

Mount Holyoke Club of Hartford

∞ Fall 2007 Newsletter ∞

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∞ A Letter from the President ∞

As I type this letter, I am sitting in my hotel room in Orlando, FL, in early August. It is in the middle 90s outside but feels like 105 with the humidity. We saw the space shuttle fly off into outer space yesterday while we were on our own shuttle back from the Magic Kingdom. I imagine when everyone receives this newsletter in the mail, we will have begun to see the leaves start to turn the oranges, reds and yellows we all love to see in fall in New England. The temperatures will have cooled and we will be pulling out our sweaters.

As president of the Hartford Alumnae Club, I am very happy to report that we have a small but growing group of fun and interesting women working to keep your club going strong. We are all working hard to make the club what you want it to be. Please do not hesitate to let us know how we can better serve your needs! I would like to announce that we have a number of new members on our board. Jennifer Klee and Kathleen Usher have stepped up to take on our secretarial position as co-secretaries. Our previous secretary, Sara Barczak, has moved to co-chair of our Young Alumnae group, along with Christina Engel. Tatiana Tompkins will be our chair of membership and nominating committee. If anyone would like to get involved, I encourage you to do so. Join a committee or inquire about leadership positions. I think you will enjoy the experience.

Have a wonderful fall, and I look forward to seeing you at the Mary Lyon Dinner and other events!

Sincerely,

Alison Shirley Perrin '84
President

Events Schedule

☞ **Book Club Meeting** ☞

Wednesday, September 12, 2007, at 7:00 p.m.
Cosi Café in West Hartford Center
Cost: Free

Field Notes from a Catastrophe by Elizabeth Kolbert is the Fall 2007 Common Read. Kolbert, whose book expands on a series of *New Yorker* articles she wrote about climate change, will speak at MHC on September 19, 2007.

Please RSVP to Kristin Allukian by Friday, September 7.

☞ **Mary Lyon Dinner** ☞

Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 6:30 p.m.
Pond House Café in Elizabeth Park, West Hartford
Cost: \$37

Join MHC alumnae and friends at the Pond House in West Hartford for our annual dinner. Special guest speaker to be announced. This is a great first event for Greater Hartford alumnae interested in learning more about the Club and meeting other alums. We will also conduct a brief meeting to discuss club business. Only dues paying members and honorary members may vote, so get those dues in! All classes are welcome and encouraged to attend. Cost of the event includes hors d'oeuvres, salad, pasta, entree, dessert, wine, soda, coffee and tea. Please register by Friday, October 5th online at www.mhclubofhartford.org or by using the form on the back of this newsletter.

☞ **Knitting Group** ☞

Monday, October 22, 2007, 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
AC Moore in Manchester
Fee: \$2

Interested in learning to knit? Been knitting for years and looking for a knitting group? Karen Rose '92 will host a knitting group for knitters of all levels. No matter your level or interest, we invite you to join us for an evening of knitting, meeting area alums and learning more about MHC Hartford Club events. Knitting needles and yarn will be provided.

Please RSVP to Karen Rose by Wednesday, October 17th.

☞ **First Thursday at the Wadsworth Athenaeum** ☞

Thursday, November 1, 2007, 5:30-7:00 p.m.
Wadsworth Athenaeum, 600 Main Street, Hartford
Cost: \$5 admission charge

Join other MHC alums at the Wadsworth's Phoenix After Hours First Thursday and enjoy live music, delectable and cocktails, gallery talks, and films. Free for museum members.

Please RSVP to Carlin Carr by Monday, October 29th.

☞ **Book Club Meeting** ☞

Tuesday, January 22, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Cosi Café in West Hartford Center
Cost: Free
Reading Lolita in Tehran by Azar Nafisi

An inspired blend of memoir and literary criticism, *Reading Lolita in Tehran* is a moving testament to the power of art and its ability to change and improve people's lives. In 1995, after resigning from her job as a professor at a university in Tehran due to repressive policies, Azar Nafisi invited seven of her best female students to attend a weekly study of great Western literature in her home. Since the books they read were officially banned by the government, the women were forced to meet in secret, often sharing photocopied pages of the illegal novels. Though most of the women were shy and intimidated at first, they soon became emboldened by the forum and used the meetings as a springboard for debating the social, cultural, and political realities of living under strict Islamic rule. The books were always the primary focus, however, and they became "essential to our lives: they were not a luxury but a necessity," she writes.

Please RSVP to Kristin Allukian by Friday, January 18th.

Please visit our website www.mhclubofhartford.org, or contact any board member, for information about all of the club's events. We welcome your suggestions!

☞ **Annual Club Membership Dues** ☞

Have you paid this year's dues yet? Annual dues are applied for July 1 through June 30 and help support club events, newsletters and mailings. Fill out the membership form on the back page.

☞ **Book Awards** ☞

We had a banner year for book awards. Thanks to the generosity of alumnae, we were able to recognize 19 high school juniors for outstanding academic achievement, leadership and commitment to community—exceeding our record year in 2006. If you would like to support this time-honored tradition, please contact Linda Roderick. Sponsorship is \$35 per book award and you can choose the school to which you would like your award to be given. Let's make 2008 another banner year!

☞ **The Young Alumnae Club** ☞

The Young Alumnae Club is organizing a team to participate in the Making Strides Against Breast Cancer walk held by the American Cancer Society. If you did not receive an Evite for this event and would like to participate, please contact Christina Engel. The walk will be held on Sunday, October 14 at 9 AM at Bushnell Park in Hartford. There is no minimum donation to participate. Come out to raise money for a great cause and represent MHC!

☞ **Admissions News** ☞

On August 14 we held a reception for accepted students at Cosi in West Hartford center. There was a great turnout—about 20 incoming first years and a few current students and a book award recipient had a chance to meet, exchange email and get the scoop about what to expect at MHC.

☞ **Keep in Touch** ☞

Remember to notify the Alumnae Association of any changes to your contact information—don't forget about your e-mail address, too! You can e-mail Alumnae Information Services at ais@mtholyoke.edu and they will notify us as well.

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Linda Roderick FP '04
Book Award Chair

Alison Gorman FP '96
Admissions Chair

Karen Rose '92
Publicity Chair

2007-2008 Membership Form

Please submit your check, payable to:
 Mount Holyoke Alumnae Club of Hartford
 Maura Provencher, Treasurer
 27 Petersen Road
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Class of 2007	no dues
Classes of 2003-2006	\$10.00
Classes of 1958-2002	\$20.00
Classes of 1957 and earlier	honorary member*
Associate member (parent, non-alumna)	\$10.00

Or pay online at www.mhcclubofhartford.org

Name _____ Class _____

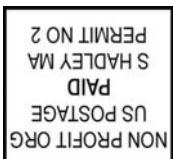
Phone _____ Email _____

Yes, I would be willing to host a small club event in my home.

I have enclosed...

	\$	2007-2008 Dues (July 1 through June 30)
	\$	Alumnae Scholar Fund
	\$	Funds for the Hartford Club Treasury
	\$	Mary Lyon Dinner See details on page 2 \$37 per person. Guest: _____
Total	\$	<i>(any monies not allocated will be given to the Hartford Club treasury)</i>

*Honorary members should complete and mail this form so that we have record of your active participation in the club.



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