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Mission Statement

The Mount Holyoke Club of New York, founded in 1886, continues a long tradition of service to Mount Holyoke College and its alumnae and strongly supports the College's commitment to women's education. Our mission is to strengthen the Mount Holyoke community by cultivating an active association of New York metropolitan area alumnae who are connected to, informed of, and actively involved in, the life and work of the College and the Alumnae Association. The Club aims to foster meaningful relationships among all alumnae through both social and professional activities.

President's Letter

Lily Klebanoff Blake '64
President

The Mount Holyoke Club of New York has just completed another outstanding year! This could not have been accomplished without the hard work of our board, under the leadership of Linda Ing Phelps, Vice President, Jennifer Durst, Vice President for Programs, KC Maurer, Treasurer, and Stella Kang Kapur, Secretary, our committee members and the support of over 1,000 alumnae who attended Club events this year.

There were many highlights this year:

- ◆ Our annual Back-to-School Brunch, graciously hosted by Joan Shapiro Green, with a performance by the MetropoliTONES, a new Seven Sister A Cappella group - a wonderful opportunity to meet MHC alumnae
- ◆ Vespers 2002, organized by Jennifer Giesecking, always a highlight of the holiday season and a bi-annual event in New York, which filled St. Bartholomew's with music performed by over 250 students from MHC including, for the first time, the college orchestra
- ◆ Two Lyon Lectures, jointly sponsored with the college, the first on World Politics After 9/11 and the second on Biotechnology in the 21st Century, which brought faculty members Kavita Khory, Stephen Jones, Sean Decatur and Rachel Fink to New York
- ◆ A private tour of the Quilts of Gee's Bend at the Whitney Museum, organized by Judith Wood Peck
- ◆ A talk with playwright Suzan-Lori Parks, following a performance of her play *Fucking A*, planned by Marilyn Budzanoski and Katrina von Hoyer
- ◆ A revitalized Seven Sister group, under the guidance of Katherine Stanfield, with a standing-room only event on Women in the Fashion Industry
- ◆ A very active Young Alumnae group, led by Amanda Davis and Jenni McSpadden, with their monthly First Friday events, picnic, and Summer and January Term Intern Receptions, graciously hosted by KC Maurer at the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Arts
- ◆ Our new MHC Moms group, with a Halloween costume party and a picnic in the park, headed by Mary Flaherty and Mary Frances Turnbull (Wouldn't you have loved to see all those cute costumes?)

- ◆ A very strong year in Admissions under the direction of Johanna Fausto, Alumnae Admissions Representative, with nearly 160 local applicants
- ◆ Our informative and very colorful monthly Club newsletter, MHC/NYC, edited by Sarah Haeger and Andra Wheeler
- ◆ Our membership initiative, chaired by Erica Harper and Sunny Park Suh

All of these contributed to a strong financial position for the club, allowing us to fund two Alumnae Scholars from New York City. Since next year will not be a Vespers year, we will have to concentrate on our membership campaign to support Club programs and alumnae scholarships.

I feel very honored to have had the opportunity to be Club President this year and to work with so many wonderful alumnae. Become a Club member, join us for our events and activities, and take the opportunity to connect with other MHC alumnae!

**Board of Directors
2002-2003**

President	Lily Klebanoff Blake '64
Vice President	Linda Ing Phelps '86
Vice President Programs	Jennifer Durst '95
Treasurer	KC Maurer '84
Secretary	Stella Kang Kapur '94
Honorary Member	Joan Shapiro Green '66
Membership	Erica Harper '90 Sunny Park Suh '91
Vespers Chair	Jennifer Giesecking '99
Programs	Analisa Balares '99 Marilyn Budzanoski '71 Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85 Julie Oh Ybarra '90 Judith Wood Peck '67 Kristen Scheyder '92 Katrina von Hoyer '85
Seven Sisters	Katherine J. Stanfield '97
AAR Rep	Johanna Fausto '98
Young Alumnae	Amanda Davis '00 Raluca Dalea '01 Jenni McSpadden '97
Communications	Sarah Haeger '97 Andra Wheeler '97 Huma Khan '01
Website	Heather Waterman '96

Treasurer's Report
Fiscal Year
July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003

KC Maurer '84
Treasurer

The Mount Holyoke Club of New York enjoyed a successful year financially. Because 2002-2003 was a year when Vespers was performed in New York City, the club enjoyed a healthy increase in income. Traditionally, Vespers has been our most lucrative fundraising vehicle – this proved true again this year. Because of the increased Vespers income and because the majority of our events were self-funding, the club will fund two Alumnae Scholars this year, enabling the College to designate two young women from the metropolitan area as recipients of scholarships.

