
Mount Holyoke Alumnae Club of Hartford Newsletter

Summer 2002

Introducing...the New Board!

Greetings! We want to thank everyone who has sent along comments or ideas for activities as well as those who want to volunteer! The Club Board met recently to formalize roles and responsibilities for everyone. So, here are the names you need to know:

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Upcoming Events

We have been working to plan events of interest to club members. As always, we encourage you to bring guests to club events. For any event that requires payment, please mail a check, payable to MHC Alumnae Club of Hartford, to Amy Coyle, Treasurer. If no payment is required, please RSVP to Noreen Kuziak, either via phone or email as listed above. If you have ideas or suggestions, we would be pleased to hear from you.

MHC Alumnae Book Club

If you are an avid reader, then the Book Club is for you! The Book Club meets on three Fridays a year at 10 a.m. in the Hartford area. If you would like more information, please call Mary Goodwin. The club always welcomes new participants.

September - Topdog/Underdog

Join us at the theatre to see this Pulitzer Prize-winning play by Suzan-Lori Parks '85 that tells the story of two brothers. Haunted by the past and their obsession with the street con game, Three-Card Monte, the brothers come to learn the true nature of their history. Details to be announced. Please call or email one of the board members if you are interested.

September 19th - - Making H(istorical) C(haracters): And You Thought Shattuck and Clapp Were Only Buildings?

Carole Shmurak '65 will talk about how her serious research on the 19th century women scientists of Mount Holyoke has turned into a series of novels for young adolescents, and the challenges of turning real people into fictional characters. The discussion will take place at 7:30 p.m., at the home of Julie Drake in Avon, CT. Coffee, tea and dessert will be served. The cost is \$5.00 per person, to be mailed in advance to Amy Coyle, address above.

October - Mountain Day Hike

The Club plans to arrange a day hike either near the College or in the Hartford area. Please e-mail any of us with suggestions.

October 19th - Saving for College and Retirement

Are you interested in saving for college tuition for your children or grandchildren? What is a 529 plan? Do you have to buy the Connecticut plan if you are a Connecticut resident? What investment strategies are available, e.g. asset allocation and college planning? What is the difference between a traditional IRA and a Roth IRA. Learn how to protect yourself against unexpected events and how to save for retirement, college tuition through managed investment products. Join us at the home of Amy Coyle in Middletown, CT from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost is \$5.00 per person to be mailed in advance to Amy Coyle, address above.

December 7th - Vespers at Mount Holyoke

Come and listen to the Glee Club and other choral groups in Mount Holyoke's Chapel. A musical start to the holiday season - for all ages.

Communications

For those of you who have an email address, you will be seeing occasional communications via email, as well as the hardcopy newsletter. While we will try to send out newsletters as appropriate to apprise you of activities or to convey Club news, an email address is very helpful for timely communication. An additional advantage to email is that it helps to reduce the costs of printing and mailing. If you have an e-mail address and are not receiving updates, please send a quick note to Maura at mpolci@snet.net.

Admissions

We have organized the club's admissions effort to include three standing events each year. We now have a team of volunteers willing to conduct interviews, make phone calls, attend college fairs, etc. According to the latest information from the college, fourteen new students from the Hartford area will be attending MHC in the fall.

Accepted Student Coffee Recap

On April 16th, we held an Accepted Student coffee at Shea Kinney's home in West Hartford. The evening was an opportunity for prospective students and parents to chat with alums in a relaxed setting. The students and parents in attendance had a variety of questions ranging from academics, to sports and student life.

Summertime Send-off

On August 22nd, our club will host the annual "Summertime Send-off" for all the new first year and transfer students going to MHC in the fall. The purpose of this event is to introduce first year and transfer students to each other, and to give them an opportunity to speak with some current students and alumnae about life on campus.

Annual Membership Form

2001-2002

Membership Dues are paid each year and are applied for the period of July 1st through June 30th. Please submit your check, payable to the Mount Holyoke Club of Hartford, to: Amy Coyle, Treasurer

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| Class of 2001 | no dues |
| Classes of 1998-2000 | \$10.00 |
| Classes of 1952-1997 | \$20.00 |
| Classes of 1951 and earlier | honorary member |
| Associate member (parent, non-alumna) | \$10.00 |

Name _____ Class _____

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| <i>I have enclosed...</i> | \$ | in dues for the 2000-2001 year. |
| | \$ | for the Alumnae Scholar Fund. |
| | \$ | to the Hartford Club treasury. |
| Total | \$ | <i>(any monies not allocated will be given to the Hartford Club treasury)</i> |

Recent Club Events

Wadsworth Atheneum, "Fine Arts and Flowers" Tour

A group of alums met on April 4th for a guided, "Fine Arts and Flowers" tour at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford. A good time was had by all as we enjoyed the superb works of art the Atheneum has to offer.

Campus Tour

May 4th was a beautiful Mount Holyoke day, and a few of us were able to take some time with our families to tour the campus. There is much construction; however, there are some many new things on campus! Pratt has been renovated, and we were able to take a glimpse of the renovated art building. The library is magnificent! If you haven't been to campus for awhile, you should definitely take some time in the Fall to see all of the campus' new features.

Mary Lyon Dinner

Well, there was no Deacon Porter's Hat, but it was certainly a fun evening! On April 18th, we hosted about 40 members and their guests at the Town and County Club in Hartford. The speaker was supposed to be Professor John Grayson; however, he fell ill at the last minute! So, in a scramble to find a new speaker, Kathy Lichtenstein from the Admissions Office graciously stepped into the role. She was fabulous, telling us all about the "admissions process" at Mount Holyoke, which is much more complex than any of us realized. If you have any questions about Admissions, please feel free to call or write Board members, Julie Drake or Bev Lucas.

"Voices of Hope" Brunch

Sunday, June 9th was a beautiful morning, and Carole Shmurak '65 led a fascinating discussion around her critically acclaimed book, "Voices of Hope" at Hopbrook Restaurant in Simsbury. In fact, we've asked her back to speak to the Club about another of her talents: how she takes research and turns them into historical fiction. Please see the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter.