

MOUNT HOLYOKE

Club of New York

Fall 1999

Mountain Day.. As You Remember It!



Professor and students climb Mount Holyoke c. 1900.

Not Mount Tom or Mount Holyoke, but Bear Mountain. And after you've climbed the mountain, you can outlet shop at Woodbury Commons.

A bus will pick us up and drop us off on the Upper West Side. If you have your own transportation, you can meet us at Bear Mountain or Woodbury Commons. Bring your own picnic or buy lunch at the lodge.

To reserve a spot on the bus, RSVP by Wednesday, September 29, to Julie Oh '90 (212/996-6555, julio_nyc@yahoo.com). Also, please let Julie know if you plan to meet us at Bear Mountain or Woodbury Commons.

When & Where

Saturday, October 16

(No Rain Date)

9:00 am Leave Manhattan

11:00 am Arrive Bear Mountain

3:00 pm Leave Bear Mountain

3:30 pm Arrive Woodbury Commons

7:00 pm Leave Woodbury Commons

9:00 pm Arrive Manhattan

Cost

Transportation:

\$15 Club Members

\$20 Non-Members

Back-to-School BRUNCH

A Mount Holyoke Club Tradition

When Sunday, September 26
12:30 - 3:00 pm

Where Joan Green's
Apartment 17C
535 East 86th Street
(York - East End Avenues)

Cost \$25 Club Members
\$35 Non-Members

If it's fall...it must be time for the Back-to-School Brunch. The Club's annual brunch is the kickoff for the 1999-2000 program year. This festive tradition gives alumnae from all classes a chance to get together with nothing on the agenda except socializing and enjoying the company of other Mount Holyoke women. Join us at the home of College Trustee Joan Shapiro Green '66 for great food (Blackberries Catering, back by popular demand) and terrific people.

RSVP by Wednesday, September 22, to Ahu Resimcioglu '96 (212/462-3548, Ahu_Resimcioglu@primediagrams.com).

Our thanks to Joan for hosting this event .

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A Note from the Club President



As the fall fast approaches and the Mount Holyoke Club of New York enters its 113th year, we're preparing for exciting new growth. With more than 3,000 alumnae in the metropolitan area, our Club is always full of new developments.

This year we plan to continue improving our services to you as we:

- Provide even more opportunities for you to interact, network and volunteer – and to renew your connections to the College and the Alumnae Association.
- Sponsor new and traditional Club programs like the ones highlighted in these pages.
- Keep you informed through this newsletter, special mailings for members-only, our e-mail newsletter and young alumnae e-mail (see "Club Notes," page 4).
- Continue to support the Alumnae Scholar Program. The phenomenal success of one of our past Alumnae Scholars, Lydia Okutoro '98, illustrates why it's so important for us to raise funds for scholarships (see page 3).
- Celebrate the achievements of the Uncommon Women in our area. One outstanding example is LaVida Dowdell '74, our past president, who recently won the Alumnae Medal of Honor (see below)... In July, I attended the welcome party for members of the Class of 1999 and heard about the great jobs they've found.... And our admission volunteers have reported how impressed they are with the 24 first-year students entering MHC from NYC.

To do all of this, we need your support from membership contributions. Please see the membership form on page 5 and, if you haven't already done so, join the Club! I look forward to seeing you at our kickoff event, the Back-to-School Brunch, and at other Club programs throughout the year.

SUNNY PARK SUH '91

Past President Wins Alumnae Medal

LaVida Dowdell '74, who recently completed three years as the Club's president, was awarded the Alumnae Medal of Honor in May. LaVida's citation reads:

....As one who always recognized that "education is the great equalizer," you exhibited a seriousness of purpose and direction. These values and ethics have followed you in the intensely competitive areas of advertising and marketing where you...are at the top of your field. Even with a demanding profession, you have given priority to your alma mater by serving as a reunion gift caller and class agent. An active member of the New York City alumnae club, one of the largest in the country, you have held a series of positions....And when you served as a member of the Association's Outreach Committee, the Alumnae Association profited immeasurably from your business acumen. With respect and appreciation, the Alumnae Association presents you its Medal of Honor.

Congratulations, LaVida!

