

ALUMNAE ASSOCIATION OF MOUNT HOLYOKE COLLEGE
ALUMNAE LOYALTY AWARD 2013

PRESENTED TO



Virginia Gommi Vieira '53

The Alumnae Association of Mount Holyoke College is pleased to honor **VIRGINIA GOMMI VIEIRA, CLASS OF 1953**, 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 class, club, and the alumnae community have been outstanding. For your loyalty and devotion over the years, we are deeply grateful.

Your contributions have had considerable impact on your classmates and on local club alumnae alike. Your active involvement in your class fundraising extends back to at least your thirtieth reunion, when you began serving as head class agent and then as reunion gift chair. Since then, you have regularly served as a dedicated class agent and reunion gift caller, continuing after your mobility was restricted and you were unable to attend reunions. Described by classmates as “a dedicated and effective fundraiser,” you have continued to make a valuable contribution to your class as a fundraising volunteer.

You have also had a significant impact on the Mount Holyoke Club of Detroit, Michigan, serving in a wide variety of leadership and informal roles over the years, including club president several times, treasurer, corresponding secretary, board director-at-large, and book award chair. Your colleagues in Detroit say that you “singlehandedly held the club together for many years,” and that you represented the “heart and soul” of the club, regardless of whether you were a club leader or participated as a dedicated club member. Several Detroit area alumnae observed that your impact “lasted long after your formal leadership roles ended.”

Ginny, 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 sixtieth reunion.

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