

Pat Kennedy Ascher Retirement from MHC - 2006

Last month Pat Kennedy Ascher retired from her position as “West Coast Senior Major Gift Officer” for Mount Holyoke College. Curtis Smith and I attended a wonderful reception for her where her colleagues praised her loyalty, her charm and her flexibility. I might add that she was credited for having raised 60 million dollars for Mount Holyoke during her 18 years in this position.

Pat quoted Mary Lyon saying:

“This institution is a great intellectual and moral machine, and if you will jump in you may ride very fast. Do something--teach—have a plan—live for some purpose.” To “roar along” in the spirit of Mary Lyon seems like good advice especially if we remember she had never seen an airplane or an automobile!

Pat was also honored at a reception in Sonoma and the photo of her with Kay Jester Byerly was taken there.



Pat Kennedy Ascher and Kay Jester Byerly



Pat Ascher, Curtis Smith and Dana Feldshuh Whyte