

MOUNT HOLYOKE CLUB OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2020

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

There are only two more events for the 2019-2020 season so
mark your calendars and check our website for updates!

Friday, March 27, 2020, 11:30 am: The Wellesley Club has invited us to a luncheon at the Sarasota Yacht Club to hear Wellesley Professor Panagiotis "Taxis" Metaxas, Director of the Albright Institute for Global Affairs, speak on the "History of Online Electoral Misinformation." Cost \$35. Registration slip and details on page 2.

Thursday, April 16, 2020, 3:30 pm: The Suffragist Project Presentation at Florida Studio Theatre, Sarasota, in celebration of the 100-year ratification of a woman's right to vote. Cost \$20. There will be time before the performance to gather and socialize--cash bar provided. We've invited the Smith, Wellesley and Yale Clubs to join us! Afterwards, if you'd like, walk across the street to the Art Ovation Hotel's rooftop bar overlooking city and bay, paid individually. Registration slip and details on page 3.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Members,

Need a little more Mount Holyoke in your life? I have been using that slogan since beginning as your president. What does it mean?

Diane Hashim Glynn '68, a member new to us in the fall of '18, was recently featured on a MHC Development Office brochure. Her words were both stirring and profound. A previous item had similarly featured **Susie Betzer '65**, a person who has donated so much in service to the Club and College.

In recent weeks we have seen Club events that inspired us by our sisters' accomplishments in corporate America, and reached those in local Seven Sister clubs. These occasions were organized by **Elizabeth Russell '70**, and supported by **Maria Mandler '74**, **Georgia Walters '70** and **Diane Elliott '69**, each adding her skills to achieve worthwhile meetings. My thanks to each of them!

Finally I would like **input from you as a member**: As a long-term member of the Board, I used to describe, somewhat facetiously, the Club as "opaque," meaning that the Board did the work and members came for lunch. I'd like to change that -- to learn what you want from our Club and how you can join in to make that happen. At a Board meeting in the spring, we'll be reviewing how we can make the Club more effective for you as a member, among other topics pertinent to a successful organization.

**Need a lot more
Mount Holyoke in your
life? Join us in the
discussion.
Please let me know
your thoughts.**



Joyce Gleason '69, President
mhcswfl@gmail.com

**Friday, March 27, 2020, 11:30 AM
LUNCHEON AND LECTURE:
WELLESLEY PROFESSOR PANAGIOTIS "TAXIS" METAXAS
SARASOTA YACHT CLUB**

By Invitation of the Wellesley Club of Sarasota

Takis Metaxas is Professor and Department Chair of Computer Science at Wellesley College and served as the Faculty Director of the Madeleine Korbel Albright Institute for Global Affairs. He is also an affiliate of the Center for Computation and Society at Harvard and the Centre for Technology and Global Affairs at Oxford.

He writes, "My research interests are currently in Web Science, Web spam and information retrieval and cognitive hacking. In particular, I am interested in how the Web is changing the way we think, decide and act as individuals and members of social communities." And further, "Teaching has always been a passion of my life."

Professor Metaxas will be speaking on "The History of Online Electoral Misinformation--Part 1: 2004-2016." He is a highly entertaining speaker discussing a most timely topic.



DIRECTIONS to the Sarasota Yacht Club:

The Sarasota Yacht is at 1100 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota 34236. From I-75, Exit 210, take Fruitville Road (SR 780) West (towards downtown) to U.S. 41; turn left to go south 4 blocks to the Ringling Causeway. Turn right and cross the Ringling Causeway Bridge. As you cross the second, smaller bridge you will see the Club on your left.

The Sarasota Yacht Club is at 1100 John Ringling Blvd., Sarasota 34236. Luncheon is \$35 per person (see form below). Annual Club dues are \$20, and may be paid with your reservation or in person at any of our Club's events. Send reservations and payments to Club Treasurer Diane Elliott at 10594 Alvarado Ct, Seminole, FL 33772. Checks payable to "**Mount Holyoke Club of SW FL.**"

Guests are welcome; just indicate name(s) on the form. Need a ride? Contact Social Chair Maria Mandler (email mhcswfl@gmail.com). **R.S.V.P. by Friday, March 20th.**

Note: Don't have a printer? Just replicate the info below on paper & mail it in with your payment.