Income

This year the club received income of approximately \$41,150, up 142% from last year. The increase is entirely attributable to Vespers, which provided income of \$24,345. The remaining \$17,000 (the same total income the club received in 2001-2002) came from memberships, designated contributions to the Alumnae Scholar fund, and our events.

Membership income totaled \$8,450, down 27% from last year. New York alumnae contributed \$1,720 to the club's Alumnae Scholar fund. Contributions were up 65% from the previous year.

Program revenue totaled \$30,091 from such events as the Back-to-School brunch, Vespers, an event at the Whitney Museum featuring a tour of their acclaimed Gee's Bend quilt exhibition, an evening at the Public Theater to experience Suzan-Lori Parks' new play, and a reading by two novelists. In addition, the club sponsored two receptions for Mount Holyoke students doing internships in the city, a reception for accepted students, a Halloween party and Central Park picnic for the MH MOMs group, and our annual meeting. The club also co-sponsored two Lyon lectures, an evening of fashion with our Seven Sisters colleagues, and several young alumnae events throughout the fiscal year.

Interest added a small amount of revenue to our coffers, as well.

Expenses

Expenses for the clubs' communication with members, events, and contribution to the College for the Alumnae Scholar program totaled \$35,322. Expenses were up 271% from the previous year, which was attributable to Vespers and to our funding two Alumnae Scholars, rather than just one.

The club expended \$3,591 communicating with its members. Communication vehicles included a membership mailing, monthly newsletters, mailings related to programs, blast e-mail, voicemail, and a membership directory.

Our total program cost was \$20,898 for more than 13 events and gatherings. Fully 73% of our program costs were directly attributable to Vespers.

Our expense to fund two Alumnae Scholars was \$10,000. Other expenses were miscellaneous in nature and related to the general operations of the club.

Account Balances

The club began the year with a bank balance of \$38,116 and will end the year with an approximate balance of \$39,800, an increase of 4.4%. This slight increase puts us in a good position to begin the new fiscal year. Provided that programs next year are once again self-funding, the club should be able to operate successfully during fiscal year 2003-2004 and should be prepared to fund the significant upfront expenses required to produce Vespers in fiscal year 2004-2005.

MHC Alumnae Club of New York Alumnae Scholars' Profiles

TAMARA DEWS

Tamara Dews, '06
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Tamara Dews, '06 grew up in the Bronx, and has a longstanding interest in law and policy. She dreams of becoming a media and entertainment lawyer someday. With this career in mind, she is completing a double major in History and Politics. She wants to have an international experience, and aims to do a junior year abroad in either London or South Africa. This internationalism is reflected in her passion to learn foreign languages (both modern and ancient), taking five years of Spanish and completing her foreign language requirement by taking Latin.

Her extracurricular activities also reflect her policy-oriented inclinations, as well as creative interest. This coming year, she will be the Student Government Senator for the Association of Pan African Unity (APAU), as well as being a member of the Black History Month Committee, and the Treasurer of Revelations, a poetry group. Among her favorite poets are Langston Hughes and Nikki Giovanni. Tamara is also going to be involved in Black Educators for Tomorrow, a Five-College organization providing community services to people of color in surrounding communities of Springfield, Holyoke and other areas. Members of this group will reach out to these communities through mentorship programs, conferences with parents, college tours for the youth, and other outreach programs. In the past year, she was a founder of the MHC Policy Debate Team, through which she attempted to recreate her experience in the New York-Urban Debate League.

Tamara believes in giving everything she commits to "her all." This work ethic and commitment has landed her in the National Dean's List, a list representing 0.5% of the United States' scholars. Asked her impression of MHC, she enthuses, "It's what I expected and more. I applied to 18 colleges. I got into 10, including MHC, Wesleyan, Wheaton, Spelman, Howard, and Fisk University. I visited the other schools, and something about MHC grabbed me. I enjoyed my year thus far!

Currently, Tamara is looking for internships in New York.

LANA DINIC

Lana Dinic, '04
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Lana Dinic '04 is originally from Zagreb, Croatia. She first moved to Rye, New York in 1997, when she was 15. Her parents have returned to Croatia in January 2003 and remain in Zagreb. Lana's great passion is public health, and on a global scale! She aims to pursue a Ph.D. in Biochemistry or Molecular Biology, and a graduate degree in Public Health. To this end, Lana is pursuing a Biochemistry major and an International Relations Certificate in MHC.

