

Mount Holyoke Club of the Peninsula

Welcome Note from Kiri:

Hello All!

First and foremost, if you have not done so, I highly encourage you to join the alumnae Facebook group for the Mount Holyoke Club of the Peninsula for updates on events, quick meet ups, or if you would like to see what we've been up to.

Summer is flying by and fall is steadily approaching! We are excited to have the newest members of the MHC family, the Class of 2021, from the Bay Area to be soon heading out to Mount Holyoke in the next month! Our traditional send-off party, Fog to Foliage, will be a wonderful opportunity to connect with the new students as well as meet their parents and show the support network they have back home.

We also have other traditions coming up this fall such as the young alumnae fall/cider party and, of course, our ice cream social for Mountain Day! We look forward to welcoming fall with you and hope to see you all at our events.

Cheers,

Kirsten (Kiri) Petersen '12
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Announcing the 2017–18 Club Officers:

President: Kiri Petersen '12

Interim Vice President: Joanne Petersen

'71 Treasurer: Marie McElligott '10

Secretary: Peri Caylor '83

Membership chair: Laura Prentiss '91

Communications officers: Michelle Lepore '86, newsletter, and Trudy Levy '69, social media and web

Young alumnae coordinator: Clare Schweitzer '12

Member-at-large: Meher Dalal '99

Advisor: Betty Cheng '83

Book club leader: Jerri Barrett '83

Ex-officio: Barbara Cooke Monks '70, Joanne Petersen '71

Newsworthy:

MHC honored Anne Raphael '62 (standing), who received the Loyalty Award at her 55th reunion this past year. We send our congratulations to Anne for this achievement!



Special thanks to Assistant Director of Admission Erin Pierce '15, who has served as our regional admission officer, assisting us to connect with prospective students, applicants and admits. We wish Erin well in graduate school. Heidi Merrill, associate director of admission, will be working with us this year.

Upcoming Club Events:



Class of 2021 Fog-to-Foliage Send-Off Party!

Sunday, August 20, 2016, 2 to 4 p.m.

Home of Beth Sears '85, Palo Alto, CA

Join us in meeting local members of the MHC Class of 2021 and their families! You and other alumnae can make this event special through conversations with our guests, and by contributing refreshments.

Street parking is available at the house, where our Founder's Day Cider Social took place last fall. For those coming by Caltrain, please let us know in your RSVP if you need a ride from the California Avenue Caltrain station.

Please RSVP to Joanne Petersen '71 at joanne@alumnae.mtholyoke.edu with the subject heading "RSVP for Fog to Foliage." We invite you to bring a small serving platter of finger foods or a beverage to share, such as cookies, cheese and crackers, fruit or iced tea.

MHC Young Alumnae CLUE Night

Saturday, August 26 at 7:30 p.m.

Marie McElligott's Home in Campbell

Hosts: Clare Schweitzer '12 and Marie McElligott '10

Please join us for an evening of fun, intrigue, and good eats with your favorite murder mystery board game. Come dressed as your favorite character and bring your favorite finger food or snack if you like. Everyone is welcome. Please RSVP to Marie McElligott at greenlight474@gmail.com for the address.

Events This Fall:

Group Kayak Tour of Elkhorn Slough

September 16, 2:00 p.m. tour

departure Monterey Bay Kayaks

2390 Highway 1, Moss Landing, CA 95039

Let's go on an adventure to Elkhorn Slough, where we'll take a guided kayak tour through one of the state's remaining tidal salt marshes. With any luck, we'll witness migratory birds soaring through this spot on the Pacific Flyway, and Southern sea otters and harbor seals cavorting in the water. The 2.5-hour tour, operated by Monterey Bay Kayaks, will include a guide and all equipment, including an optional (but recommended) wetsuit. For event details, contact Peri Caylor '83 at pericaylor@gmail.com or 510-376-4379. To reserve your space, please mail a check by **September 5** to Peri Caylor, 164 Stone Pine



Lane, Menlo Park, CA 94025. Cost is \$60 for dues-paying members or \$65 for those who have not paid dues. Checks should be made payable to Mount Holyoke Club of the Peninsula. Cancellations will be accepted and fees refunded up to 72 hours before the event.

Mountain Day Hike, Wine Tasting, and Picnic

October 1, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Picchetti Ranch Open Space Preserve and Winery, Cupertino

Join this fun West Coast-style Mountain Day Celebration! We'll beat the heat with a 9 o'clock hike, then head back for wine and a BYO picnic lunch. The trek will follow the aptly named Zinfandel Trail about 3.5 miles out and back, starting near the Picchetti Winery picnic grounds, meandering past old orchard trees and a pond, and reaching a scenic overlook above Stevens Creek Reservoir. The trail then narrows and descends, traveling through woodlands perfumed by California bay trees before the turnaround. Please RSVP by **September 15** for the 11:30 a.m. wine tasting, to be followed by a BYO picnic. Cost for the tasting is \$15 paid on-site and includes five flights. Wine is also available for sale by the glass or bottle. RSVPs for the hike will be accepted up to **September 28**. For more information or to sign up, contact Peri Caylor at pericaylor@gmail.com or 510-376-4379.