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Alumnae Scholar: Success at an Early Age

Lydia Omolola Okutoro '98, one of the Club's former Alumnae Scholars, is already a published author. This spring, Hyperion Books issued *Quiet Storm: Voices of Young Black Poets*, an anthology celebrating the voices of poets with various African ancestries – West Indian, Panamanian, Nigerian and African American. Lydia compiled *Quiet Storm*, which includes a number of her own poems, while she was still at Mount Holyoke.



In June, the Club sponsored a reading for Lydia and several of her contributors, including three other MHC graduates. More than 50 alumnae and friends attended the reading.

The Alumnae Association sponsors the Alumnae Scholar Program to help bridge the gap between existing funds for financial aid and the ever-increasing needs of students. Many clubs across the country contribute to the program, but a contribution of \$5,000 is required for a "named scholar" sponsored by one club alone. At the Club's Annual Meeting in June, we were pleased to vote to contribute \$5,000 for the 1999-2000 academic year. In the Winter 2000 newsletter, we'll share news of our latest Alumnae Scholar.

MHC/NYC

Lena Biorck Kaplan (Certificate for International Students '69) has opened White on White at 888 Lexington Avenue (66th Street). Her store – described by *New York* magazine as a "stunningly monochromatic loft-size duplex shop" – specializes in Scandinavian design, mainly reproductions of traditional furniture, but also antiques and small gift items.

Across town at 55 West 38th Street (near Sixth Avenue), **Vivinne Williams FP '92** has a new yoga studio, Sattva Yoga and Wellness. Yoga classes and shiatsu body work are available. Please call Vivinne at 212/354-4476 for more information.

Sarah Jane Shipway '96 recently started a new job in the treasury group at Citibank. She found her job through Erica Metzger's "fantastic young alumnae e-mail list" and the small, select placement service run by **Laney Fiestal Morpurgo '65**. Laney regularly submits postings to the young alumnae list and *Mary.onLyon*, the Club's e-mail newsletter for all classes. (See "Club Notes," page 4.) If you don't have e-mail, you may phone Laney at 201/391-0609 or 391-0099.

MHC/NYC – "our answer to Class Notes" – is looking for personal and job-related news about alumnae in the NYC area. Please send your items to Carolyn Dorais '68 (wordpowercommunications@rcn.com, 319 Avenue C #11C, New York, NY 10009).

Oh, Mount Holyoke, We Pay Thee... CELEBRATION!

Where else but in New York could you sing the Alma Mater with a Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright and a congresswoman? Join Wendy Wasserstein '71, Nita Melnikoff Lowey '59 and President Joanne Creighton at the New York Celebration of the Campaign for Mount Holyoke College.

The evening – featuring cocktails and hors d'oeuvres, stimulating speakers and musical entertainment, followed by coffee and dessert – will be a unique opportunity for New York area alumnae to celebrate Mount Holyoke College. Let's fill Alice Tully Hall with the sounds of celebration!

For details, please watch your mail for the invitation from the College.

When	Monday, October 25 5:30 - 8:30 pm
Where	Alice Tully Hall Lincoln Center
Cost	\$35 Alumnae & Guests \$20 Classes of 1995-99

Club Notes

Seeking a Seventh Sister. The Club's Board of Directors currently has a vacancy for the post of Seven Sisters representative. Duties include attending regular meetings of our Board and the NYC Seven Sisters group, and also organizing at least one or two jointly-sponsored events. For more information, contact Club President Sunny Park Suh '91 (syp8@columbia.edu, 212/854-8818). Inquiries from the Classes of 1970-89 are especially welcome.

Admission Update. Hannah Im '94 and Erica Metzger '98 are the new citywide Alumnae Admission Representatives (AARs). If you're interested in admission work, please get in touch with Hannah (Hannah.Im@fmr.com, 212/707-8534) or Erica (emetzger@chickmail.com, 718/499-9692).

Vespers 2000. We'd like to remind everyone that there won't be a Christmas Vespers Concert in NYC in December 1999, but we're proud to be sponsoring the first Vespers of the new millennium in December 2000.

