

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
ALUMNAE LOYALTY AWARD 2013

PRESENTED TO



Gail Thompson Hesse '58

The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor **GAIL THOMPSON HESSE, CLASS OF 1958**, with the Loyalty Award. You have helped the College and the Alumnae Association by generously dedicating your time, talents, and resources to the fulfillment of our mission and our enduring values. Your contributions to your club and to the alumnae community have been outstanding. For your loyalty and devotion over the years, we are deeply grateful.

Your shining volunteer contributions are to the Mount Holyoke Club of Cape Cod, where you have served the Mount Holyoke community on the Cape for more than twenty-five years in many roles, including president, board director several times, Ways and Means Committee chair, program chair several times, club historian, bed and breakfast chair, and sesquicentennial coordinator. Several colleagues noted that you have held most club positions and have always been quick to “fill in wherever needed,” regardless of whether there was a formal role. It is clear why your club colleagues have described you as “the glue that keeps the club together.” As those colleagues went on to say, you did not need a formal title of historian, which you did have for several years, to regularly serve in that role for the club and its members.

You are currently working with a new generation of leadership who are grateful to you for supporting them in their enthusiasm to maintain the club’s viability. They particularly noted your willingness to help transition the club leadership to members of their younger generation, serving as a role model by doing so with grace, supportiveness, and enthusiasm. In addition to your club involvement, you also have contributed to the success of several reunions by fundraising for the class of 1958.

Gail, you have embodied Mary Lyon’s expectation when she said, “Let one efficient lady, in almost any place, either alone or with one or two to aid her, commence the work with decision, and with perseverance carry it through, and it will be done!” It is with great pleasure and sincere thanks and appreciation that we present you with the Alumnae Association Loyalty Award on this, your fifty-fifth reunion.

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