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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 2003-2004

Lily Klebanoff Blake '64 President

It has been my privilege to serve as President of the Mount Holyoke Club of New York for 2003 - 2004 and to have the opportunity to work with and meet so many truly outstanding uncommon women. The hard work of our board has led to the completion of another successful year for The Club, under the leadership of Kristen Scheyder, Vice President, Hannah Im, Vice President for Programs, Linda Ing Phelps, Treasurer, and Anne Marie Basic, Secretary.

This year, we enhanced communications for local alumnae through our email newsletter, Mary.onLyon, edited by Erin Guo, and continued mailings of our monthly print newsletter to club members, edited by Sarah Haeger and Burcu Mirza, and updates to our website, maintained by Heather Waterman. Stella Kang Kapur and Andra Wheeler coordinated our communications efforts.

The Club was able to support two Alumnae Scholars from New York this year: Tamara Dews '04 and Lana Dinic '06. Vespers is the major fundraising vehicle for the Club. Since this was not a Vespers year and expenses slightly exceeded revenues for the year, the Club will only be able to fund one Alumnae Scholar in 2004 – 2005. We hope that a successful Vespers 2004 will permit us to once again fund two Alumnae Scholars in 2005-2006.

We initiated a Membership Task Force to review membership issues and determine how the club could increase membership by providing programs and services of particular use to local alumnae. To better determine the needs of local alumnae, we will issue a membership survey shortly.

Program highlights include:

- Our annual Back-to-School Brunch, graciously hosted by Joan Shapiro Green, with a talk by Stephanie Hull, Headmistress of Brearley and former assistant to Joanne Creighton, organized by Katrina von Hoyer.
- A tour of the Diane Arbus show, guided by Anthony Lee, Art Professor and one of the curators of the show, jointly sponsored with other MHC clubs in the New York area, organized by Meg O'Rourke.
- A Lyon Lecture with Christopher Benfey speaking about "Pontigny at Porter Hall: How Mount Holyoke Became the Center of European Cultural Life During World War II."
- The first concert in New York by the Jazz Ensembles of Mount Holyoke, including Big Band, Vocal Jazz, and Chamber Jazz, held at Chelsea Market and organized by Jennifer Durst and Anne-Marie McGonnigal.

- A talk by Rochelle Calhoun, Executive Director of the Alumnae Association, “Reconnecting with the Alumnae Association,” organized by Raluca Dalea.
- A breakfast with Kavita Ramdas, President and CEO of the Global Fund for Women and College Trustee.
- Three programs on careers held by the Seven Sisters Group: entertainment, politics, and balancing motherhood and work, organized by Kathy Stanfield and Farial Anam.
- Young Alumnae programs, including financial planning, wine tasting, an a capella jam and monthly First Friday get-togethers, organized by Emily Bieber, Ileana Branisteanu, Amanda Davis, and Jennifer Giesecking.
- Summer and January Term receptions for students interning in New York, graciously hosted by KC Maurer at the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts.
- A successful Alumnae Admission Representative (AAR) program resulting in 15 students who will matriculate at MHC next year, led by Johanna Fausto.
- A reception for accepted students, hosted by Mary Beth Topor Daniel.
- Participation in Senior Survival Day on campus by Amanda Davis and Raluca Dalea.

Reconnect with Mount Holyoke alumnae, become a club member, join us for events and remember to respond to our membership survey, so that we can find out how to better serve you.

**Board of Directors
2003 – 2004**

President	Lily Klebanoff Blake '64
Vice President	Kristen Scheyder '92
Vice President – Programs	Hannah Im '94
Treasurer	Linda Ing Phelps '86
Secretary	Anne Marie Basic '81
Alumnae Admissions Representative	Johanna Fausto '98
Communications	Stella Kang Kapur '94 (co-chair) Andra Wheeler '97 (co-chair) Erin Guo '01 (email newsletter) Sarah Haeger '97 (monthly newsletter) Burcu Mirza '98 (monthly newsletter)
Membership	Kristen Comings '93 Marion Nturu '02 Sunny Park Suh '91
Programs	Raluca Dalea '01 Julia Powell Grossman '02 Brie Kluytenaar '02 Meg O'Rourke '89 Marguerite Saint-Preux '02 Katrina von Hoyer '85
Seven Sisters	Farial Anam '03 Kathy Stanfield '97
Vespers	Jennifer Durst '95 Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85
Young Alumnae – 1st half of year	Amanda Davis '00 (co-chair) Jennifer Giesecking '99 (co-chair)
Young Alumnae – 2nd half of year	Emily Bieber '02 (co-chair) Ileana Branisteanu '03 (co-chair)
Honorary Member	Joan Shapiro Green '66

Treasurer's Report

Fiscal Year 7/1/03 to 6/30/04

Linda Ing Phelps '86
Treasurer

Overview

As expected, income to the Club was down significantly for this "non-Vespers" year. MHCNY's Vespers concert, the Club's largest fundraising event, is only held in New York City every other year and will be returning to New York in December 2004. Nonetheless, our Club remains financially strong. Our accomplishments during FY04 include:

- Funding the Club's annual contribution to the Alumnae Scholar Fund
- Funding a contribution in support of the Alumnae Association's Founder's Fund
- Operating the Club's programs through a "non-Vespers" year while positioning the Club to support the significant upfront expenditures required for next year's production of Vespers.

