Elizabeth Ronnenberg Brown ‘58
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Elizabeth Ronnenberg Brown is honored to be a member of the Manhattanville Alumni Association Board and pleased to be working with bright and energetic people for the greater good of the College. Many changes have occurred since she was a student in the fifties but she believes the mission and spirit of Manhattanville remains the same and enthusiastically encourages alumni and friends to become active, attend events and support the College.

Elizabeth was born in Long Island and moved to White Plains with her family where she graduated from Good Counsel Academy in 1954. Her college career began at Manhattanville with the class of 1958 however marriage, children and a move to Los Angeles delayed the degree. In 1979 she graduated from the University of Southern California with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Philosophy. Excited about Ethics and Logic she voluntarily taught these subjects in her local high school as enrichment courses which she describes as greatly appreciated by students and faculty. She was a docent at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art for fifteen years and completed the course work for a Master of Arts degree in Art History that lead to a high school teaching position for two years.

While raising five children, she and her husband were involved in many community activities including the schools, library building project, and eventually the political life of the City of San Marino. Elizabeth was elected to the San Marino City Council in 1997 serving twelve years as Councilwoman and then two years as Mayor. She describes this as an incredible experience as she learned what it took to run a municipality. She dealt with issues concerning traffic mitigation and safety, property rights, building codes, architectural review, police and fire labor negotiations and balancing the budget. She feels that working through these challenges strengthened her problem-solving and negotiating abilities.

In 2009, Elizabeth returned to the East Coast relocating to Greenwich and finally settled in Rye, New York. Now she and her husband are thrilled to be closer to family - the adult children and 17 grandchildren, and to also be a mere ten minutes from Manhattanville!

“The future for Manhattanville is bright and I am happy to continue to be a part of the community.”