

MHC CLASS OF 1983

October 26, 2022



Dear Classmates,

It's the autumn before our 40th reunion, and so your cheerful co-reunion chairs Lisa Fagan Walts and Pamela Smith are back to do what we do best – raise your awareness about our next reunion. 😊 So here we go...

SAVE THE DATE: May 19-21, 2023 (yes that's graduation weekend).

OUR 40TH REUNION VISION

As reunion co-chairs, we hold a vision, and for our 40th, that vision is CONNECTION. College is one of those places where you start to shape your life. Every five years, we get this chance for re-UNION and re-CONNECTION. Re-union with our younger selves and experiences; re-union with each other; and re-union with a really beautiful place! Whether you come to campus or not in May 2023, **our vision is that you will feel connected** – to your memories, to yourself, and to friends from then and friends you make the next time you visit.



But... we learned a few things last time:

- Ask for help EARLY
- Enjoy the time together – both the planning AND the weekend. So towards that end we are asking for your help. ***Even small tasks you do can help US enjoy reunion more (you know, people – we're not 30 any more and we get tired!)***

Step 1 – Get Connected

- Update your info at MHC: **IMPORTANT!** <http://alumnae.mtholyoke.edu/directory/>. If that's too much of a hassle, shoot the information off to us and we'll do it for you (<mailto:reunion@mhc1983.com>)! ***All communications about reunion from MHC are now via email, so it's important to keep them updated.***
- Join our MHC 1983 FB group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/30237594690/>
- Visit our website for class specific reunion information: <http://www.mhc1983.com>

- Send news about yourself to Class Scribe Charlotte Lehman: scribe83@mtholyoke.edu
- [Send an e-postcard from MHC](#). Pick an e-card from their changing selection -- write a message to say hello, and maybe encourage friends to revisit campus in May.

Step 2 – Join the Planning Fun & Tell Us YOUR Ideas for Reunion

Our reunion committee has been hard at work, committed to bringing you a fun and as-affordable-as-it-can-be weekend.

- **PLEASE take our quick reunion survey:** <https://forms.gle/ABMQnV3S6bfTwc5E6>
- Send us any great photos of your 4 years AT MHC to reunion@mhc1983.com so we can add them to our memorabilia.



We are still looking for some Group Leaders and general helpers – **take the survey ABOVE!** Being part of the planning is a great way to connect with classmates (Full disclosure -- this was an actual quote from last time!). There are 2 timeframes for helping:

*DURING REUNION: taking lead to plan a reunion feature; helping out in any way you can during the weekend

* BEFORE REUNION: supporting inter-class connection via calls or events; supporting the virtual aspect for those who cannot make it to the weekend in person (and add depth for everyone).

Step 3 – Reunion Scholarships Are Available and Anonymously Arranged

We are excited that our class treasury again holds enough to offer scholarships for classmates to attend reunion. **This process will be handled anonymously by the Alumnae Association.** The Alumnae Association advises us that attending Reunion normally costs about \$390 for the entire weekend. We are very conscious of budget crunches and want to make attendance possible for all. More information will be available soon but there is an option to add additional money to your class dues for this purpose above and beyond what we can already do. Which brings us to...

Step 4 – Pay Those (Modest) Dues

Our class dues are only **\$10/year** and are payable every 5 years. So while we haven't hassled you for the past 4.5 years, we are now asking you to **pay \$50** to catch up.

Remember those scholarships! Thank you in advance.

- **Want to Venmo?** (our preferred method) - @Irene-Giman, confirm with last 4 of phone 9978. And don't forget to add some extra for scholarships! Please put your name in the note section along with "Class of 1983".
- **Want to use Paypal?** Just click here [paypal.me/mhc1983](https://www.paypal.com/mhc1983)
- For more information or to send a check, please visit our web site and click on Class Dues (<http://www.mhc1983.com>).

Step 5 – Plan What You Can Give Towards Our Reunion Gift

Our reunion goal for 2023 is a very do-able **\$150,000 with 35% participation**. Our head class agents have already reached out to you once, so please help us reach our goals, because otherwise it's so embarrassing at reunion when they call out the classes and totals – well, you get the idea 😊. (https://offices.mtholyoke.edu/giving/mh_fund)

OUR MOTTO: re-UNION, re-CONNECT, re-EXPERIENCE. Everything is better when you are doing it with friends. We are all genuinely privileged to have had the benefits of our Mount Holyoke experience. We hope to see you at our 40th Reunion, this coming May 19-21, 2023. In the meantime, let's work together to make this year's reunion the best yet!

Warmly,

Lisa Fagan Walts and Pamela Smith
Class of 1983, Reunion Co-Chairs