

# Mount Holyoke Club of the Peninsula

*The Alumnae Club Courier – uncommon news for uncommon women*

Spring 2003

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ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION of  
MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE

Established in 1872, the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is legally independent from the College, but interdependent in purpose. Its mission is to support Mount Holyoke College in its commitment to excellence by cultivating an active, independent association of alumnae, who are connected, informed and actively involved in the life and work of the College.

## Message from the Club President

### Dear Peninsula Club and Bay Area Mount Holyoke Alumnae:

This has been an exciting year so far. We now use email for fast, cost-effective communications, have a web site of up-to-date club information, have planned and attended many activities, and have continued revising the club bylaws. Board members, committees and admissions volunteers all cooperated and accomplished a lot! Most have offered to continue with their offices next year, but we still welcome more volunteers. Board meetings are open, and we encourage members to come, especially if you want to consider being a board member in the next few years, or if you are interested in helping with any of the jobs that need to be done now (e.g. newsletters and event arrangements).

We had two joint events with the San Francisco Club and are working with them to strengthen both clubs with further activities. We are also starting to work with the Seven Sisters and the Ivy Alliance groups in the Bay Area, for even more opportunities for interesting meetings and networking.

Our website, [www.mhcupeninsula.org](http://www.mhcupeninsula.org), changes frequently. It needs to! We're hoping for photos and color and better design in the coming year. If we restrict access to members only, we could safely post replies and carpool arrangements for meetings. We could have an up-to-date membership list, rather than just sending a printed list every few years. As of now, we show an up-to-date calendar and meeting information, so do check it before attending a meeting, to see if any changes have been announced and to find a map.

We want to encourage new and old members to be active in making the plans and connections that will keep the club going for many years to come. We already have planned several exciting events for the summer and fall, and there is a survey form on page 3 to help us understand your interests. Please fill it out and mail or bring it to the annual meeting. Thank you all for having made this year a pleasure, and ESPECIALLY thanks to Amanda Langer Okamoto, who produced this newsletter in record time!

Anne Wagner Raphael, '62

## Remembrance

*We would like to acknowledge the passing of Jo Walker '64, and remember her for her many contributions to the MHC community and to the Peninsula Club. In her memory she requested that donations be made to any of her favorite charities including the Alumnae fund.*

## Upcoming Events

### Book Events

**Monday, May 19: 7:30 PM.** Pulitzer Prize winning alumna **SUZAN-LORI PARKS '85** will be at Kepler's Book Store, 1010 El Camino Real, in Menlo Park. She will read from and sign her new novel, "Getting Mother's Body." MHCers can buy a light dinner at 6:15PM at a little cafe next door to Kepler's, Cafe Borrone. Wear warm clothes, because many tables are outside. RSVP to Anne Raphael at (650)941-0102 or [anne@raphaelconsulting.com](mailto:anne@raphaelconsulting.com) if you want to be at the Cafe, so she can hold some tables.

If you can't get there that night, Suzan-Lori Parks will be at Cody's bookstore in Berkeley on Tuesday, May 20th.

**Friday, June 6:** Joint meeting of book clubs, open to all, to discuss "This Body" with the author, Laurel Doud. The meeting will be at 7:30PM at the home of Jan Kyne, 13724 Lexington Court, Saratoga. Please bring a snack or drink to share, and RSVP to Jules Dickinson at (408) 279-4897 or send email to [jdickinson@placeware.com](mailto:jdickinson@placeware.com).

**Saturday, July 19:** Nancy Capulet, local author of "Putting Your Heart on Line" will discuss her book on on-line dating. Jerri Barrett is coordinator. Time and place TBA.

### Book Awards:

Stephanie Wick and Sharon Nelson-Barber need some volunteers to purchase and deliver books to about 9 schools that were handled by Jo Walker and Zo Webster in past years. The club will reimburse the cost of books. Some schools would like a personal presentation at an awards ceremony, but usually you can just drop off a book with the bookplate and award letter at the guidance office. Call Stephanie at (650)322-5048 or

<mailto:swick@collegefoundation.org>

### Club Calendar

**Sunday, May 18:** Family picnic and tour of Wilder Ranch State Park, Santa Cruz, with docent Jan Hall Schwind, '60.

*Significant others and kids are welcome* for a tour of the old ranch house and barns, a potluck picnic lunch, optional wildflower and bird walk down to the beach, etc. Early owners of Wilder Ranch bought all the latest in farm and household gadgets and machinery around a hundred years ago, and much of that early technology is on display there.

For description and a map see:

[www.santacruzstateparks.org/parks/wilder/](http://www.santacruzstateparks.org/parks/wilder/) We'll meet at the orchard at noon for a picnic lunch (bring your own food plus some goodies to share) followed by a private tour of the historical ranch buildings and then a walk. RSVP by phone to Jan Schwind at (831) 425-3845 or send email to [janschwind45@cruzio.com](mailto:janschwind45@cruzio.com). If you can offer or want carpool arrangements, contact Anne Raphael by phone at (650) 941-0102 or send email to [anne@raphaelconsulting.com](mailto:anne@raphaelconsulting.com)

### Annual Club Meeting

**Sunday, June 8: 2 - 4 PM.** Annual meeting of the club at the home of Jill Breckenridge, 2505 Coronet Blvd, Belmont, CA. We need a quorum (15 members) to vote for next year's officers and discuss and amend the club bylaws. Bring potluck snacks and/or drinks. Come with your calendar and your suggestions/opinions for future meetings! Bring your checkbook, too, for next year's dues and an optional contribution to the Alumnae Fund in memory of Jo Walker. RSVP to Jill Breckenridge at (650)-654-9840 or send email to [mhc65@earthlink.net](mailto:mhc65@earthlink.net).

