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December 2012

Have you responded to the Class of 1968 Survey yet?

If you've already completed the survey and submitted it online, thank you! If you haven't responded yet, please take a few minutes to visit <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/1968Reunion2013Survey> and answer our nosy questions. (Your responses will be completely anonymous.)

The survey deadline has been extended to **January 15, 2013**. That's when we'll have to start sorting the data. Results will be reported in our 2013 Reunion Book.

Thanks for sharing your views in the survey - and best wishes for a happy, healthy, and fulfilling New Year!

Sherry Christie
For the Reunion Committee

News from Meg Crystal Lee

Aloha from Hawaii. I am planning to attend our 45th Reunion (Reunion II weekend) and am bringing my 91 year old mother to attend her 70th reunion (Reunion I weekend)! Can anyone top that? See you all in May.

Happy Holidays, Class of 1968!

Before you get too wrapped up in preparations for the festive season, please take a few minutes to answer some questions about yourself in our 45th Reunion survey. You'll find it at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/1968Reunion2013Survey>.

The aggregated results will appear in the 2013 Reunion Book, available during our Reunion XLV on campus next May 24-26.

Even if you don't plan to attend (and we hope you'll change your mind!), please answer the questions to give us a better idea where we are as a class. It should take less than 15 minutes to finish the survey and submit it online.*

Please complete and submit the survey by December 31, 2012. Why not do it now, while you're thinking about it?

Thank you, Classmate. Hope to see you in South Hadley next May!

Sherry Christie

For the Reunion Committee

P.S. We'll let you know later in January when the Personal Page template has been posted and is ready for your creative update.

* For a paper copy, call Paula Braga Leidich at 407-366-3366.

November 2012

Artist's Work

See Martha Jane Bradford's artwork on her website marthavista.com. Her work was described in the fall issue of the Quarterly.

Popular Mount Holyoke Professor Emeritus Mourned

Marjorie Kaufmann, Professor Emeritus of English Literature, has died. She was esteemed by many of our classmates, among generations of students whom she inspired. See the "In Memoriam" page on our website for her obituary. She will be deeply missed.

October 2012

News from Mount Holyoke from Ellen Petrino, Co-Head Class Agent, who attended the reunion workshop at the College at the end of September:

- The Annual Fund new name was announced - as you saw in a letter this week from College President Lynn Pasquerella - the Mount Holyoke Fund. Why the change? To remind us of why we are giving.
- Along with the new name is new flexibility with gift designation. You will now be able to indicate where you would like your donation used, such as student scholarship aid, faculty support, academic enrichment, technology/teaching tools, library/archives, campus preservation/beautification, athletics/physical fitness, student life, sustainability/green MHC, and wherever MHC needs it most.
- All gifts to Mount Holyoke will be counted in participation for the class - so continue to give to the Museum or an endowment, it will count toward our class participation.
- For Reunion gift recognition, there are some important changes. Beginning with our reunion, the gifts will be judged over the prior five years, not just on the reunion year's gift. In counting the dollar value of gifts, life income gifts will be recognized at face value, and for the 50th reunion and beyond (many beyond), bequest intentions during the five years will be recognized!!

Request from Memory Room Co-Chairs Karen Wilbur and Susan Yeshilian Manaras

If you have College and Class of 1968 memorabilia that you can share at our 45th Reunion, please let them know. Items will be returned to you before you go home. Thank you!

Email contacts: Karen (kmw214@gmail.com) or Susan (susan.manaras@gmail.com)

September 2012

From Kendra Gaines:

I was able to complete the 26-mile Inca Trail into Machu Picchu, Peru. It was all up and down, all rough rock, and no level spaces--just as the Inca people left it. It was also 4 days of hiking and camping out. I did this as a kind of spiritual journey in honor of my husband Ken, who died last September. We were going to do this trek together, but his cancer was too aggressive. So I decided to do it myself, and I carried with me a token of Ken's, plus a little love note from me, in a ziplock bag. I buried the bag at the second pass where the view of the mountains was literally breathtaking. Ken would have loved it. Afterwards, I was accompanied along miles of trail by a beautiful butterfly--and I don't have to tell you what I was thinking! I'm attaching a photo to document that reaching the age of 65 doesn't mean that we can't do extraordinary things!



July/August 2012

Please [click here to view the list of classmates](#) who have paid dues since the first notice went out. **New classmates added!!** There will be another update later in the fall. Thanks to all who have responded positively - it is much appreciated.

Reminder, \$30 dues for 2008-2013, made payable to the Class of 1968 are Always welcome!!

