

**Mount Holyoke College Class of 1964**  
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**Quarterly Class Notes**

**“Quarterly” News: Winter 2014 Class Notes**  
**by Jean Vnenchak**

Ellen Manfredonia Nutter writes: our 50th Reunion is Thursday, May 15 through May 18. Reunion committee met on campus in October. We got a huge amount done, and had time for attending classes and exploring campus, including the new Chihuly sculpture in the Library. Come to reunion and reconnect!

During that meeting Mary Lee Warren arranged a wonderful gathering with our 2014 Bridges class. They are a diverse and amazing group of women! An improv performance that included volunteers from 1964 was a feature of the evening.

Three of Kitty Eppston Rabinow's large photographic art works have been placed into the Permanent Collection of the Federal Reserve Board in Washington D.C. For a full look at Kitty's work see: [kathrynabinowphotography.net/](http://kathrynabinowphotography.net/) She plans to bring one piece to reunion for sale to benefit our class gift.

When Susie Gaynor Day and her husband, John, came East from Portland, OR, in September to visit their daughter, they spent several days with Betsy Wadt Mulcare and husband Bob touring and sailing. They spent a delightful evening at Bill and Debbie Newcomb Nightingale's where they were joined by Anne Greer Garonzik and Liz Peale Allen. They shared stories and plans for the 50th.

Laraine Masters Glidden writes: Although I officially retired in 2012, I have continued to work part-time supervising student research in psychology at St. Mary's College of Maryland. ...While in San Francisco we visited Leslie Raissman Wellbaum, and had dinner with classmates Florence (now Chaney) Chang Li, and Jeannie Kinney Small-- a preface to reunion. Jeannie is still working full-time teaching science in an elementary school. A week earlier Kay Briden ('63) visited us from Minnesota as did Joan Singer Madison (MHC '64, but transferred to Barnard for her last 2 years) and her husband, Stu, another mini-reunion. MHC contacts continue to enrich our lives, and we greatly enjoyed the early November 70th birthday party in NYC for Barbara Rosen, held jointly as a retirement celebration for her wife, Pat Martone.

Karen Linnea Anderson-Gillis Writes: I live in Miami, FL in the winter but for the past 5 summers I've been in Hartville, WY building my retirement home. ... My house is ba-

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sically a dome with three attached rooms. I have done about 65% of the work myself. The dome has a cupola providing a third floor room. I can see the mountains in the west and Nebraska in the east from up there.

In October, Marilyn Brainard Hofmann and Nancy Albrecht August organized a luncheon. 21 of us from MA, NH & VT attended this fun and informative mini.

Suzanne Selby Grenager's daughter, Nora gave birth to her first, a daughter, Sally, who may follow in the line of her grandmother MHC '38, and great grandmother MHC '09. Please visit: [suzannegrenager.com](http://suzannegrenager.com).

Bobbie Craig Jameson visited Lil Menzi Barry at the wonderful 12-course Chinese wedding feast of Lil's daughter in NYC's Chinatown.

**Marjorie (Marjie) Pedersen Garren**  
**June 19, 1943 - July 11, 2013**

Marjie, known to her family as Maggie, was a Religion major living in Mead Sr year. We learned from her family that Maggie earned two master's degrees, one in education from Tufts, and one in speech pathology from Ohio State U. She worked at the Southside Virginia Training Center for those with severe intellectual disabilities, retiring as an administrator in 2006.

Maggie and her husband moved to San Diego. There she enjoyed retirement to the fullest, volunteering as a docent at the San Diego Botanic Garden, gardening at home, practicing Pilates and tai chi, working word puzzles, and spending time with her beloved family.

Maggie is survived by her husband Charlie, her daughter Elizabeth, and her granddaughter Abby, as well as brothers Ralph, Charles and John, and sisters Nancy and Barbara. Condolences can be sent to: Charles Garren, 16220 Pablo Dr, San Diego CA 92128.

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Our long-awaited 50th Reunion will be Thurs., May 15 to Sun., May 18. Ellen Manfredonia Nutter reminds us to arrive on Thurs. to participate in the afternoon Rising

Alumnae Ceremony, where we will present each member of the class of 2014 with a scarf to welcome her into the Alumnae Association. Other highlights: the class survey; our common read, “Flux”, by Peggy Orenstein; special tours of the Art Museum; back-to-class; facilitated discussions on the theme of Sharing Fifty Years of Personal Journeys and Life Lessons Learned; the President’s Dinner for our Class; and Saturday dinner speakers on the new MHC academic centers. The real attraction, of course, will be being together again. Do come, it won’t be the same without you!