Also Coming Up—Watch for Details:

Founder's Day Ice Cream Social

November 5, 2 to 4 p.m.

Home of Lassie Barela '65

Los Gatos

Celebrate the founding of Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in November 1837 by the visionary and dedicated Mary Lyon. A most beloved Mount Holyoke tradition is to gather over ice cream to honor Mary Lyon and the founding of our alma mater. Please join fellow alumnae and prospective Mount Holyoke students for conversation and refreshing treats. Be sure to bring your favorite stories about life at the College. If you know of any high school girls in 10th through 12th grade who may be interested in applying to MHC, please invite them to this event!

It's a Wonderful Nutcracker!

SAVE THE DATE: Friday, December 8

Menlo Atherton Performing Arts Center

555 Middlefield Rd, Atherton

Join us for the Menlowe Ballet's special holiday show. This is the third year that Menlowe Ballet will perform its own adaptation of the tales: The Nutcracker + It's a Wonderful Life—called *It's a Wonderful Nutcracker*. Lisa Shiveley '88, executive director, will chat with our group following the show. For those interested, we'll gather for dinner in Menlo Park prior to the show.

Book and Cookie Swap

December: Date to be announced

A fun opportunity to share your favorite cookies and recipes, and to take home some yummy treats. Contribute one of your favorite books, and take home another great book donated by a fellow alumna!

Past Events:

MHC Acting President Sonya Stephens visits the Bay Area

Sonya Stephens, who is just beginning the second of her three-year term as acting president, was dynamic and engaging at the June gathering in Palo Alto. She spoke briefly about current issues, celebrated MHC successes, and shared plans for the college. The program was well attended by members of the Mount Holyoke Clubs of the Peninsula and Northern California. We share our appreciation for Margaret Chai Maloney '92, who hosted the gathering.

Annual Club Meeting

Special thanks to Pat Showalter '74, current Mountain View city council member and former mayor, and Mary Hughes '74, founder of Close the Gap, for hosting a talk on getting involved in politics as part of the June Annual Club Meeting. Pat and Mary shared reflections about their paths and offered recommendations for



those interested. These two dynamic women illustrated the value of making a difference! We thank Pat and Mary for their inspirational talk and thoughtful responses to our questions. Thanks also to Barbara Monks '70 for so kindly hosting our annual meeting!

In Memory:

In Memory of Rachel DuBois Wagner '57
June 25, 1936–May 4, 2017

Rachel Lewellyn DuBois graduated from Mount Holyoke College in 1957 with a major in mathematics and minor in music. Rachel worked for the US Army Map Service in Washington, DC, for a few years before moving to Los Altos. She then joined the Stanford Research Institute in Menlo Park in 1959 as a math analyst. Rachel was active in the Mount Holyoke club and many other local organizations before moving to Oregon in 2014. Rachel is survived by her husband, Dan, and sons Greg and Ron. Cards may be sent to Dan Wagner: 1907 Wildflower Circle, Medford, OR 97504. The family noted that to honor Rachel, donations may be made to the Mount Holyoke College Fund.

Get Involved with the Club...

Share your MHC Spirit with Prospective Students and their Families

By becoming an admission volunteer! You may attend a college fair, interview local students or join other activities. If you are interested, contact Eliz Adem '13, Alumnae Admission Representative at adem22e@mtholyoke.edu.

To Learn About Other Events...

Check our [Facebook group page](#) and email blasts for more information about these upcoming events. Also, if you're interested in organizing an event, send a note to Joanne Petersen '71 (joanne.hiratsuka@gmail.com) and for young alumnae events to Clare Schweitzer '12 (clouschweitzer@gmail.com). We welcome new event ideas and can provide support to anyone who wants to participate as a leader!

Membership Dues

Join the club by paying your annual, tax-deductible (as allowed by the IRS) club dues. You can pay your dues by sending a check to Treasurer Marie McElligott '09: 340 N 1st St. #2, Campbell, CA 95008. Dues are \$20 (or \$10 for members of the classes of 2007–2017 as well as for members of the classes of 1965 and earlier). The club's fiscal year is July 1 to June 30.

Club dues and contributions to support the cost of the club's activities including social and educational programming and local events and activities for prospective and incoming students. The Mount Holyoke Club of the Peninsula is a registered 501c3 nonprofit organization.

We look forward to seeing you at future club events!