June 2012

Reunion 2012 in Pictures Here is a gallery of photos from Reunion 2012 that you might enjoy! These are posted, compliments of the Mount Holyoke Alumnae Association:

<http://www.flickr.com/photos/aamhc/collections/7215762986248442/>

News About Classmates --

Lynn Ely Houston writes:

A friend, my husband of almost 45 years, and I have a Lagoon 440, which is a 44 ft catamaran with 4 staterooms and 4 private bathrooms with showers, which we keep at the marina in the luxurious Palmas del Mar resort in Puerto Rico. We sail for pleasure in the gorgeous Caribbean, which has always been my idea of happiness, and we charter it to sail in the US Virgin Islands, the BVI, and the Spanish Virgin Islands, or elsewhere if we have sailed out of that region. Our friend has his captains license and is an excellent cook, besides knowing the area well so as to pick out the choice spots for anchoring. We charge \$7200 for a week with all but alcohol included. He will purchase whatever you request. It is relaxing, beautiful, very comfortable as a catamaran this size doesn't heel much, and priced way below the big charter companies. If anyone is interested you can contact me at lehouston12@gmail.com. My husband and I have sailed all our lives; actually our first date was sailing for an afternoon. The areas mentioned above are just exquisite and the reefs around the Spanish Virgins are particularly beautiful and unspoiled. When we get back on land we can't wait to get out again.

Anchors Away, Lynn

Joan Latchis Amory writes:

I retired from my second career reporting about fisheries issues in Maine several years ago--a good counterpoint to the American studies I had taught for 25+ years at a college in Portland. Since then I am relishing reading some of the many books I missed in college. Five of us have read *Ulysses*, *The Aeneid*, *The Divine Comedy*, & *Brothers Karamasov*. For our last meeting before summer kicks in we're reading *Walden*. While I did read this in high school, I'm feeling like a teenager reading it for a joyous first time. While reading Dante I was in correspondence with Bob Hollander, a fine Dante scholar who was a close friend of Bart Giammati and of course knew his father, our own Valentine Giammati.

I was a trustee of Unity College in Maine and currently am a trustee of Maine College of Art where I've chaired the Academic & Student Affairs committee for several years. It's been a good

way to stay in touch with academics and students and teachers. Gardening is my canvas though I am mostly interested in textures, shapes and colors of shrubs & trees rather than in flowers, and in the elements of surprise in turning a corner or finding a view--all in a small garden in downtown Portland.

We spend much of the summer and long weekends the rest of the year on North Haven Island in Penobscot Bay, Maine. Being on the water, swimming or sailing, stocks the soul for the long winters.

Great sorrow and great joy were compressed into 2011 as we buried both our mothers and welcomed the births of our first grandchildren, Agatha and Claire. Agatha lives with her parents 4 blocks away & her little playgroup of 2 arrives at our home every morning, along with their babysitter, for the day. We know how lucky we are. And Claire is close by in Boston.

Last summer I was laid low by a severe bacterial infection which put me in hospital for 8 days followed by 8 weeks of very strong antibiotics. I am fine now, and I mention this only to warn others that if you as an adult have a high fever, get thee to a hospital fast!

May 2012

The College highlights the quality of education

You may have seen this in the MHC Today publication:

The **Princeton Review** has named 14 Mount Holyoke faculty members to a list of the nation's Best 300 Professors, more than from any other U.S. college.

April 2012

Nominate Classmates

We hope you have seen the recent eblast in which Linda Cadigan encourages us to nominate classmates for the following awards. She explains the definitions for these two important awards:

- **The Loyalty Award** will honor an alumna who has demonstrated consistent effort and active involvement in one area of service over an extended period of time. Volunteer effort can be on behalf of a class, club, affinity group, the Alumnae Association, or the College. Nominees should be from classes that will hold reunions in the following spring. Deadline for submission: August 15th prior to reunion year.
- **The Medal of Honor** is awarded for eminent service in promoting the effectiveness of the Alumnae Association and/or College, for signal service in completing definite projects, or for other noteworthy services that strengthen the position of the Alumnae Association and/or the College. Significant leadership, specific accomplishments, and stellar service have been consistent over an extended period of time and broad-based across multiple major areas of involvement, which include class, clubs, affinity groups, the Alumnae Association, or College. Leadership has demonstrated a strong commitment to the future of the College and Alumnae Association, and has inspired other alumnae to do the same. Awarded beginning at the 20th reunion. Deadline for submission: August 15th prior to reunion year.

Please recommend classmates for one or both of these awards. You can send your candidate name(s) to the Internal Alumnae Awards Committee or to Linda at linda-cadigan@sbcglobal.net or call her cell 214-406-7604. If possible, include a paragraph or two about why you have chosen to recommend your classmate to the committee for consideration. A member of the committee will research the nominees and recommend our 45th Reunion Awards recipients. Our 45th Reunion will be May 24-26, 2013.