Lana's international interests is also reflected in her extracurricular involvement. She is greatly involved in Model United Nations, and has been a member of the Model UN Board. She is the club treasurer, as well as the treasurer of the collegiate conference founded two years ago. She remains an active member of the Water Polo Club and was a treasurer of the organization this past year.

Lana greatly enjoys the Mount Holyoke College atmosphere. She comments, "This environment helps me excel. While it is competitive, it is yet very supportive. I love the ideas that this campus is founded upon and the ideas that the students here convey and promote. As more time passes I am sure that this college is the perfect for what I need to do with my best."

Asked how she plans to spend her summer, Lana answers, "This summer I am working in Framingham, MA, in a biotechnology company called Genzyme - in their protein therapeutic section. Genzyme is dedicated to the research and discovery of therapeutic methods for rare diseases. As I graduate, I am hoping to continue my studies in biochemistry as mentioned before, either for a Ph.D. degree or a public health degree. The public health degree would be a perfect combination of my interests in biomedical sciences and international relations."

Membership

Erica Harper '90 and Sunny Park Suh '91 Membership Chairs

Membership support is vital to the Mount Holyoke Club of New York. Members' generous support goes to pay for scholarships, alumnae communications and networking as well as stimulating programs and events throughout the year.

Nearly 200 alumnae, including 18 patron members, joined the club this year. This figure is down 20% from last year's membership. As we mentioned above, we rely on your support to sponsor an alumnae scholar and to help fund events, among other things. The membership committee is currently working to better quantify the benefits of membership for local alumnae. We welcome your suggestions and encourage you to support the Club in the coming year by becoming a member.

We are grateful to all the alumnae who supported the club during the year, especially those who contributed at the Patron level and above.

Patron Members

Lily Klebanoff Blake '64
Helen Calvelli '74
Mary Beth Topor Daniel '82
LaVida Dowdell '74
Susan Davis Gerber '75
Joan Shapiro Green '66
Erica Harper '90
Sandra Svihovec Hewitt '61
Cynthia Polk-Allen '74
Jane Hoover '58
Susan Saxe '77
Ludmila Schwarzenberg '67
Jennifer Allan Soros '92
Amy Trapp '80
Katrina von Hoyer '85
Allison Knapp Womack '85
Julie Oh Ybarra '90
Jane Zimmy '74

Programs

Jennifer Durst '95
Vice President for Programs

Date of Event	Event
September 22	Back to School Brunch – MetropoliTONES acappella
October 24	Fall Lyon Lecture – “A Changing America in a Changing World: World Politics after September 11 th ” – Panel discussion with MHC international relations professors Kavita Khory and Stephen Jones (sponsored by Mount Holyoke College)
December 6	Vespers at St. Bartholomews Church
January 16	Reception for January Interns
February 9	<i>Quilts of Gee's Bend</i> – Private exhibit tour at the Whitney Museum
March 11	<i>Fucking A</i> – Post play discussion with Pulitzer Prize winning playwright Suzan Lori Parks '85
April 9	Reception for admitted students and their parents (coordinated with Alumnae Admissions Representatives)
May 12	Spring Lyon Lecture – “Out of the Lab and into your Life: Biotechnology in the 21 st Century” – Panel discussion with MHC science professors Rachel Fink and Sean Decatur (sponsored by Mount Holyoke College)
May 20	An evening with novelists Dani Shapiro and Jennifer Egan
June 3	Annual meeting with MHC alum Shoba Narayan discussing her book <i>Monsoon Diary</i> – reception featuring Indian food

In-Kind Contributors

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts

Jason Briggs

The Community Service Society of New York

Melva Max '78

The MetropoliTONES (A cappella group)

Mount Holyoke College Admissions Office

Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Association

Mount Holyoke College Career Development Center

Mount Holyoke College Bookstore

Morgan Stanley Dean Witter

Meg O'Rourke '89

The Public Theater

Seedco

Joan Shapiro Green '66

Student Sponsor Partners

Katrina Von Hoyer '85

Judith Wood Peck '67

Vespers 2002
Jennifer Giesecking '99
Vespers Chair

Vespers 2002 provided a wonderful concert to New York City and the Mount Holyoke community. Over 800 people attended the concert in St. Bartholomew's on 51st and Park Avenue. The program included holiday music from around the world, and performances by the Mount Holyoke orchestra, concert choir, glee club, chamber singers, vocal jazz ensemble, and handbell choir.

