

Mount Holyoke College Class of 1964
After the Middle Ages Comes the Renaissance!
Reunion 2009

45th Reunion

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The 45th Reunion was terrific and took place May 29 - May 30, 2009. Check back soon for more details on the weekend.

We are pleased and proud to announce that Lily Kelbanoff Blake was presented with the Alumnae Medal of Honor during the Alumnae Associated Meeting on May 30, 2009

Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College
Alumnae Medal of Honor 2009

presented to

Lily Klebanoff Blake '64

LILY KLEBANOFF BLAKE, class of 1964, you have served Mount Holyoke College exceptionally well since your graduation, and from nearly all corners of the globe. You have been an alumnae representative and Book Aware chair in Armenia and Turkmenistan, to name just two of the places you've called home, and you've served as president, vice-president, and program chair of the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Club of New York.

You have also been an active member of the Nominating Committee and a Reunion Program chair, as well an influential member of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors. As chair of alumnae clubs, you served with enthusiasm, dedication, and what your peers describe as "esprit," bringing energy and fresh ideas to your volunteer role and inspiring others by your example.

In addition to your extensive volunteer service, you started your own business, Klebanoff International, which took you to Moscow, Russia, and then to Shanghai, China, where you eagerly agreed to meet with both alumnae and prospective Mount Holyoke students. You have also served Mount Holyoke and the Alumnae Association in Azerbaijan, the Republic of Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Belarus, Moldova, the Ukraine, Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania. You've been instrumental in spreading the message of Mount Holyoke and the Alumnae Association quite literally around the world.

For your devotion, loyalty, and unwavering support of your alma mater over the years, the Alumnae Association is pleased to present you with the Alumnae Medal of Honor on this, your 45th reunion.

Presented by:

Mary Graham Davis '65

President, Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College

Jane E. Zachary

Executive Director, Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College

Read the Class Minutes from Reunion 2009

Minutes of MHC Class of 1964 Class Meeting - May 30, 2009

Meeting convened at 8:10 AM, Joan Mead Eaton, President, presiding.

A motion to waive the reading of the Minutes from the 2004 Class Meeting passed by acclamation.

Treasurer, Diane Kelly Fenton, reported a beginning treasury balance after the 40th reunion of \$19,999.27. The details of income and expenses will be posted on the class website (www.mhc64.com). The current treasury balance is \$20,539.40.

Our next reunion will be our 50th and the expenses will be greater. Diane recommended that class dues be increased from \$30 to \$50, covering the next 5 years. The motion carried.

Thank you gifts were presented to Co-Head Class Agents Mary Vic Jones Giersch, Nancy Chambers Goff, Gail Simons Humphreys, and Gretchen Wuth Hays. Kate Shockey Lafrance was unable to attend, so hers will be sent to her. Joan also recognized the teams of agents who assisted the Co-Heads for their hard work in raising funds for the Class Gift.

Mementos were also presented to Reunion Chair, Mary Ann Lytle Anthony, and to Class Officers, Lisa Lansing, Vice President and Reunion Co-Chair, Diane Kelley Fenton, Treasurer, and Gretchen Beck Green, Secretary/Scribe.

New Business

The list of proposed officers prepared by Marilyn Ursu Bauriedel and her Nominating Committee was presented:

- President: Lily Klebanoff Blake
- Vice President: Anita Corman Weinblatt
- Reunion Chair: Ellen Manfredonia Nutter
- Secretary: Meg Cormeny O'Brien
- Co-Scribes: Priscilla Morse Huston and Jean Vnenchak
- Treasurer: Diane Kelley Fenton
- Co-Head Class Agents: Mary Vic Jones Giersch, Nancy Chambers Goff, Gail Simons Humphreys, and Gretchen Wuth Hays.
- Nominating Committee: Mary Dee Beall, Chair, Liz Peale Allen, and Gretchen Beck Green.

Heather Tyrie Wilcauskas moved that the slate be accepted. Motion was carried by acclamation.

A discussion followed re: how we should use the Treasury. At least 20 years ago, the Class voted to donate \$250. to the Library to buy a book with a plate honoring a deceased classmate. While that system has worked well to date, we are likely to run out of money, if we continue it.

