

# Mount Holyoke College Class of 1964

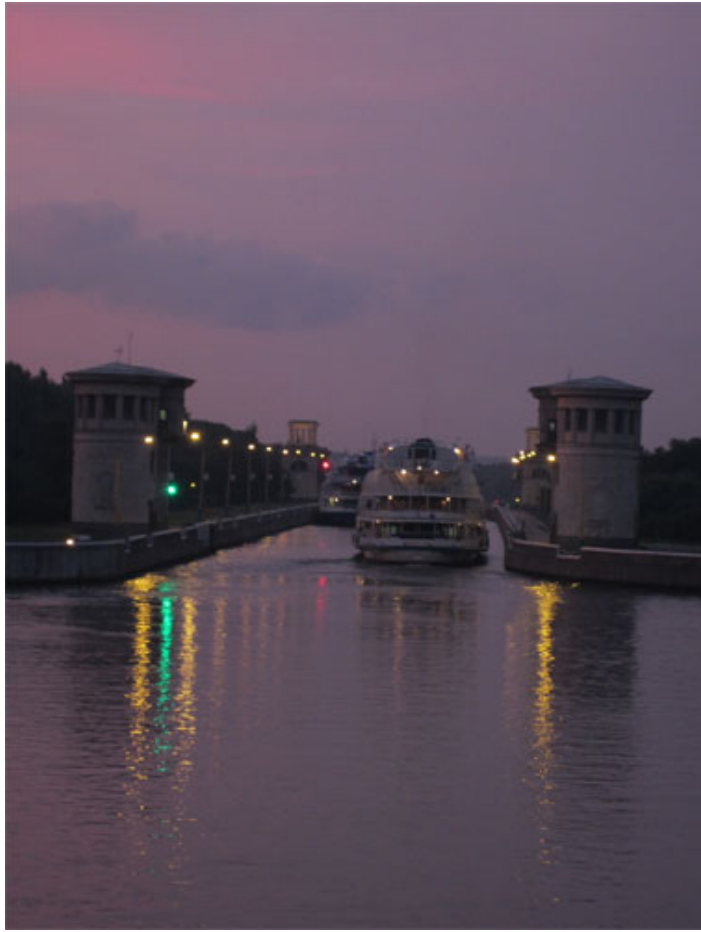
*After the Middle Ages comes the Renaissance!*

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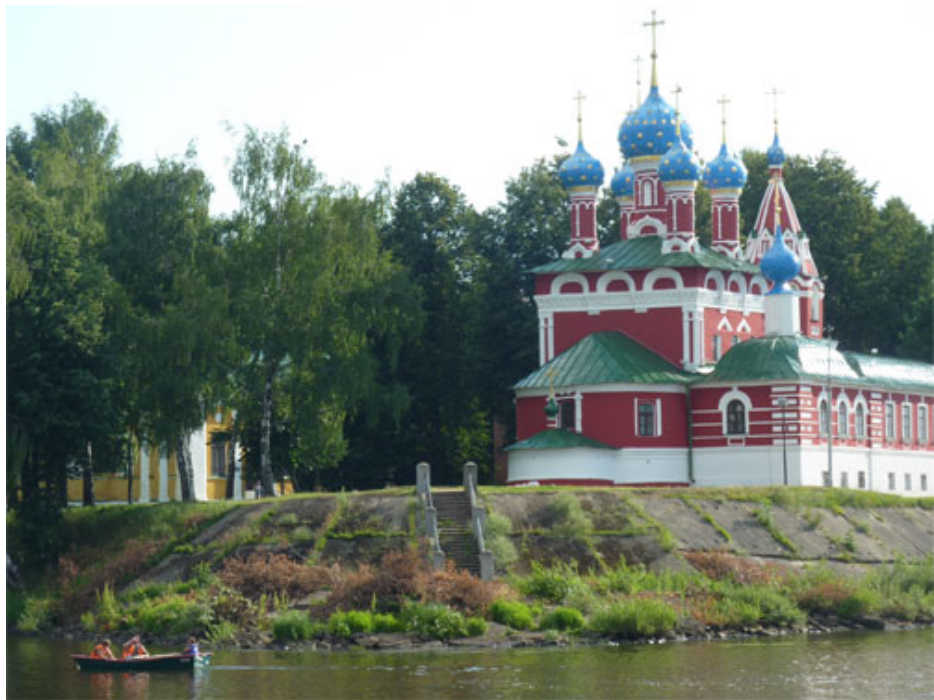
Anita Corman Weinblatt and Lily Klebanoff Blake took an alumnae trip to Russia this summer. They were joined by several other MHC alums, Ellen MacNeille Charles '59, Meg Gere Harris '71, Amy Johnson '72 (and her daughter Devon), and Linda Varian Urda '69. Since it stayed light until after 10 pm, we were able to enjoy the people strolling through Red Square in the evening, and see GUM, the major department store lit-up like a fairy tale and filled with western designer goods. (What must Lenin be thinking in his nearby Mausoleum?) We also met with Victoria Stepanenko '03 who lives in Moscow. The highlight of the trip was a cruise along the Volga with stops to see cities more than 1,000 years old, a rare opportunity to see the heart of Russia, followed by a trip on the Trans-Siberian railroad back to Moscow.



*Photo taken aboard the Volga Dream at Kazan - back row, left to right: Meg Gere Harris '71, Clint Harris (Meg's husband); Anita Corman Weinblatt '64; Ellen MacNeille Charles '59; Amy Johnson '71; and Linda Varian Urda ' 72 ; front row, left to right: Lily Klebanoff Blake '64; and Devon Johnson (daughter of Amy Johnson).*



*Photo taken from the Volga Dream of ship traversing one of the locks on the Volga River.*



*Photo taken from the Volga Dream of boaters enjoying the river. Numerous brightly painted churches with traditional onion domes border the river.*



*Photo taken in Uglich, one of the historic "Golden Ring" towns on the Volga River, reminiscent of Ancient Russia. One of many merchants selling traditional Russian crafts.*



*Photo, taken at Cafe Vogues in Moscow: Back row left to right, Lily Klebanoff Blake '64 and Victoria Stepanenko '03; front row left to right, Anita Corman Weinblatt '64 and Ellen MacNeille Charles '59.*





*Anita Corman Weinblatt and Lily Klebanoff Blake on the Golden Eagle train of the Trans-Siberian Railroad from Kazan to Moscow.*

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