Income

This year the Club received income of approximately \$17,000, down 60% from the prior period. This significant decrease was not unexpected and was largely driven by reduced membership contributions and the lack of major fund raising events, such as Vespers.

Membership contributions totaled approximately \$9,000, down approximately 15% from the prior year, represented the largest component of income. Contributions ranged from a basic membership of \$35 (\$10 for the Class of 2003) to amounts in excess of the patron level membership of \$150. Alumnae are welcome to make contributions in any amount and may also specify whether they would like a portion of their dues, in excess of the basic level, to go to the Alumnae Scholar Fund. This year, \$2,100 was specifically earmarked for the Alumnae Scholar Fund. The Club will make a donation to this fund in the amount of \$5,000, which means that we must contribute a portion of our operating budget, in addition to the money donated by members for this purpose. With a contribution of \$5,000, the College designates a young woman from our area to be the scholarship recipient.

Fees from the Club's programs, typically charged to cover program expenses such as catering and room rental, totaled approximately \$8,000. The Back-to-School Brunch and the Jazz Concert were the two largest revenue generators for FY04. Other income consisted primarily of interest income.

Expenses

Expenses for the Club totaled approximately \$18,500, down 52% from the prior period. This includes the Club's contribution of \$5,000 to the Alumnae Scholar Fund, contribution of \$2,500 to the Founder's Fund and the Club's operating expenses.

The Club's operating expenses approximated \$10,700 and are primarily related to (i) cost of programs (ii) communications, and (iii) membership. The total cost of the Club's programs approximated \$7,400 and includes costs associated with programs such as the Jazz Concert, the Back-to-School Brunch and the Club's Annual Meeting.

Approximately \$1,200 was spent on communications with local alumnae.

Communications consisted of the Club's monthly newsletter MHCNY and mailings on various programs offered by the Club. Approximately \$750 was spent on membership mailings and the production and distribution of the Club's membership directory. Other expenses incurred relate to the general operations of the Club.

MHC Alumnae Club of New York Alumnae Scholars' Profiles

TAMARA DEWS

Tamara Dews, '06

Email: tjdews@mtholyoke.edu

Tamara Dews, '06 will be a junior at Mount Holyoke College next year. She plans to spend her fall semester studying in Rome at the International Education of Students (IES) Program and at Liberia Universita Internazionale degli Studi Sociali (LUISS), where she will be taking law and business courses. Tamara plans to be a double major in history and politics. After graduation, Tamara plans to get a dual degree in business and law and pursue a career in sports and entertainment law.

Tamara grew up in the Bronx and was valedictorian of her graduating class at the Bronx School for Law, Government and Justice, located in the Bronx Criminal Court Complex.

At MHC, Tamara is active in a number of extracurricular activities. Currently, Tamara is the Co-Coordinator of ALANA Recruitment for the Admissions office, a Senator for the Student Government Association, an Executive Board member of the Association for Pan-African Unity, a mentor for Kids to College, and a member of Youth Action International (an organization which fights for the rights of children in third world countries). Tamara also sits on both the politics and history boards and serves on the Passages Orientation Board. In addition, she works for the Dean of Students as an Administrative Assistant.

During her summer vacations, Tamara interned at the Voices of Lower Manhattan in 2002 and at the New York City Comptroller's Office in 2003. She was on the National Dean's list for 2002-2003.

Tamara was sponsored as an Alumnae Scholar by the New York Club in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

LANA DINIC

Lana Dinic, '04

ldinic@mtholyoke.edu

Lana Dinic '04 graduated cum laude with high honors in biochemistry from Mount Holyoke in May 2004. Her biochemistry thesis was based on research she conducted with Professor Sean Decatur, under the new chemistry mentoring program (PLUMS). This summer, Lana will begin her employment as a research assistant at Rockefeller University on RNA interference.

Lana is originally from Zagreb, Croatia. She moved to Rye, New York in 1997, when she was 15. Her parents 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.

While at Mount Holyoke, Lana was an active member of the Model United Nations, serving as a member of the Model UN Board, club treasurer, as well as treasurer of the collegiate conference founded two years ago. She was also a member of the Water Polo Club. Lana was elected to Sigma Xi, the Honors Research Society, in 2004.

