



**SUMMER 2020**

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dear Sisters,

I can only hope that you and your families are well and safe. Since we last gathered, at the wonderful new Sarasota Art Museum, the world has changed. Our daily lives are somehow consumed by mostly just ourselves! I cannot yet imagine the end of this confinement. I plan to stay put a little bit longer.

We all felt badly to cancel the March meeting (sponsored by Wellesley) and our event in April (with Smith, Wellesley and Yale club members). These had been scheduled as our confinements became the new normal.

Dwight Eisenhower once said, "Plans are worthless but planning is everything". And so your club's Board of Directors will conduct their meeting at the end of April via Zoom, thanks to the expertise of **Maria Mandler '74**. We will wrap up our assessment of the 2019-2020 season of activities and make plans for the coming one. We will be conducting the "health of the club" exercise and comparing results from when it was last done in December '18. In other words, "how are we doing?" Feel free to send us your assessment and ideas too.

**Need a little more Mount Holyoke in your life? We'll just keep it coming in 2020-2021!** As of now, we plan on engaging club members to an even greater extent next fall and throughout the winter. Elsewhere in this newsletter, **Elizabeth Russell '70** will give you a taste of program ideas for the coming season. One way will be to continue to collaborate with the Smith and Wellesley clubs. Our joint meetings have been a delight as we pooled resources for the benefit of all three organizations and our members.

And for some updates -- The college is reaching out to Club and group leaders via Zoom to update us on campus decisions and concerns. Planning considers multiple approaches but which one(s) will be implemented depends on unfolding coronavirus-related events. **Dr. Wendy Hanafée '84**, our local admissions rep, reports that three area young women have accepted MHC for the coming year but, of course, everyone is holding their breath as to the status of the campus for the fall.

It is my sad duty to inform you of the passing of three club members: **Leona Brochin '53**, **Marjorie Sagman '46**, and **Joyce Repulski '65**. We wish them and their families peace.

**Stay healthy,**

**Joyce Gleason '69, President**  
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**Join us for Virtual  
M&Cs--see page 2!**

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## VIRTUAL M&Cs

We hope you can join us for **Virtual M&Cs** via Zoom on **Tuesday, May 26th from 3 to 4 pm (EDT)**. **Maria Mandler '74**, Social Chair, will be our host.

We are excited to welcome **Maria Mossaides '73** as our special guest. Maria has been president of the Mount Holyoke College Alumnae Association since 2018, and her daughter Sophia Apostola is a graduate of the class of 2004. Maria is also a Trustee of Mount Holyoke College. She is a skilled attorney and in 2015 was appointed as the Massachusetts Commonwealth's Child Advocate, an independent position that monitors services provided to children. Maria will discuss with us the role of the Alumnae Association and how it's changing in 2020--and any other topic that comes up!

Please email the club at **mhcswfl@gmail.com** to make a reservation and to receive information on linking into Zoom. Spouses, partners and kids are welcome. You don't need a Zoom account to participate. **Sign-up deadline is Wednesday May 20th.**

If you need a dry run before the event, Maria Mandler will help you out--email **mhcswfl@gmail.com**.

Grab your favorite beverage, and perhaps a cookie or graham cracker, and connect!



Maria Mossaides

Mount Holyoke College has a wealth of virtual events ranging from wellness events, coffee hours, book clubs and cooking classes.

Type "**websiteevents.mtholyoke.edu**" in your search engine and click on Virtual Events on the website. Another wonderful way to stay connected!



### **WATCH FOR MAGGIE'S LETTER!**

The Rev. Maggie Gat '64, Nominating Committee Chair, has written us all a very heartfelt and powerful letter about the future of our Club among many other thought-provoking issues pertinent to the club and the college. The letter will come as a separate communication and includes an invitation to our membership to help us find direction as we wade deeper into the 21st century.

### **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!**



## An Historic Board Meeting



**We feel like we've joined the 21st century! On April 29th, your Board met via Zoom due to the coronavirus concerns. The meeting made us feel very connected one to the other, and we want you to feel the same. Social distancing got you down? Contact us via email at [mhcswfl@gmail.com](mailto:mhcswfl@gmail.com). Leave a message for any of us. If you want to talk to any one of us by phone, leave us your number and we'll call you. Please reach out!**

Here's the board left to right above:

Top row: Maria Mandler '74, Social Chair; Diane Elliott '69, Treasurer; Georgia Wallers '70, Communications Chair.

2nd row: Sue Simpson '68, Secretary/Past President; Joyce Gleason '69, President; Arminee Bowler '75, Guest.