Current and proposed bylaws are posted on our web site: [www.mhcpeninsula.org/mhc/Currentandproposedbylaws.htm](http://www.mhcpeninsula.org/mhc/Currentandproposedbylaws.htm) If you are receiving this newsletter by mail, a printed version is attached.

We still want club members for board and committee positions! If you want to help the Club, please call Betty Cheng, Nominating Chair, at (650)498-8907 or [bcheng@smi.stanford.edu](mailto:bcheng@smi.stanford.edu).

## More Events this Fall

**Saturday, September 13: 9 AM to Noon.** Community volunteer project and panel discussion by MHC alumnae now working at local non-profits. "MHC's Mission in the 21<sup>st</sup> century - Women improving the world" followed by a food sort at Second Harvest Food Bank, Curtner Ave., San Jose. Coordinators Ellie Reynolds and Jill Breckenridge.

**Sunday, September 21: 2 PM.** Matinee at the San Francisco Opera, featuring "The Mother of Us All", about Susan B. Anthony. Music is by Virgil Thomson and libretto by Gertrude Stein. This will be an exciting joint meeting with the San Francisco MHC Club.

**October/November:** Walking tour of museums in San Jose. Possible tours include the Quilt Museum, the Tech, a backstage tour of the Repertory Theater, San Jose Museum. Call Ellie Reynolds and share your ideas on what you would like to do!

## Bed and Breakfast Program

Please contact Marilyn Bauriedel by email at: [mmbauriedel@ursu.com](mailto:mmbauriedel@ursu.com) or by phone at (650) 493-3180, if you can offer hospitality as part of the Peninsula Mount Holyoke club's B&B lodging program. The B&B program is for short-term overnights (1, 2 or 3 nights), not lengthy visits. B&B reservations are normally made with at least a week's advance notice/reservation and may be declined if inconvenient. Please see the web sites below for more information on the B&B program:

[www.mhcupeninsula.org/mhc/BEDANDBREAKFASTPROGRAM.htm](http://www.mhcupeninsula.org/mhc/BEDANDBREAKFASTPROGRAM.htm)

[www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/item.cfm?id=24](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/item.cfm?id=24)

### MOUNT HOLYOKE CLUB OF THE PENINSULA ANNUAL DUES 2003-2004

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class Year: \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Last Name Upon Graduation Current Last Name

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

E-mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: (w) \_\_\_\_\_ (h) \_\_\_\_\_

Amount Enclosed: \$10 \_\_\_\_\_ Alumnae out less than ten years

\$20 \_\_\_\_\_ Alumnae out ten years or more

\*Dues are free for 50 year plus alumnae in 2002-2003. If bylaws pass, their dues will be \$10 in 2003-2004.

\_\_\_\_\_ Optional contribution for Alumnae Fund

*Please make your check payable to:* Mount Holyoke Club of the Peninsula

Please tear off this form and mail to:  
 Janet Chang '91  
 113 Anita Road, Apt. 2  
 Burlingame, CA 94010-3085.

*Ideas for future club activities:* Are you interested in:

\_\_\_\_lectures \_\_\_\_panels on local issues \_\_\_\_networking events \_\_\_\_book group \_\_\_\_video group

\_\_\_\_potluck brunches/lunches/dinners \_\_\_\_gatherings at restaurants \_\_\_\_hiking/outing \_\_\_\_museums

\_\_\_\_theater, opera or concerts \_\_\_\_house /garden tours other \_\_\_\_\_

Any events you would like to coordinate? \_\_\_\_\_

## Other Alumnae News

The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College will hold an annual **Essay Contest** where Mount Holyoke alumnae, students, staff, and faculty will be invited to submit essays on the topic, "What Concerns Me Most."

Cash awards will go to first- and second-place winners and the top essay will be published in the spring 2004 *Alumnae Quarterly* magazine. Runners-up will have their essays published on the Alumnae Association's Web site.

For more details and essay contest guidelines see the Alumnae Association web site:

[www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/quarterlydet.cfm?id=133](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/quarterlydet.cfm?id=133)

### Late news - ADMISSIONS

We are delighted that the next year we will have a BIG number of first year students from this area attending Mount Holyoke. Not all students have replied, but those who will attend include: Natalie Cheng, Leah Davis, Tessa Hammer, Karen Jardine, Bridget Munro (spring,) Michele Patton, Tina Pratt, Chantel Tester and Demeter Trieu. Congratulations to all of them, and also to our members Saisie Pratt, '41, Tina's grandmother, and Penny Trieu '99, Demeter's sister.

### *Online chat*

An online chat to discuss women and religion will be hosted by the Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College, on Wednesday May 14, from 7 to 8 p.m. EDT.

To register for the online chat, please go to:

[www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/chatreg.cfm](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/chatreg.cfm), or e-mail [scoleman@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:scoleman@mtholyoke.edu).

### Reunion: 2003 Dates and Years

Reunion I		Reunion II	
May 23 - 25		May 30 - June 1	
75th	1928	65th	1938
70th	1933	55th	1948
60th	1943	45th	1958
50th	1953	35th	1968
40th	1963	30th	1973
25th	1978	20th	1983
10th	1993	15th	1988
2nd	2001	5th	1998

*\*Contact your class officers for more information!*

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