During summers, Lana interned at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center, 2001 and 2002, and at the Genzyme Corporation in 2003.

Lana was sponsored as an Alumnae Scholar by the New York Club in 2002-2003 and 2003-2004.

Membership

Kristen Comings '93, Marion Nturu '02 and Sunny Park Suh '91 Membership Chairs

Alumnae membership support is vital to the Mount Holyoke Club of New York. Dues support scholarships, alumnae communication vehicles, networking opportunities, not to mention the wide array of programs and events that we host throughout the year. Last summer, we were able to support 2 Alumnae Scholars from NYC at \$5,000 each.

Nearly 184 alumnae, including 19 patron members, joined the club this year. This figure is down 8% from last year's membership. The Membership Committee is currently working to examine how we can improve the benefits of membership and increase membership figures back up again. To this effect, we will be distributing a questionnaire this summer, so we look forward to your suggestions.

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

Andrews, Lyn '70
Balares, Analisa '99
Basic, Anne Marie '81
Blake, Lily Klebanoff '64
Daniel, Mary Beth Topor '82
Dowdell, Lavidia '74
Ferry, Martha '66
Fouhey, Marianne D. '78
Gerber, Susan Davis '75
Green, Joan Shapiro '66
Herzig, Julie '73
Polley, Jane
Rosen, Barbara '64
Saxe, Susan '77
Scheyder, Kristen '92
Schwarzenberg Hess, Ludmila '67
Soros, Jennifer Allan '92
Vaughan, Roberta F. '68
Zimmy, Jane '74

Programs

Hannah Im '94

Vice President for Programs

Date of Event	Event
October 19	Annual Back-to-School Brunch
November 6	A Capella Jam
December 20	Christmas Caroling in NYC
January 12	J-Term Intern Reception at the Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts
January 24	Diane Arbus exhibit – Private tour with Professor Anthony Lee at the Grey Gallery
February 3	<i>Breathing for a Living</i> – Reading by Mary Sinclair Rothenberg (1964) of daughter Laura Rothenberg's memoirs
February 26	Lyon Lecture by Professor Christopher Benfey: "Pontigny at Porter Hall: How Mount Holyoke Became the Center of European Cultural Life during World War II"
March 26	MHC Jazz Ensemble Concert
April 28	An Evening with Rochelle Calhoun, Executive Director of the Alumnae Association: "Reconnecting with the Alumnae Association"
May 14	Breakfast with Kavita Ramdas '85, President and CEO, Global Fund for Women, MHC Trustee
June 10	Annual Meeting with Laurie Priest, Chair of Physical Education and Director of Athletics, discussing the 2004 women's US Open (USPGA) at MHC

In-Kind Contributors

The Andy Warhol Foundation for the Visual Arts

Lily Klebanoff Blake '64

Community Service Society of New York

Mary Beth Topor Daniel '82

The Grey Gallery

Huston Associates

K.C. Maurer '84

J. P. Morgan Chase

M&C's

Mercer Human Resources Consulting

The MetropoliTONES

Morgan Stanley

Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Association

Mount Holyoke College Career Development Center

Mount Holyoke College Jazz Ensemble

Nice Shoes

Joan Shapiro Green '66

Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom

Katherine Stanfield '97

Union Theological Seminary

V-8's

Voices of Lower Manhattan

Jazz Concert – March 26, 2004

Jennifer Durst '95 and Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85, Event Co-coordinators

The New York Club successfully hosted the Mount Holyoke College Jazz Ensembles for their first performance in New York City. Around 88 guests attended the reception and performance held at a private space in Chelsea Market. The Cleaver Company in Chelsea Market catered the reception, the Chelsea Wine Vault provided the wine, and alumna Melva Max donated the Pellegrino water.

In addition to the jazz performance, a raffle drawing and gift bags added to the fun. Several Chelsea Market businesses donated raffle prizes and items for the gift bags. We are grateful to everyone who generously supported this event.

Seven Sisters Report

Katherine Stanfield '97
Farial Anam '03
Seven Sisters Representatives

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 three major events this year: in the fall we hosted "Women In Entertainment", in January we hosted "Motherhood and Careers" and in the spring "Women in Politics".

"Women In Entertainment": We had a panel of five speakers from different sides of the Entertainment 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.

"Motherhood and Careers": We had a panel of five mothers discuss how motherhood affected their careers and their choice between working and not working or working part time. Again the event was a great success with over 50 guests in attendance.

"Women in Politics": We had a panel of five speakers who work in politics in one capacity or another who spoke about various facets of their political lives including how they got started in politics and advice they would give to anyone considering a foray into politics.

We also hosted three networking gatherings, with an average 10 – 15 alumnae in attendance. The events gave us an opportunity to socialize with one another.