Dean of Faculty and Professor of Mathematics Donal O'Shea and Director of the Center for Environmental Literacy and Assistant Professor of Geography Thomas Millette attended the pre-concert reception for patron-level donors. The dean and professor informed the reception attendees about recent events at the college including the engineering program with UMass Amherst and developments in the Center for Environmental Literacy. Both Dean O'Shea and Dr. Millette praised the faculty and students of MHC for being such a special place as to carry on such a wonderful tradition as Vespers.

The cost for the space at St. Bart's, including the sound system, security, and rehearsal space, totaled \$4,970. Printing costs for invitations, inserts, labels, etc. totaled \$4,734. The cost of the reception was \$1,743. Miscellaneous expenses, such as decorations, snacks for the choir, etc. came to \$537. In total expenses were \$13,485. Expenses were higher than for preceding Vespers, due to increased cost of mailing, printing and facility rental. In the future, we plan to have a broader marketing program, thereby expanding attendance at Vespers.

Overall, the Vespers event was a great success, allowing the Club to fund two alumnae scholars instead of the one alumnae scholar funded in prior years.

Seven Sisters Report

Katherine Stanfield '97
Seven Sisters Representative

The goal of the Seven Sisters of New York is to strengthen the alliance among the existing New York alumnae clubs of the original Seven Sisters Colleges.

The Seven Sisters hosted one major event this year, "Women In Fashion", in an effort to re-launch their career networking panels. "Women In Fashion" had a panel of five speakers from different sides of the fashion industry who spoke about various facets of their careers including how they got started in the industry and advice they would give to anyone considering a career in fashion. The event was a huge success with over 50 guests in attendance from the respective colleges.

The Seven Sisters also launched a new website www.sevensistersofnewyork.com with links to the respective colleges and club websites in addition to news about upcoming events.

We plan on hosting a minimum of two career panels next year with a strong focus on creating a conduit for alumnae from the respective colleges to network with one another.

Young Alumnae Report

Amanda Davis '00 and Jenni McSpadden '97, Young Alumnae Co-Chairs

This year, the Young Alumnae group hosted a number of events—we continued to organize past favorites like the A Capella Jam, and started a new tradition with First Fridays! We started off the year with a picnic in Central Park last June, which was attended by a number of alumnae, as well as several current Mt. Holyoke students interning in New York City during the summer. In July, we hosted a reception for interns and their sponsors at The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. September brought our annual Welcome to New York Picnic (for recent graduates and other young alumnae who've just moved to the Big Apple). In November, Bluestockings Women's Bookstore was once again the site of the annual Young Alumnae A Cappella Jam. This year, we were serenaded by three Mt. Holyoke groups—the Nice Shoes, the M&C's, the V-8's—and by the MetropoliTONES, a Seven Sisters alumnae a cappella group!

In January, the Young Alumnae group organized a reception for J-term interns and their sponsors, once again held at The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts. The next month, we launched a new monthly event for Young Alumnae called First Fridays! On the first Friday of each month, Young Alumnae meet for happy hour at a bar or lounge in Manhattan. The location changes monthly based on suggestions from alumnae; this year we've met at the Heartland Brewery, Divine Bar, Smithfield's, and the Campbell Apartment. On June 6th (the first Friday of June), we will be meeting from 6-8 pm at Rancho Mexican Café, 466 Amsterdam Ave. Come join us for a margarita and a lively conversation with other Young Alums!

Our thanks to the young alumnae who helped plan events this year, including Jennifer Jurcsak '97 and Raluca Dalea '01. If you would like to be added to the Young Alumnae email list, or if you are interested in volunteering on next year's YA committee, please send an email with your name, email, and class year to mhcnycya@yahoo.com.

MHC Moms 2002-2003 Report

The MHC moms group was restarted in the fall of 2002. We kicked off the year with a Halloween party at the home of Mariko LeBaron. The kids ranged in age from newborn to 6, and were adorable in their costumes! Our second event was held in March, and was a discussion of balancing work, life and motherhood. Joan Green and Lily Klebanoff Blake joined us, and shared their words of wisdom and experience.

We ended the year with a picnic in Central Park for Moms, Dads, and kids. Elliot came and gave the kids a gym class, and parents were able to relax and watch the kids running!