Katherine (Kathie) Pfeifer Mack writes: I have been enjoying a life focused on the performing arts since I retired five years ago. Mostly I do “front of house” or production for events, but occasionally I perform. My personal costume collection now takes over the guest room! In July I was in a show at the New Old Theater featuring the music of the War of 1812. If I had two bodies, I would travel more, but I do manage occasional trips to Denver and San Francisco to visit my children and to South-Eastern Pennsylvania to visit relatives.

5 years ago Valerie Fleming Lewis retired as Connecticut Commissioner of Higher Education after a 45-year career in higher education. She is happily settled with her husband of nearly 50 years near the ocean within walking distance of their sailboat berth and easy travel to their two children and two grandchildren. Able still to volunteer and to do a bit of dancing, she counts herself extraordinarily fortunate.

Cynthia [Cindy] Wallace writes: I have been living in Geneva for 23 years now and am practically a citizen, but have been in the U.S. a lot in recent years with my parents on Lake Champlain, since my sister died of cancer in 2007. My Dad left us in 2012 at age 97 and I have stayed on with my mom, 99 in June. I am writing my 3rd non-law book after 5 on International economic law. This one is on ‘true’ worship. Nothing has changed my life more than what I share in this last book. (For the others, see my web site: [DrCDWallace.com](http://DrCDWallace.com)).

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Martha Judd Estroff received a Presidential Award for Excellence in Mathematics and Science Teaching (PAEMST) in recognition of her contributions in early childhood education. See [http://recognition.paemst.org/finalist\\_profile/30729](http://recognition.paemst.org/finalist_profile/30729)

Caroline Webster Bernard reminds us the 50th Yearbook is full of photos, intriguing results from 210 surveys, and personal pages from over 160 classmates. Books are to be ordered and mailed before Reunion. For details see your March reunion letter. Contact Caroline at: [carber64@gmail.com](mailto:carber64@gmail.com), if you have not already ordered.

After processing those 210 surveys, Jane Shilling Emerson proclaims: We have such a fascinating set of classmates - each one "uncommon" in her own way and always interesting. The statistics will tell you what the class as a whole is doing, thinking, and sharing from the coping experiences of being 71 and better.

Check: [www.mhc64.com](http://www.mhc64.com) for current reunion information!

Sadly:

**Nola Jean Bangs Carroll**  
**February 3, 1943 to January 11, 2014**

Nola was born in Chemung NY and graduated from Waverly High School. At college she was a physiology major who lived in 1837 Senior year. Jane Shilling Emerson remembers Nola as being very friendly, quietly aware, always capable and genuinely interested in helping a fellow student.

In May 1975, Nola married James Carroll. She received her Masters of Divinity from Rochester Divinity School in 1996 and pastored several United Methodist churches in Central New York. She was an avid gardener and loved to sing.

She is survived by her husband, Rev. James Carroll (1005 Old Preemption Rd, Lyons, NY 14489- 9785); daughter, Susan Giacchi of RI; son, Jonathan Carroll of NY; 3 grandchildren; and a brother and a sister.

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From our new president and 50th Reunion Chair, Ellen Manfredonia Nutter

Our 50th reunion was attended by 158 alums and 59 guests. That's a 49.5% turnout! We had so much fun renewing old friendships and getting to know new people. Many photos are available on DVD. Send your mailing information, email address, and a \$15 check payable to Joan Mead Eaton, PO Box 2039, New London NH 03257.

Reunion highlights included seminars by our classmates Hope Whitaker Justman on China's Ancient Roads, Susan Koch on US/Russia-Relations, Catherine Higgs Milton on Creating Americorps, Mary Lee Warren on Today's Globalized World, and

Priscilla Morse Huston on a panel entitled "STEM-U-Late Your Mind."

The Bridges Program connecting 1964 to 2014 will continue. You can support 2014's further study, career development, etc. by making sure that they can contact you. Please go to 'update your info' at [alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu) or call the Alumnae Association at 413-538-2300 for assistance. For help finding Bridges partner(s), contact Bridges Chair, Mary Lee Warren.

Our class broke records, with \$1,339,985 for the 50th reunion fund, \$10,060,137 for the comprehensive total (all gifts since 45th reunion), and participation of 88%.

