com).

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Our 50th reunion (May 15-18, 2014) is less than a year away. For evolving reunion info and full details, see Recent News for all the following excerpts.

Lily Klebanoff Blake started a great European adventure with our mini-reunion in Oxford, organized by Ellan Odiorne Derow. Following the mini, Jean Vnenchak (coscribe) added more adventure in London, where she shattered her kneecap and broke a bone in her shoulder.

Back at home, Jean is recuperating and has been incredibly good-humored through 2 surgeries and more.

Ellen Manfredonia Nutter and Dave, Wendy Lycan Jackson, Vicki Diez-Canseco, Barbara Field Collins, Barbara Anderson Ratigan and John, Edith Prentice Mendez, Mary Wegner Mayer and Gay, and Mary Lee Warren also attended the Oxford mini. See pictures by Vicki and Wendy on our website.

Suzanne Selby Grenager, author of *Bare Naked at the Reality Dance*, invites you to visit her website [suzannegrenager.com](http://suzannegrenager.com), check out her wild and woolly blog, and be in touch. She has also begun publishing at a popular blog at [elephantjournal.com](http://elephantjournal.com) dedicated to “bringing together those working and playing to create an enlightened society.” Suzanne hopes you’ll also visit her there!

Lenora Castles Bryant got a cat named Oscar. They moved to a beach apt. Oscar insists on going out at night, but when Lenora goes out and retrieves him, “he marches back home behind her, past the 100- lb female Lab’s door.”

Betsy Beatty Gable has a 6th grandchild, Madeline Beatty Blake, born May 28 to daughter Katharine and her husband, George, joining sister Phoebe, aged 5. Born at 2.5 lbs, Madeline is doing well, thanks to Massachusetts General Hospital.

After being widowed 10 years ago, Catherine Higgs Milton is glad to be back in the Palo Alto area with friends, including a terrific man with whom she is living and traveling. She is active on boards, and Stanford U. has set up an endowed fellowship in her

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honor.

Alison Pedicord Schleifer and husband already had a full year of travel when they decided to move to Pittsburg, PA, after visiting daughter Kate and family there. After 49 years in New Haven, CT, they moved in less than 2 months. They are spending the summer in Quebec and are excited about their change this fall.

Ellen Rice reports that she has been “unemployed so long that it looks a lot like retirement. Not idleness, though!” She continues to be an active volunteer, attended the local Neighborhood Leadership Inst., edited a murder mystery, spent a week teaching at a folkdance camp, and is planning a trip to Europe.

Winifred Hesson McCormick’s daughter, Janice Gangsei, published her 3rd book, *Welcome to Weirdsville: Happyland*, by I.M. Strange (pen name). Winifred’s son, Greg, and wife Monica Fiorenza had their 3rd child, Celia Apollonia McCormick, on May 30. Though retired, Winifred is active in many important ways.

Barbara Flesch Resnek [point to #11] sent a picture and info about a beautiful June day in Boston, MA, with 4 members of the 2014 Bridges Class.

Instructions for the 50th reunion book survey and personal statement page should arrive in Sept. The survey is due back to Jane Shilling Emerson and personal statement to Caroline Webster Bernard by Nov 1.