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## MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE CLASS OF 1992

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#### *From the President*

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Greetings everyone! As your incoming president I would like to bid you a warm and hearty hello! First, I would like to thank the outgoing board for their great tenure. Erin Ennis did an excellent job as President and the same can be said for the rest of the board. The last board did some great things for our class: record gifts/participation to the Alumnae Fund, the e-blast, class website, web sales of our class merchandise, reconnecting with old classmates, tracking down "lost" classmates, and the list goes on. Your new board looks forward to continuing where they left off.

Our 15 year reunion has come and gone but plans for our 20 year reunion are already underway. Some great ideas were thrown around during reunion and I invite you to share your thoughts and ideas with us. We're just an email away. In a few months we will hold our first board meeting to plan our way ahead. For now, my expectations for the next 5 years are simple:

- reconnect our classmates,
- increase class participation,
- support Mount Holyoke and the Alumnae Association, and
- pull off an amazing 20th reunion.

But all this can't happen without you. I invite you to stay involved with our class. This can be anything from being a class agent, paying your class dues, sending in a quick note to our class scribe or just making sure your information is up to date. So read on and once again, welcome!

-- Melanie Carino

#### **Reunion Wrap Up**

#### **2007 Reunion features Sisterhood, Style, and Scorpion Bowls**



From walking in the Laurel Parade (sporting one of the most stylish class color accessory choices) to enjoying punch with the class of '42, chilling in South Rocky's living room or storming the stage at the HuKeLau, it was a weekend to remember! [Want more?](#)

**Looking for photos:** Do you have photos from Reunion 2007 that you're willing to share with your classmates? Please send them to our Webmaster, [Kate Gombos](#), and we'll post them to the class website.

#### **From the Alumnae Association:**

Please visit the Association's Web site, where we've posted the Reunion 2007 Photo Gallery at [Reunion 2007 Photos](#). Just click on the link at the bottom of the page [www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu) and see all the wonderful photos and film clips of Reunion 2007.

If you have any other thoughts or ideas please feel free to contact Joni Haas Zubi, Associate Director of Classes and Reunions, at [jhaas@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:jhaas@mtholyoke.edu) or 413-538-2739.

**Reunion 2007:** The numbers just keep growing. 1,200 alumnae returned to campus during their reunion weekend this year, making Reunion 2007 one of the largest and most successful in recent years. Also in attendance were 365 guests, as well as nearly 200 children and teens who attended the popular Children's Program and Teen Scene.

Highlights included the traditional laurel parade (under brilliant blue skies); a ceremonial presentation of a "time capsule" from the class of 1957 to this year's graduating class, to be opened on the 50th reunion of the class of 2007; Back to Class workshops on everything from Spanish to Darwin to classical music for kids; and, as always, lively social hours and class dinners where alumnae reconnected and reminisced.

You can relive the joy of Reunion 2007 (or experience it virtually) by viewing our [Reunion Photo Gallery](#).

***From the Class Agent***

We hope you are all enjoying the last days of summer. It seems like just last week that we were catching up and hanging out with many of you at reunion!

In this, our last update to you as Head Class Agents, we are pleased to report on our 2006-2007 results. Thanks to the generosity of more than 32% of you, we raised over \$54,000 for the Annual Fund. While short of our goals, we are pleased with this gift to the College; this gift represents 100% participation from our outgoing Class Board, 100% participation from the more than fifty '92s who attended reunion, and over 90% participation from our hard-working team of class agents. The Annual Fund, which contributes 10 percent of the College's annual operating budget and provides funds for financial aid, faculty salaries, a wide range of teaching and research tools, and the ongoing maintenance of the College campus, surpassed \$8M this year and is on track to reach \$10M in 2010 – one of the key goals of the Campaign for Mount Holyoke.

Thanks to each and every one of you who have made a gift over the past 5 years. Together, we have raised a total of nearly \$140,000 on behalf of the Annual Fund with an average annual participation rate of 32%.

These results would not have been possible without the efforts of our dedicated class agents who write notes, send e-mails, and make phone calls to raise money for the College. A special thanks to this year's team!

Laura Althoff	Kate Kiernan-Pagani
Amy Andrade	Kristin Kraus
Melanie Carino	Natasha Penso
Julia Cronin	Elizabeth Pierce
Karin Dimon	Kira Radtke
Janae Donady	Megan Sandquist
Sharon Dougherty	Kristen Scheyder
Jeanine Grain	Jennifer Shaw
Caroline Hermann	Maria Smith
Michelle Janke	Brook Stites
Celeste Jones	Elana Toscano
Shelley Keir	Jennifer Webster

We look forward to your continued contributions as committed volunteers for the Annual Fund.

Finally, we welcome Esther Nasjleti, our new Head Class Agent. We know Esther is committed to extending our class' strong track record of giving and we thank all of you in advance for helping make Esther successful through your continued support of Mount Holyoke and the Annual Fund.

-- Alicechandra and Amy

***Class Dues***

Dues are \$5/year between now and our 20th Reunion in 2012, but we're happy to accept contributions of any amount at any time. **What do dues pay for?** Our largest expense is reunion. Dues also pay for class newsletters, seed money for fundraisers, etc.\*

**Click here to make a payment using any major credit card through [JustGive.org](http://JustGive.org)** - quickly, easily, securely.\*\*

**Rather Send A Check?**  
Send your check, payable to "MHC Class of 1992," to Kathryn McCarthy Popoff, Treasurer  
c/o Melanie Carino  
PO Box 1199  
Ft Myer, VA 22211

-- Kathryn McCarthy Popoff

\* Funds raised by the class help to lower the cost of reunion for everyone in our class.  
\*\* contributions through [JustGive.org](http://JustGive.org) are paid to the class, not to the AA

***From the Class Scribe***

**Deadline for the Next Alumnae Quarterly is Coming Up Soon! Don't Miss Out!**

The deadline for notes and news for the next issue of the Alumnae Quarterly is coming up! **Submit your stories online!**

-- Maria Fish Smith

***From the Webmaster***

Visit our website at [www.MHC1992.com](http://www.MHC1992.com) and

- catch up with classmates,
- see photos from reunion,
- check progress on our class participation in the Alumnae Fund,
- meet the class board and
- check out the photos!

We're inviting classmates to send their family photos, wedding photos, baby photos, favorite vacation photos and more! See the section called "Class Stories". Some it is full, some of it is empty - so send your entries along and let's fill it up!

-- Kate Gombos

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