Mary Flaherty '94 and Mary Frances Turnbull '84

Mount Holyoke Club of NYC
 Alumnae Admissions Representative [AAR] Report
 Prepared by Johanna Fausto '98, Co-City Wide AAR
 May 2003

2000-2003 ADMISSIONS STATISTICS FOR NYC SENIORS

	<u>INQUIRIES</u>	<u>APPLICANTS</u>	<u>% Ytd</u>	<u>ACCEPTS</u>	<u>% Ytd</u>	<u>MATRICULANTS</u>	<u>% Ytd</u>
2003	1333	159	12%	87	55%	26	30%
2002	1593	162	10%	89	55%	33	37%
2001	965	165	17%	84	51%	21	25%
2000	743	108	15%	65	60%	23	35%

Fall 2002 Highlights

- AARs attended fourteen (14) college fairs at local public and private schools and interviewed twenty-five (25) local students unable to conduct one on campus.
- **MHC A Capella Jam at Bluestockings Bookstore** (November) – Prospective students and their families were invited to experience a quintessential MHC tradition. The event was co-sponsored by the Admissions Office.
- **Dinner with Dean of Admissions, Diane Anci** (November) – Six of the eight AARs along with Lily Klebanoff Blake had dinner with Diane Anci to brainstorm upcoming events for prospective students.

Winter 2002 Highlight

- **Pre-Vespers Reception at the Inter-Continental Hotel followed by Vespers** (December) – Approximately 25 guests (students and families) attended a pre-Vespers reception hosted by the NYC AARs and sponsored by the Admissions Office. An admissions staff member and alumna, Caissa McClinton '97 was also in attendance. Seven alumnae were present to share their MHC experiences and answer questions. This event was unprecedented and very successful. Brett Ellison, a senior at Elisabeth Irwin HS attended the reception, applied early decision and is headed for MHC this September! Other prospective students in attendance also applied.

Spring 2003 Highlight

- **Accepted Student Reception hosted by Judith Wood Peck '67** (early April) – Sixteen accepted students along with their families attended a reception kindly hosted by MHC Club board member, Judy Peck. Seven alumnae were present. The event was held at her home on April 9, several days before the College's Preview event. The warm and jovial gathering was full of inquisitive students/families and beaming alumnae who were able to recount their college experience with anyone who would listen. Several accepted students who formerly did not plan to attend Preview made arrangements with each other that evening to travel together and attend. Students were given an MHC plastic cup in their class color filled with candy and an MHC pencil as a gift. The MHC Club of New York and the Admissions Office sponsored this event.

2002-2003 Alumnae Admissions Representatives

- Co-City Wide AAR – Johanna Fausto '98
 Co-City Wide AAR & Alumnae Interview Coordinator - Emily Inglesi '95
 Manhattan AAR – Huma Khan '01
 Bronx AAR – Karla Delgado '99
 Brooklyn AAR – Nadine Verna '00
 Queens AAR – Amanda Jeannopolous '99
 Staten Island AARs – Julie Klein '02 & Nancy Medwid '91

Nominating Committee

Linda Ing Phelps '86

Vice President; Chair, Nominating Committee

2003-2004 Nominating Committee:

Analisa Balares '99, Jennifer Durst '95, Jennifer Giesecking '99, Joan Shapiro Green '66, and Andra Wheeler '97

We are pleased to present the following slate of officers and directors for the 2003-2004 Board of Directors of the Mount Holyoke Club of New York:

President

Lily Klebanoff Blake '64

Vice President

Kristen Scheyder '92

Vice President – Programs

Hanah Im '94

Treasurer

Linda Ing Phelps '86

Secretary

Anne Marie Basic '81

Alumnae Admissions Representative

Johanna Fausto '98

Communications

Andra Wheeler '97

Stella Kang Kapur '94

Committee Members: Sarah Haeger '97,
Huma Khan '01, Burcu Mirza '98, Heather
Waterman

Honorary Member

Joan Shapiro Green '66

Membership

Erica Harper '90

Sunny Park Suh '91

Marion Nturu '02

Programs

Raluca Dalea '01

Julia Powell Grossman '02

Khanh Pham '97

Meg O'Rourke '89

Katrina von Hoyer '85

Jennifer Durst '95 - Vespers 2004

Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85 – Vespers 2004

Seven Sisters

Kathy Stanfield '97

Evgenia Sokolova '01

Young Alumnae

Amanda Davis '00

Jennifer Giesecking '99

Emily Bieber '02