Joan Mead Eaton mentioned several suggestions made in recent weeks:

- At our 50th reunion, present a piece of art to the College that would be placed outdoors or in the Library.
- Add the amount in the Treasury to the 50th Reunion Gift.
- Fund a scholarship

Diane Kelley Fenton advised that currently families are notified promptly after the contribution has been made to the Library in honor of their loved one.

Suggestions from the floor were:

- Gail Hunt Reeke: reduce the amount of the gift honoring each deceased to \$50.
- Heather Tyrie Wilcauskas: an annual gift to the Library with the names of all classmates who passed away during that year.
- Alison Pedicord Schleifer: libraries are in need of database software/licensing. We should set a sum of \$500. or \$1,000. annually to give to the Library to use for what they need.
- Barbara Flesch Resnek: agreed we should contribute on an annual basis with a plaque citing the source of the contribution.

- Mary Pugh Clark: made a plea that members of the class contribute memorabilia for the Archives.
- Gretchen Wuth Hays: encouraged us to contribute something visible to reinforce to students "because Alums cared". She told the background of the bench that she, Wendy Lycan Jackson, and an older MHC alum recently donated. It turns out that there is a "bench policy". Giving a piece of sculpture for the campus is not easy! Robin Gramlich Gordon shared that the family of Ellen Mahoney McLanahan wanted to donate a bench with daffodils planted around it near Blanchard. After great frustration, the bench is there, but the daffodils were not allowed.
- Ellen Manfredonia Nutter said it would be really nice to have the names of classmates somewhere, a view echoed by Betsy Wadt Mulcare, who also suggested that we ask the College for suggestions.
- Wendy Lycan Jackson proposed "living green things"a tree. Mary Vic told us that she had tried that 5 years ago.....the College also has "a tree policy"!!!
- Lisa Lansing suggested that we could compile the suggestions and send them out in a blast email i.e. conduct a "virtual meeting" on the subject.

Mary Ann Lytle Anthony made the following announcements about the reunion:

- There is an evaluation form from the College which can be completed on line, or fill in the one in the dorm room and drop it in the box at the front desk. There is also an evaluation for the class which will help in planning for the 50th.
- Assemble for parade at 10AM on Skinner Green, facing Blanchard. Alumnae Association meeting follows in Chapin Auditorium.
- Class photo: 3 PM on Skinner steps. Bring costume, both the umbrella and bag.

Key members of the Reunion Committee were recognized:

- Patty Madigan - Hospitality
- Barbara Anderson Ratigan -Costume
- Lily Klebanoff Blake - Dinner
- Ann Heckel Oppenheimer - Life stories
- Mary Vic Jones Giersch - Memorial
- Heather Tyrie Wilcauskis - Name tags
- Sue Davis - Class memorabilia

Memorial - 4:30 PM in the Rose Garden. 18 roses will already be in the vase in memory of classmates who passed away prior to our 40th reunion. A rose will be added for each of the 4 lost in the last 5 years.

Sue Davis put in a plug for the Archives. That prompted Heather to mention her 30 year collection of The Quarterly. Mary Ann contributed mementos from her grandmother's class of 1914. Marilyn Ursu Bauriedel has all the letters that she wrote home

during freshman year!

Mary Ann thanked Lisa Lansing for all she did, including having the booklets printed. She also thanked Joan Mead Eaton “for being a nudge”.

Joan announced that there is a silent auction for the needlepoint MHC pillow from Kate Shockey Lafrance. There are also a few of the silk scarves from the last reunion available for \$20. each. All proceeds will be added to the Class Gift.

Mary Vic called attention to the lovely baskets filled with pansies that Joan Mead Eaton made. They will be the centerpieces at the Saturday buffet dinner in Blanchard. Lily commented that Vinnie Ferraro (Politics) will be the guest speaker but will be speaking on something totally different than what he covered in his lecture on Friday.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:08 AM

Respectfully submitted,
Gretchen Green, Outgoing Secretary/Scribe