Bottom row: Elizabeth Russell '70, Program Chair; Maggie Gat '61, Nominating Committee Chair; and

Pat Brodt '55, Membership Chair.

Not pictured: Leslie Farrand '77, Vice President; Wendy Hanafée '84, MHC Admissions Rep.

### THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS WHO HAVE PAID THEIR DUES FOR 2019-2020. WE SO APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT!

Mary Alexander  
Mary Allyn  
Arminee Bowler  
Pat Brodt  
Kitty Cannon  
Linda Crootof  
Linda Crosskey

Diane Elliott  
Connie Farnsworth  
Leslie Farrand  
Elizabeth Forsyth  
Mary Jim Ferguson  
Nanette Galloni  
Joyce Gleason

Diane Glynn  
Wendy Hanafée  
Joan Libby Hawk  
Fredy Jacobson  
Suzanne Janney  
Katherine A Johnson  
Janet Keffer

Sheila Lirtzman  
Maria Mandler  
Annmarie Merritt  
Kathleen Mimmagh  
Dee O'Brien  
Joan Ohlson  
Diane Pick

Stewart Pollock  
Elizabeth Russell  
Mary Ellen Scarborough  
Sue Simpson  
Georgia Walters  
Diane Whitaker

It's not too late to pay your dues for the 2019-2020 season. Although dues are voluntary, we rely on them to underwrite Club expenses such as honoraria and other expenses for speakers, newsletters, website, and support of MHC students and potential students from our local area. Thank you!!!



### DUES COUPON 2019-2020

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

☐ I am new to the Club.

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

Mail to : Diane Elliott, Treas.  
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## PRELIMINARY PROGRAM SCHEDULE 2020-2021

Your board, under the guidance of Program Chair **Elizabeth Russell '70**, is making tentative plans for a robust 2020-2021 season of events starting in the fall. We'll keep you updated as the season unfolds. You will note several events with other alumnae clubs in the area. Elizabeth and **Joyce Gleason** met with the local Smith and Wellesley clubs to continue the collaboration of the past two seasons. **All events subject to change.**

**November 2020**

Orchid Show, Selby Gardens, Private Tour

**December 2020**2020 Presidential Election Recap,  
Yale Club of the Suncoast, Sarasota Yacht Club**January 2021**

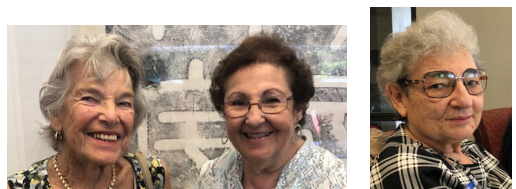
Smith Club Invitational/Seven Sisters

**February 2021**Colloquium: Pandemic Round Table  
Mount Holyoke Club Invitational/Smith, Wellesley, Yale**March 2021**

Wellesley Club Invitational/Seven Sisters

**April 2021**

Marietta Museum of Art and Whimsy in Sarasota

**OUR 2019-2020 PROGRAMS (in case you missed!)**

Elizabeth put together a fabulous schedule of events for the season just wrapping up:

■ On Mountain Day October 1, 2019, two alumnae groups met impromptu in our area: one in Sarasota at Ofkors Bakery and one in St. Pete at Old Farmer's Creamery.

■ In November 2019, we enjoyed a docent tour of the Elling Eide Center, a private research library and nature preserve overlooking Sarasota Bay. Their collection includes classical Chinese manuscripts, rare books, and artwork. Lunch was afterwards at Max's Table in Osprey.

■ In December 2019, our luncheon and panel discussion, "Women in Corporate America," was held at the historic Field Club in Sarasota, all decked out for the holidays. Many local area students joined us in exploring ways in which a liberal arts education influences success in a career. Our panelists included Arminee Bowler '75, Leslie Farrand '77, Maria Mandler '74, and Lois Juliber (Wellesley '71) with Elizabeth Russell moderating.

■ In January 2020, the Smith College Club of Sarasota invited us for lunch and a Theater of the Mind presentation of "Walter Cronkite is Dead" at the Meadows Country Club.

■ A Wednesday in February found us at the new Sarasota Art Museum for a docent tour and congenial lunch afterwards at Gecko's Grill and Pub. The museum in the newly-renovated old Sarasota High School houses artwork from 1950 to the present.

■ Unfortunately, our last two events of the season were cancelled due to the coronavirus. The Wellesley Club had invited us to hear Wellesley professor Panagiotis Metaxas speak on the "History of Online Electoral Information" in March, and we had planned an event at the Florida Studio Theatre, "The Suffragist Project Presentation," in April.