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**Sandra Svihovec Hewitt** sends thanks to all of our class agents and class members who contributed to the Mount Holyoke Fund this past academic year, a most challenging year for all. Our goal was \$95,000 and we raised \$109,236. Not bad for 80-year-olds in a non-reunion year-- congratulations! (Out of 215 potential contributors, 114 of us donated!)

**Suzanne Kimes Winters** writes from Indianapolis that she has been silent all these years because she felt her life was fairly ordinary. Not at all-- another Uncommon Woman, for sure! She took off for Oberlin's MAT program in French after graduating with a history major, met and married Jim Winters (Oberlin's graduate School of Theology), taught French, studied and performed on the cello in many string ensembles, including the Fargo-Moorhead Symphony and Northwest Symphony in Des Plaines, as Jim was called to various UCC pastorates in Sandusky, Ohio, Hopkins, MN, Alexandria MN, Arlington Heights, IL, and finally, retirement from his Indianapolis church. Suzanne and Jim had 4 children--David, born prematurely, lived only a day. The three who followed, Richard, Lisa, and Stephen, work in film making/insurance, elementary teaching, and university-level linguistics. Suzanne still plays her cello for churches, and has accompanied Messiah Sing-Alongs. She has 3 grandchildren. She closes by saying, "Through all these years, locations, and experiences, I have enjoyed receiving the MH Quarterly and reflecting back on my years at this wonderful college. Bravo, Mary Lyon, and to all those who followed her, giving so much educationally to so many women who would in turn give so much to the world."

**Joan Schlosberg Kass** writes, "This past semester in my capacity as seminar leader at Pace University School of Education, I was able to experience what teaching and learning are about in this difficult time of the Corona Virus. I worked with student teachers preparing for the edTPA (Educational Teacher Performance Assessment) a requirement for certification in New York State. Everything changed for our students when schools closed in the middle of March. We taught the seminar on Zoom for the remainder of the semester and our students embarked upon distance learning. This was challenging for all of us: there was the lack of in-person interaction and one-on-one communication, the approach worked better for some students than others, (issues of equity and access, assessment and accountability), and it became evident that much training and re-thinking are needed. At times, there seemed to be no boundaries, with tremendous amounts of time and effort needed to create meaningful educational experiences and to have a sense of a learning community. Out of these challenges, there are now emerging opportunities to re-examine and reinvent our ways of teaching and learning, to go beyond where we are now in our understanding and use of technology. At MHC, we benefited from a special education in a special setting. During these uncertain times, when there are so many questions about how to move forward in education, it is up to all of us to help ensure that ALL students have opportunities for the kinds of meaningful educational experiences, whatever they may look like, that nurtured us and helped us to become "uncommon women."

From **Bette Keck Peterson**--"Doing well through Covid but concerned for grandchildren of all ages and children in the future. I believe that there will be many big changes in many institutions and patterns different from our past lives."

**Nancy Dingwall Platt** is a great grandmother! She writes, "Great granddaughter Eloise lives with my grandson and his wife in Versailles, KY, where my son John also lives with his family-- all on the same property that was an original land grant after the revolutionary war when anyone on the east coast who was willing to move west was given 2,000 acres, which today for the Platts is 250 acres."

**Mary Ginn Weinland** says: My husband Tim and I live in a condo in Storrs CT after retiring from the U. of Conn. in May of 2000. We have 3 sons. Dick lives with his wife and 3 grown children. He is Superintendent of the Parhuille School System in San Juan PR. Our middle son Chris lives close by with his 2 sons, and our youngest, Jay, has recently moved to Pasadena CA to work in the gaming industry. He and his wife have 2 grown children. Tim and I have survived the Covid nightmare pretty well. I hope all of you are staying safe and well during this tumultuous time.

From **Frances Blair**: "I was able to reschedule my annual visit to my son and his family (in Hawaii) to coincide with the astronomy awards ceremony for **Ann Merchant Boesgaard**. Since the pandemic shutdown makes substitute teaching out of the question, I have spent a lot of time working for political causes and candidates online."

**Linda Ward Wallace** lets us know: "Two great grandbabies on the way. Daughter, Dr. Isabella Loring Wallace, is now interim co-director, LaMar Dodd School of Art, Univ of Georgia.

**Barbara Freeman Douglass** writes: My husband Dave died at home in March, mercifully before the shutdown so he was able to enjoy tender care from our wonderful hospice. Now it's decisions, decisions, so I look forward to hearing from classmates on how they coped.

In memorial tribute, **Anne Strauss** tells us, "Classmate **Louise Weintraub** died at her home in Paris on April 30. After a career in market research in Washington DC and New York City, Louise moved to Paris in the late 1980s. She earned a degree in French Civilization at the Sorbonne and a Teaching Certificate at the American University of Paris. She loved to tell the story of how she met her French husband of 30 years, Roger Koukerjinian, on a Métro platform as she traveled to and from classes. From 1991 to 2001 Louise was a professor and lecturer at the Panthéon-Assas University in Paris. She and Roger, who was Head of the Math Department at the European Business School in Paris and is an independent web developer, also established a successful translating service. Louise was a member and volunteer at the American Library in Paris and participated in events organized by MHC Alumnae Abroad. She and Roger traveled extensively in Europe and also owned a home on Cape Cod where they entertained MHC classmates, friends and family. I visited Louise in Paris almost every year. Sometimes I stayed with her and other times I stayed in an apartment not far from hers. **Barbara Lahage** also visited from time to time, most recently in the spring of 2019 when the three of us celebrated Barbara's birthday. **Carol Bloomberg Glassheim** and I also spent time with Louise in Paris

last year. Louise was memorialized in a multicultural service and is buried in the Père Lachaise cemetery not far from her home in the city she loved."

We have learned of the death of former classmate **Diane Bement Devitt Kushner** May 18 at her home in Austin, TX. After leaving MHC, Diane graduated from the U. of MN, majoring in psychology and French. Diane had 3 children with her husband of 39 years, Robert Devitt. After being widowed, she married Jack Kushner who survives her after 10 years of marriage. She is also survived by her 3 children, 5 grandchildren, Jack's son Kevin, and 3 step-grands.

Former classmate **Renee Zwick Rubin** died April 24. Her home was in Franklin, MA. After leaving MHC, she earned her B.A. from Tufts. A lifelong artist and art teacher, Renee is survived by her twin sister and fellow artist Ruth, husband Carl Goldman, 3 children, and 3 stepchildren.

If you would like to share a memory of any of our departed classmates, please email to [scribe61@mtholyoke.edu](mailto:scribe61@mtholyoke.edu) as indicated above.