Linda says, "We have a great class and it is time for us to recognize women who have been stellar MHC Alumnae Association volunteers."

March 2012

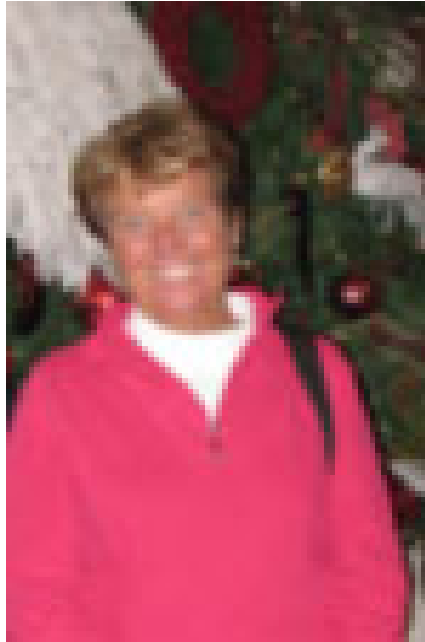
Welcome to our new Class of 1968 website! It was designed for us by our webmaster Kate Gombos. Now we have more options for

displaying images and for analyzing traffic on the site.

This is your website so please send your news and pictures to
paula@leidich.com

As we march toward our 45th Reunion, we will carry news from our Reunion Co-Chairs Chris and Susan and from Committee Chairs and other classmates. We are looking forward to this significant event, May 24-26, 2013.

Penny Calf was recently in Australia, exploring the habitats of native animals there. How's this for a teddy bear?



**Around Campus: Donal O'Shea
O'Shea Named President of Florida College**

Donal O'Shea, Mount Holyoke's dean of faculty for more than a decade and a longtime faculty member, has been named the next president of New College of Florida.

February 2012

Our 45th Reunion will be May 24-26, 2013! Save the date!

Let Chris (csalmon@nycap.rr.com) and Susan (siverson@mindspring.com) know of your interest in volunteering.

Mount Holyoke College Seeks Donations of Professional Attire: Please respond if you can to the College request below, written by a student.

Upon my arrival at Mount Holyoke College, I knew I wanted to support an organization that helped empower women. But it wasn't until I attended an event in Miami, Florida, hosted by E! News Anchor Giuliana Rancic and [Dress for Success](#) CEO Joi Gordon that I found an organization truly worthy of support.

[Dress for Success](#) empowers disadvantaged women to enter the workforce confidently by providing them with the professional attire, networking support, and career advice necessary to succeed in life.

Please join me in supporting this program at Mount Holyoke College by donating your professional attire for an awareness-building student fashion show this spring.

We are accepting jackets, suits, shirts, pants, skirts, and blouses that are new or nearly new and ready to be worn. All clothing used in the fashion show will be donated to [Dress for Success](#) to help women land jobs.

Please send or deliver items to Meghan Godorov at the Career Development Center by **Thursday, March 15**, and include your name and class year:

Attn: Meghan Godorov, [Dress for Success](#)
Career Development Center
Mount Holyoke College
50 College Street
South Hadley, MA 01075
Open Monday - Friday: 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

You can also donate directly to Dress for Success at www.dressforsuccess.org. I look forward to your help in supporting this program and empowering the women of the MHC community.

Thank you,

Scarlett L. Montenegro '14
Monte22s@mtholyoke.edu

Mount Holyoke and the History of Valentine Cards

Did you know that in 1848 alumna Esther Howland began the Valentine Card business in the US?

Boston's npr news station, 90.9 wbur, carries the story of this entrepreneur and uncommon woman. Click on this link to read the full story.

<http://www.wbur.org/2012/02/14/origin-valentines>

January 2012

Olivia Mellon shares some news with us:

"Sherry Christie and I are still working together, writing my monthly Investment Advisor columns, updating Money Harmony to be republished within the year; and the four books we've co-authored so far are still selling well and available to women, men, and financial advisors. My husband, Michael, retired last year so we're travelling more - about to go to Florida on a five-week jaunt that includes three Road Scholar trips and a visit to a 101 year old aunt I love. My son Anil won a fellowship for his Masters at Univ of Chicago studying Hinduism and Buddhism, among other religions. We have three grandkids, Asia Camille (7), DJ (4) and Eva OLIVIA (!), (3) who warm our hearts regularly. I still love giving my money psychology talks around the country for women's groups, financial advisors, therapists and the general public - it's what I love most about my work. My therapy and coaching practice is very very scaled back on purpose, so I have more time to travel and see the theater and dance I love so well. "

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