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Friday, March 27, 2020, 11:30 AM: Wellesley Club Luncheon & Lecture, The Sarasota Yacht Club

Name: _____ Class: _____

Address: _____

Preferred Phone: _____ Email address: _____

Guest(s) Name(s): _____

2019-2020 Club Dues @ \$20 \$ _____

Luncheon ____ @ \$35 _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Mail to : Diane Elliott
10594 Alvarado Ct
Seminole, FL 33772

Choose: ☐ Honey Glazed Salmon ☐ Chicken Florentine ☐ Roasted Vegetable Stack (vegan)

☐ I am new to the Club (attending for the first or second time).

☐ My contact information has changed. (Use reverse side to provide changes. Thank you!).

**COME JOIN US FOR A CELEBRATION OF THE 100TH YEAR
OF THE RATIFICATION OF THE 19TH AMENDMENT!**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2020, 3:30 PM
THE SUFFRAGIST PROJECT PRESENTATION
FLORIDA STUDIO THEATRE, SARASOTA**



Florida Studio Theatre is presenting The Suffragist Project over several months, an artistic celebration of the upcoming 100th Anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment (August 20, 2020), the woman's right to vote. Bringing together over 55 organizations, this bi-county artistic commemoration will feature plays, dance performances, art exhibits, lectures, panel discussions, and in-school educational offerings, all in recognition of this monumental milestone.

On April 16th in the Court Cabaret, the Project will present speeches from throughout history on women's suffrage, female empowerment, and social change, by its very accomplished artists.

We've invited the Smith, Wellesley and Yale Clubs to join us! There will be time before the performance to gather and socialize--cash bar provided. Afterwards, if you'd like, walk across the street to the Art Ovation Hotel's rooftop bar overlooking city and bay.

Directions to the Florida Studio Theatre: We'll be in the Court Cabaret at 1265 1st Street, Sarasota 34236, northwest corner of 1st Street and Cocoanut Ave.

From Interstate 75: Take I-75 to Exit 210 at Fruitville Road. Turn West on Fruitville Road (towards Downtown Sarasota). Travel about 6 miles to Cocoanut Ave. Turn left, going south. FST's campus is located 3 very short blocks from Fruitville Road and Cocoanut Avenue.

The best place to park is in the public parking garage at 1289 N Palm Ave adjacent to the Art Ovation Hotel. There may be a fee for parking.

The Presentation is \$20 per person. The cash bar at the theater beforehand and the drinks at Art Ovation Hotel afterwards are paid individually. Annual Club dues are \$20, and may be paid with your reservation or in person at any of the Club's events. Send reservations and payments to club Treasurer Diane Elliott at 10594 Alvarado Ct, Seminole, FL 33772. Checks payable to "**Mount Holyoke Club of SW FL.**"

Guests are welcome; just indicate name(s) on the form. Need a ride? Contact Social Chair Maria Mandler before April 14th (email mhcswfl@gmail.com). **R.S.V.P. by Thursday, April 8th.**

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Thursday, April 16, 2020, 3:30 PM: Florida Studio Theatre (Court Cabaret), Sarasota
Name: _____ Class: _____
Address: _____
Preferred Phone: _____ Email address: _____
Guest(s) Names(s): _____

2019-2020 Club Dues @ \$20 \$ _____
Presentation @ \$ 20 _____
TOTAL \$ _____

Mail to : Diane Elliott
10594 Alvarado Ct
Seminole, FL 33772

Note: Cash bar at the theater beforehand and drinks at the hotel afterwards paid individually.

- ☐ I am new to the Club (attending for the first or second time).
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In case you missed us on January 19, 2020:

**LUNCHEON & THEATER OF THE MIND PRESENTATION OF
"WALTER CRONKITE IS DEAD"**

Thank you, Smith College Club, for a Wonderful Event!

At the invitation of the Smith College Club of Sarasota, Mount Holyoke Club of Southwest Florida attended an at times funny, sad and thought-provoking presentation by Theater of the Mind of the reading of the one-act play, "Walter Cronkite is Dead," by playwright Joe Calarco at The Meadows Country Club. The Wellesley Club attended as well.

Established in 2010 by Emilie Robinson and Janet Davies and based at the Art Center Sarasota, Theater of the Mind presents play readings and staged performances. We were very fortunate to see Emilie and Janet deliver lines nonstop as their characters endure a weather delay at Reagan National Airport.

Emilie plays quiet intellectual Margaret, whose solitude is disrupted by Janet's nervous talkative Southerner Patty, who is seeking the vacant seat at her table. The two middle-aged women don't hit it off at all at first and, as the conversation unfolds, emotions flare over Margaret's affection for the Kennedys and other politically-charged issues. As deeper personal struggles surface over a bottle of wine, each finds some understanding of the other.

