

April 27, 2004

Dear Class of 1983,

While it's been the longest winter here in New England, I hope this finds you all well. As your new class president I'd like to update you on highlights of the past year:

- Our 20<sup>th</sup> Reunion had a great turnout with 110 alumnae returning (21% of our class). This was the second highest rate of attendance of any class, rivaled only by the 65<sup>th</sup> Reunion class (25%); but I think our deejay was probably better! And no one had better yellow pom poms for the parade (who would think?).
- Our Class gave a total of \$95,881, through your generous gifts - an impressive 45.2% participation in 2002-2003.
- There's great momentum for a big 25<sup>th</sup> Reunion in May 2008. Ideas include a Class social hour Friday night in the new Blanchard Campus Center, clambake, golf and tennis tournaments, river cruise, display of classmates' work, poetry reading, party with live entertainment, etc. Another idea is to adopt the Class of '08 (as they enter this fall) and connect with them throughout the next four years including their graduation (at our Reunion). We need your input!

Our new officers (see attached list) want to make sure we increase the level of communication over the next five years. In fact, Co-Vice Presidents Cathie Love and Charlotte Lehmann attended the Alumnae Council in November and have a lot of great suggestions which include regular blast emails, College event updates, an upgraded Class Web page and possible chat room ([www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu](http://www.alumnae.mtholyoke.edu), go to Classes & Reunions, Class Web Pages), mini-reunions and more. All of our ideas take volunteers and funds. How can you help?

- Please send in your class dues. Once every five years we request \$25 (tax deductible) to cover class expenses for mailings and events (form below). A handful of us paid dues in 2003 and we still need your support. We won't ask again until planning for '08 begins. A healthy account will allow us to plan extras for Reunion and possibly defray the costs.
- Volunteer to help. Please contact Alice Adderholdt Engel to join the Reunion Committee. Your help is welcome! Nelia Dunbar, for example, will be assisting with our Web site.
- Send our Scribes your email address (to save \$\$ on mailings): [deneenfive@aol.com](mailto:deneenfive@aol.com)
- Send your comments and ideas to me or Cathie Love (email/addresses attached)!

I'm committed to increasing communication and activity across all levels of our Class, while my ten-month-old lets me chase her around the house (Margaret was born July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2003). Thanks for considering MHC Class of '83!

Very truly yours,

Jan Snyder Ross

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*Please tear off and mail back today*

**CLASS OF 1983 DUES (tax deductible): \$25 check enclosed due by July 1, 2004.**

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**Class of 1983 – Class Officers**  
(for 2003 - 2008)

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