Our new officers are:

- Ellen Manfredonia Nutter - President
- Anita Corman Weinblatt - Vice President
- Heather Tyrie Wilcauskas - Reunion Chair
- Caroline Webster Bernard - Secretary
- Diane Kelley Fenton -- Treasurer (continuing after 25 years of outstanding service)
- Priscilla Morse Huston and Jean Vnenchak -- Co- Scribes
- Mary Lee Warren - 1964/2014 Bridges Chair
- Barbara Flesch Resnek, Mary Vic Jones Giersch, Wendy Lycan Jackson, Carol Nagy Theodore, Gail Simons Humpheys, Gretchen Wuth Hays - Head Class Agents

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We decided getting together in person was so much fun that we are planning more get-togethers: NYC, DC, Philadelphia, Seattle, California, Asheville NC, Hilton Head SC, Oxford England, China and Finland. Details will be forthcoming.

#### Recent News:

- Mary Dee Beall and husband Bob Frank organized a January walk along the Bay Ridge Trail followed by lunch in San Francisco for classmates Marilyn Ursu Bauriedel and husband Bill, Betsy Callaway, Maxime Heimoff Turner and Keith Weber, and Nancy Chambers Goff.
- Betsy Callaway and Jeane Stewart Samuelson hosted Edie Prentice Mendez and Mary Dee Beall for a Feb. visit to the Oakland Museum of California.
- In April Gertrude (Gee Gee) Barden and husband Bill Morey visited Marilyn Ursu Bauriedel in Palo Alto. This was the first time Gee Gee and Marilyn had seen each other since graduation.
- Susan Bass Marcus was not at reunion because her oldest grandson was graduating from high school.
- Susan Smith White attended reunion with Maxine Heimoff Turner. Both had left MHC after sophomore year to marry.
- Georgia Smith Regnault wrote "my life changed dramatically in January 2013 when my husband Peter, was diagnosed with Multiple System Atrophy ... I became a caregiver and chief administrator of the family." A recent high point was sharing their daughter's wedding, where two granddaughters wore dresses made from Georgia's 47-year old wedding dress.

Memorials for each of our following classmates can be found in the In Memoriam section 2010-present of this website or by selecting a name below.

- Dixie Pierson - April 2, 2014
- Susan Trappe Black - February 10, 2014
- Linda Gilbert Katzenbach - April 13, 2013
- Tricia Colt - June 20, 2009

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Betsy Wadt Mulcare writes: soon after reunion, Annetta Kimball Weaver and Tom, and Bob and I joined the MHC trip “In the Wake of the Vikings” which took us to the highlands and islands of Scotland, Norway and Denmark aboard the SS Boreal. Lynn Pasquerella and John Kuckle were with us along with three from the class of ‘63, Sally Donner, Ann Sadowsky and Beverly Brown Bryant. It was a terrific trip, enhanced by having few other tourists around!

Mary Dee Beall and Bob Frank and Nancy Chambers Goff and Bob traveled to Alaska to enjoy the wonderful Denali scenery and the beautiful glaciers and whales near Sitka. They celebrated with great food and good fun. Martha Gray Livingston ‘60 was on the same multi-university trip.

Suzanne Selby Grenager writes: “After another year ping-ponging between PA, CA and Nova Scotia, Trond and I long for “a little house in the woods,” our metaphor for the simple, quiet late life we don’t yet have. Except for a rare post at [suzannegrenager.com](http://suzannegrenager.com), my writing is on hold till we settle down. But we are grateful that our problems are those of the blessed!

Winifred Hesson McCormick’s daughter and grandchildren from VA visited in August. Her daughter is writing 4 books for a German publisher. Winnie’s teaching English as a second language to her Bosnian grandmother, singing in the church choir and supporting Granite City Grocery that hopes to start a coop store in Barre, VT.

Susan Davis writes: Carol Carter Stevens and husband Bruce celebrated their 50th anniversary this summer at The Dunes Club in Narragansett, RI. Mary Lee King Coulson, Betsy Beatty Gable and I, who were at the wedding, attended, as well as Bruce Gable. During the festivities, everyone faced Canada to toast Alison Pedicord Schleifer and Jim whose 50th was Aug. 15. In September they celebrated with a trip to France, where they met in Paris in 1962 on the Hamilton College Junior Year program.

Diane Kelley Fenton’s husband John died in June after a long illness.

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M Meredith Dobyms muses retirement can be meaningful and connected to your career. But struggles with being heard in a committee that is not recognizing her expertise. "Very interesting finding my way in a world that is changing and where allies are either deceased or no longer working in my field!"

Nancy Chambers Goff has volunteered as mini-reunion chair. Let's keep on connecting as we did at our 50th.

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.