

Mount Holyoke Alumnae Club of New Haven

The Alumnae Club Courier – uncommon news for uncommon women

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Message from Club President

Dear Fellow Alumnae,

Fall is here. As a teacher, for me fall means reconnecting with familiar faces and friends, building new connections, evaluating what I value enough to include in my life, envisioning what I haven't made time for in the past that I want to make time for this year. It seems a perfect metaphor for our Alumnae Club.

Perhaps this year you'll reconnect with old Mount Holyoke friends. (Realizing the "old" was perhaps not the best word, I checked my computer's thesaurus. It suggested "cherished". What cherished friends might you reconnect with this fall?)

Perhaps you'll meet alums who had been strangers or who were only familiar faces, and find new friends to cherish.

Perhaps a perfect fall day will bring back memories of Mountain Days or the gorgeous foliage on campus, and you'll decide that maybe you do have enough time in your life to attend an alumnae club event.

We have planned an eclectic assortment of events this year to entice you to join us!

On October 21st Debby Hall '74 (a native of North Haven) will be coming from her present home in New Hampshire to tell us of the Alumnae Glee Club singing their way around China. Hopefully you received a notice about this already. (If not, please contact me at natashadomina@hotmail.com or (203) 271-3123.)

On December 1st we are going to gather at an alumna's house and assemble end-of-the-semester care packages for students from the New Haven area who are currently attending Mount Holyoke.

On March 1 Professor Vinnie Ferraro will give a talk about American foreign policy and/or politics inside the United States. (We'll let you know more specifically as the date gets closer.)

We are in the process of arranging for an a capella group from Mount Holyoke to perform a concert for us towards the end of April.

We will also continue our ongoing programs of the book club and the book awards. The book club is shifting its meeting time and venue. We will be meeting on Thursday nights at 7:00 and rotating between members' houses and/or cafes with easy parking. Please contact Natasha Domina (at 203-271-3123 or natashadomina@hotmail.com) for information on what we're reading and where to meet us.

Irene Nolan '82 is in charge of the book awards. She is happy to report that last year we gave out 24 books honoring 24 outstanding junior women. We are hoping to give out as many this year. The hitch is that each book needs to have a book plate naming the honoree glued inside; then each book needs to be wrapped, and then delivered to the high school giving the award. We will need help with all these tasks, particularly delivering the books. We are also hoping some of you will send in donations to cover the cost of buying these books. With your help the club will be able to afford nice editions. In the past we have suggested a \$25 donation to cover the cost of the book. With the cost of books ever on the rise, we would be grateful for any extra money you could send (perhaps \$30 or even \$40?).

We are also looking to expand the programs the club offers. Maybe we could do more to design children-friendly events, maybe do more to welcome alumnae who move into our area, maybe do more for the students from our area who are currently attending Mount Holyoke. To accomplish more, we need more volunteers! Please let us know if there is a way you would be willing to help the club this year. And...(it always comes down to this, doesn't it?) we also need your dues. We would appreciate your support of the club so we can continue offering programs to alumnae and their guests for free.

Enjoy your fall. Best wishes for reconnecting with cherished friends, building new connections, and finding plenty of time for what you love. We hope this includes the Alumnae Club!

Sincerely,
Natasha Domina '96

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