I Got My Job in Mary.onLyon! *Mary.onLyon*, the Club's e-mail newsletter, and our young alumnae e-mail announcements, sent to members of the Classes of 1995-99, include occasional job listings in addition to up-to-date information on Club programs and events. To receive *Mary.onLyon* (usually issued once or twice a month), just write "subscribe" to wordpowercommunications@rcn.com. To get young alumnae e-mail, write "subscribe" to emetzger@chickmail.com.

Could You Host a Club Event? To keep events affordable for all area alumnae and also continue to sponsor an Alumnae Scholar each year, the Club works hard to control the costs of our programs. One of the greatest challenges facing us is the high cost of space in NYC. If you might be able to host a Club event in your home or office, please contact Karen Quinn Pisciotta '89 (718/745-1745, karen_pisciotta@ogden.com).



The Club held a welcome party for the Class of 1999 in July. Happily ensconced on the stairs at Allison Knapp Womack's Park Slope home are (top) Heather Allison '99 and Smith alumna Jen Amico '98 and (bottom) Cara Segal '99 and Erica Metzger '98.

A Night at the Opera: Wendy Wasserstein's 'Central Park'

You are cordially invited to attend the world premier production of the New York City Opera's "Central Park" – three one-act operas created by Wendy Wasserstein '71, A. R. Gurney, Terrence McNally and three young composers. After the performance, Wendy will join us for dessert and coffee in the Green Room.

Because of limited availability of tickets, RSVP as soon as possible to Linda Ing Phelps '86 (212/427-2680, linda.phelps@wdr.com). Please send your name, address, number of tickets requested, and a check (payable to the Mount Holyoke Club of New York) to: Linda Phelps, 115 East 90th Street, New York, NY 10128.

When	Tuesday, November 16 7:30 pm
Where	New York State Theatre Lincoln Center
Cost	\$125 Club Members \$175 Non-Members \$175 Patrons

Save the Date

Vassar Club Seminar: 'Market Magic'

Louise Yamada, a prominent stock market technician at Salomon Smith Barney, will give a seminar for Seven Sisters and Ivy League graduates. Louise is a Vassar College alumna and the author of *Market Magic*. There will be no charge for this special program, which is being underwritten by Salomon Smith Barney. To RSVP or for more information, please contact Grace Yang, the Vassar Club's Seven Sisters representative (212/230-3465, GYang3636@aol.com).

When	Tuesday, October 5 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Where	Salomon Smith Barney 767 Fifth Avenue, 7th Floor (Enter on Madison Avenue)

Join the Club!

Here at the Mount Holyoke Club of New York, we're preparing for a new program year. As we schedule programs for the coming months and prepare newsletters like this one, we need your membership donations to support these activities.

The benefits of Club membership include a directory of fellow members, members-only mailings and reduced entrance to Club events – plus free entrance to selected events. Patron members, who contribute at least \$150, receive special recognition and benefits throughout the year.

When you join, not only will you gain access to a powerful networking community, but you will also be supporting scholarships, promoting the College and reinforcing the investment we all have in our diplomas. If you'd like more information about membership, please call Mari Ellen Reynolds '91 at 212/876-7700 x4505 (day) or 914/526-1167 (evening).

PLEASE USE THE MEMBERSHIP FORM BELOW TO JOIN TODAY.

Mount Holyoke Club of New York Membership Application

Yes! I'd like to join the Mount Holyoke Club of New York during the **1999-2000** program year. I understand that my gift will support scholarships, events, programs, networking and information throughout the year. I want to support students, my college and fellow alumnae in the New York metropolitan area.

Enclosed, please find my gift of:

\$ 35 \$ 50 \$100 \$ _____ Other – for **Basic Membership**
 \$150 \$250 \$500 \$ _____ Other – for **Patron Membership**

As a member of the **Class of 1999**, I'd like to join at the special price of \$10.

In addition to my membership gift, I'd like to contribute \$ _____ to the **Alumnae Scholar Fund**.

Name

Class

Preferred Mailing Address

Day Phone

Evening Phone

E-mail

Occupation/Title

Employer

Areas of Interest (Programs, Admission, etc.)

I understand that my gift is tax-deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Please make checks payable to the Mount Holyoke Club of New York, 295 Greenwich Street, Suite 200, New York, NY 10007, Attention: Membership.

Fall Calendar

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