As Variety noted in 2012 when the play was first presented, "But so what if today's real political confrontations aren't so easily resolved? The play's sermon against demonizing those with whom we disagree couldn't be more relevant."

End notes: Emilie Robinson is an alumna of Wellesley. Sue Braslow of Theatre of the Mind read the stage directions. I especially enjoyed her flight announcements made as she held her nose!

--G. Walters



In case you missed us on February 12, 2020:

SARASOTA ART MUSEUM TOUR

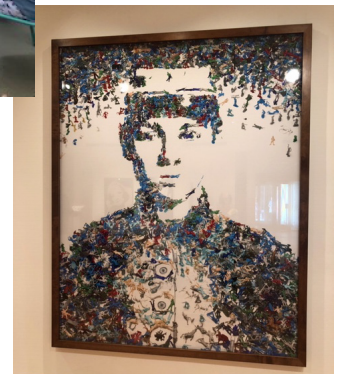
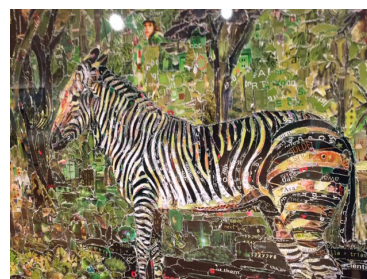
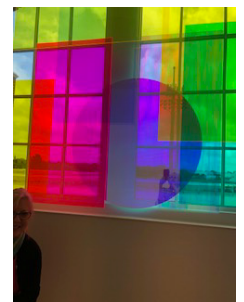
On February 12th Mount Holyoke Club of Southwest Florida visited one of the many beautiful museums in Sarasota. The Sarasota Art Museum has positioned itself as a “catalyst for appreciation and understanding of the art of our time.” As the region’s first museum dedicated to contemporary art, the Museum offers visitors a place to see thought-provoking, boundary-pushing exhibitions. Some might question the validity of the exhibitions as actual art, but something that causes us to think beyond our normal horizons and to see the world in a different light is a wonderful source of creative stimulation.

Our tour started in a charming courtyard with a sculpture garden in progress at the back of what was once the old high school. Executive Director & Curator, Ann-Marie Russell, provided us with an excellent overview and introduction. She noted that much of modern art grew out of the perception of “the death of painting” in the 60’s. This was supported by the prevailing outlook of the time that “it’s all been done before” and that there were no further opportunities to create new art. This was particularly evident in the works of Andy Warhol’s Factory and the ubiquitous Campbell’s Soup cans.

Our tour included a collection of works by Vik Muniz, a Brazilian photographer who chooses to work in many unexpected mediums, such as chocolate syrup, sugar, garbage and thread and spaghetti (painting of Medusa’s head)! He also did a collection of well-known photographs from memory including a Coney Island crowd scene and John Lennon in heart t-shirt.

An intriguing exhibit on the front lawn includes The Meander, a path brought in from Turkey, more sculptural items and a collection of hammocks to rest upon. It was certainly was a wonderful opportunity to be immersed in stunning, thought-provoking art! A delicious lunch afterwards at nearby Gecko’s Grill & Pub capped the event—make sure you join us the next time!!

--by Leslie Farrand '77



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MOUNT HOLYOKE CLUB OF SOUTHWEST FLORIDA

CONNECT THROUGH FACEBOOK!

Did you know we belong to the "Mount Holyoke Alumnae: West Central Florida" Facebook group started by Jeanne Egan '87? It's more than 80 members strong and it's a great way to receive and share up-to-date information with other members. If you are on Facebook and would like to join it, search for the group via the name in quotes above and ask to join.

It's a "closed" group which includes:

- 1) Alumnae living in Hillsborough, Pinellas, Pasco, Polk, Manatee, and Sarasota counties,
- 2) Students/future alumnae from these counties, and
- 3) Current members of the **Mount Holyoke Club of Southwest Florida!**



"SEE YOUR NAME IN PRINT!" Please consider contributing an article for the Newsletter. Perhaps you have fond memories of the College to share, insights on women's education today, comments on one of our programs, member spotlight, **event of interest you may be presenting**--the possibilities are endless. Photos welcome too! Email Georgia at mhcswfl@gmail.com.

In connection with the Florida Studio Theatre's presentation of The Suffragist Project (see page 3 of the newsletter), **Bookstore 1**, 12 S. Palm Ave., Sarasota, is donating 20% of the purchase price of books ordered online at the bookstore's website to **The Suffragist's Project**. Use book fair code **SUFF**.

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