The Seven Sisters also continued to improve its website www.sevensistersofnewyork.com with the help of Sean Bannigan, our web designer. The site has 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 Jennifer Giesecking'99, Young Alumnae Co-Chairs, June '03-March '04

Emily Bieber '02 and Ileana Branisteanu '03, Young Alumnae Co-Chairs March '04 - Present

This year, the Young Alumnae group hosted a number of events. We continued to organize past favorites like the A Cappella Jam, and the tradition of the First Fridays, initiated last year!

In August, we organized an evening of Italian Wines and Fashion at Sissy Accessories, an accessories store in SoHo owned by MHC alumna Silvia Poggioni. September brought a picnic and wiffle ball tournament in Central Park. Changing gears in October, the YAs helped organize a presentation on financial planning, featuring a presentation by alumnae Linda Ing Phelps and Kathy Stanfield. In November, we continued the tradition of our annual Young Alumnae A Cappella Jam, this time hosting the event at Union Theological Seminary. 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 and hosted by alumna KC Maurer. In April, we organized a business card exchange at the ACME Bar and Grill in the East Village. Whenever possible, 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 bars like d.b.a. and the Russian Vodka Room. This July we will again hold a reception for the summer interns in New York, kindly hosted again at the The Andy Warhol Foundation by KC Maurer.

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.

Communications Committee Report

One of the primary goals of the communications committee this year was to revive the monthly MaryonLyon e-mail newsletters. Many thanks to Erin Guo who solved the technological challenges of setting up the MHC NYC club e-mail database and made this happen. Through the monthly e-mail newsletters, the club is now able to reach a larger MHC alumni community to publicize upcoming club events, job opportunities, apartment/roommate listings, and other alumni related news.

Sarah Haagar and Burcu Mirza have done a wonderful job of publishing the MHC NYC monthly newsletters on a timely basis. Additionally, Heather Waterman continues to do a great job of maintaining the club's website.

Andra Wheeler '97 (Co-chair)

Stella Kang Kapur '94 (Co-chair)

Mount Holyoke Club of NYC
Alumnae Admissions Representative [AAR] Report
Prepared by Johanna Fausto '98, Co-City Wide AAR
May 2004

2000-2004 ADMISSIONS STATISTICS FOR NYC SENIORS

	INQUIRIES	APPLICANTS	% Ytd	ACCEPTS	% Ytd	MATRICULANTS	% Ytd
2004	1081	131	12%	69	53%	15	22%
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 2003 Highlights

- AARs attended seven (7) college fairs at local public and private schools.
- **Annual MHC A Capella Jam at Columbia University's Union Theological Seminary** (Thursday, November 6) – Prospective students and their families were invited to experience a quintessential MHC tradition. This event was held in past years at the Bluestockings Bookstore on the lower East Side, which was often very crowded. This year, the space was much larger and more conducive for recruiting and speaking with prospective students and their families. A reception area was set-up for AARs and prospective students with a large table and admissions materials.

Spring 2004 Highlight

- **Accepted Student Reception hosted by Mary Beth Topor Daniel '82** (Wednesday, April 14) – Eleven accepted students and their families attended a reception hosted by MHC trustee, Mary Beth Topor Daniel. Eleven alumnae were present, with two in their capacity as “family” of an accepted student. Alumnae answered questions and spoke about their college experience and what they had done after college. By the end of the evening, accepted students were swapping contact information with each other. Several students who formerly did not plan to attend Preview made arrangements with each other to travel to campus together and attend Preview. Students were given an MHC water bottle in their class color (blue) and an MHC pencil as a gift. The MHC Club of New York and the Admissions Office sponsored this event.

2003-2004 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 – none
 Brooklyn AAR – Nadine Verna '00
 Queens AAR – Amanda Jeannopolous '99
 Staten Island AAR – Nancy Medwid '91

Nominating Committee

Kristen Scheyder '92
Vice President; Chair, Nominating Committee

2004-2005 Nominating Committee:
Johanna Fausto '98, Marion Nturu '02, Lily Blake '64

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	Darienne Dennis '78
Treasurer	Maren Boot '88
Secretary	Anne Marie Basic '81
Alumnae Admissions Representative	Johanna Fausto '98
Communications	Erin Guo '01 Sarah Haeger '97 Heather Waterman '96
Honorary Member	Joan Shapiro Green '66
Membership	Kristen Comings '93 Hannah Im '94 Marion Nturu '02
Programs	Ellen Freeman Bodow '64 Julia Powell Grossman '02 Brie Kluytenaar '02 Meg O'Rourke '89 Marguerite Saint-Preux '02 Katrina von Hoyer '85 Jennifer Durst '95 - Vespers 2004 Anne-Marie McGonnigal '85 – Vespers 2004
Seven Sisters	Kathy Stanfield '97 Farial Anam '03
Young Alumnae	Emily Bieber '02 Ileana Branisteanu '03