JOIN US ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2015
Sara Bay Country Club at 11:30 A.M.
This is a joint meeting with the Smith Club

Have you ever encountered any conflict in your life? If so, you’ll want to join us on November 14th to hear MHC Professor Karen Remmler’s talk entitled “Women’s Role in Transforming Conflict Worldwide”. Remmler is Professor of German Studies, Studies at Mount Holyoke. From 2011 to 2014 she served as Director of the Five College Women’s Studies Research Center, an international feminist scholarship, teaching, and activism.

Professor Remmler recently traveled to Japan, Cambodia, and Nepal during her sabbatical and caught up with some alumnae in Kathmandu. She will share her perspectives on the ties between the College’s learning goals, the women’s leadership initiatives,

Please return the enclosed reservation form to secure your seat

ALSO MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR OUR NEXT PROGRAM
FEBRUARY 13, 2016
Boca Grande Club in Boca Grande

Our speaker will be Professor Renee Sentilles, a 1988 graduate of Mount Holyoke and currently an Associate Professor of History at Case Western Reserve University.

Sentilles specializes in nineteenth-century cultural history, American women’s history, the history of childhood, girlhood studies, gender studies, and the American West.
PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

I had the opportunity to be on the MHC campus in September and brought up care packages from our club which were much appreciated by our southwest Florida students. What fun it was to talk with them about their classes and Convocation!

The Class of 2019 has 523 students, 25 of whom are from Florida and 4 from our club area: Cameron Graham, Carla Gonzalez Vazquez, Alishba Khalil, and Anima Shrestha. International students make up almost 30% of the class total with the highest number coming from China, then Pakistan and Vietnam.

Convocation now occurs in late morning with an all campus picnic held afterwards on Skinner Green. This year’s Convocation was on September 8th which was unusually hot and humid especially for the seniors wearing their gowns for the first time.

Wren Wilkins was one of those seniors. Wren graduated from Venice High School. She is an East Asian Studies major with a focus on South Korea where she spent 4 months during her junior year. Following graduation Wren hopes to return to South Korea and teach English as a second language. Wren's Korean language classes are at Smith and she is grateful for the Five College program. Wren’s older sister Hannah is a 2014 Mount Holyoke graduate.

Freshman Cameron Graham also has a connection to the Class of 2014. Cameron first heard about Mount Holyoke from Violette Levy ’14. Violette and Cameron both attended Out of Door Academy and their parents are good friends. Cameron kept in touch with Violette while she was at Mount Holyoke and made the decision to enroll at MHC without even visiting the campus! Cameron is in MacGregor which is an all freshman dorm this year. Her roommate is from Peru. Cameron is enjoying meeting peers from so many different countries and plans to major in International Relations.

I hope you can attend our November 14th meeting and learn more about what is happening on campus. How exciting it is to be a student at Mount Holyoke in 2015!

Sue Simpson ’68

IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO SIGN UP FOR THE EMAIL VERSION OF OUR CLUB NEWSLETTER

When you sign up for the email version of our Newsletter, you are helping us reduce costs for printing and postage, and you receive a more attractive color version of the publication.

If you would like to be added to the list of those getting the emailed version, please send an email with your request to Mary Ellen Barker at mhcswfl@gmail.com.

Or, simply indicate your interest by checking the box on the Reservation Form in this newsletter.
The Mount Holyoke Club of SW Florida is truly fortunate to have members with connections in high places! As soon as Dr. Susie Betzer ’65, former president of the Alumnae Association Board of Directors, got word that President Lynn Pasquerella ’80 would deliver a keynote at the Honors College Convocation in Tampa at the University of South Florida (USF), she got busy spearheading tie-in events for local alums.

Hosted by the USF St. Petersburg Honors Program, we first enjoyed a private lunch on Thursday, September 3, 2015, with President Pasquerella. She inspired us with her passionate commitment to the ideals of MHC, touching on the college’s exciting commitment to internships as real-world preparation for launching successful careers.

Following the lunch, we listened to President Pasquerella’s thought-provoking remarks for incoming USF St. Petersburg Honors students on the “right to live our authentic selves,” with a focus on end-of-life care. She closed with a hopeful vision for how physicians and bioethicists can work together to provide the best possible experience at the end of life. It was a thrill to mingle with the engaged and appreciative students.

On Friday, September 4, at USF’s Honors College Convocation in Tampa, President Pasquerella gave a rousing keynote to a packed auditorium of 700 first-year Honors students and university leaders on the theme of innovation. Citing Mary Lyon as a pioneering example, she challenged students to use their creativity and best thinking to rise above stereotypes and change the world for the better.
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Joyce Gleason and Kitty Cannon, members of the Nominating Committee, are seeking names for 3 Board positions. We have an immediate need for a Social Chair or Co-Chair. We also would like to find an assistant to help our Communications Chair. In addition, we are seeking someone to fill the position of Newsletter editor which will become vacant at the end of this season (April, 2016).

The fortunate members who become involved will work with a committed and professional board of other women who love MHC. If you are concerned about whether or not you can do the job, don't worry! We are a network of women who support each other and provide mentoring. We will ensure that you have everything you need to step confidently into any position on the Board.

If you are the member we are looking for, or want to nominate someone for the Board, please email Joyce or Kitty at mhcswfl@gmail.com.

Did you know that there has not been an increase in Club dues in over 5 years? How are we able to keep our dues to a minimum? It is because our members pay their dues each year. It is simple math. If our members don’t pay their dues, we run short on operating funds and have to raise our dues. That just doesn't seem fair to our loyal members who do support us each year.

So... can we count on you to send in your $20 for this year? You can use the attached reservation form, even if you are not able to attend the November meeting. We thank you in advance!

IN MEMORIAM

BETTELOU CONTE ’54

It is with much sadness that we inform you of the passing on August 22, 2015 of one of our longtime and faithful Club members, Bettelou Conte ’54. Originally from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Bettelou attended the University of Chicago where she received her M.S.W. She is survived by her two sons, Thomas and Christopher Conte and six grandchildren.

LASZLO DEME

We regret to inform you that Laszlo Deme, husband of Elaine Deme ’52, passed away on August 24, 2015. Laszlo and Elaine, who was president of our Club for many years, were married for 52 years. A political refugee, Laszlo came to the U.S. in 1956. In 1966 he moved to Sarasota and accepted a position teaching history at New College. Professor Deme, a prolific writer, was considered by his peers to have been a foremost expert in 19th century European history. He is survived by Elaine, two sons, one daughter, and six grandchildren. Gifts can be made in his memory to The New College Foundation with a memo to the Laszlo Deme Fund for European Study Abroad.