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Wednesday, May 12, 2010

HCHSAA's 3rd Annual Spring Gala
Yale Club, New York City

Honorees:

Edith Cooper '79

Partner & Managing Director, Global Head of
Human Capital Management, Goldman Sachs

Barbara Krumsiek '70

Chair, CEO, & President of Calvert Group Ltd.

**Friday, June 4–
Sunday, June 6, 2010**
Renuion Weekend 2010

Please turn to page 3 for more details
on these exciting events!

AUTUMN 2009 ALUM EVENTS

The Alumnae/i Association hosted a number of social events last Fall. Events such as these are advertised primarily via email, so if you want to be added to our invitation list, please email our office at hchsalums@yahoo.com.

Alum Authors Reading at The Bubble Lounge



Left to right: Bridget GORIS Klein '90, author Amy Sohn '91, Purvi Sevak '91, and Lori Hoepner '90

The Bubble Lounge in Tribeca was the setting for a September 30th alum gathering where Beth JACKENDOFF Harpaz '77 and Amy Sohn '91 read from their respective books: *13 is the New 18... and Other Things My Children Taught Me While I Was Having a Nervous Breakdown Being Their Mother* and *Prospect Park West*.

Beth's book is a funny recounting of her entry into "teenage-land" when her oldest son turned 13. She read from a section about attending her 25th HCHS reunion and how it stirred up old teenage angst (how did she look? what would she wear?).

Amy's novel is a black comedy about a quartet of Park Slope moms who interact to different degrees. One is a paranoid, fragile celebrity, and the rest are variations of urban playground types: the overweight, overprotective mom, the undersexed hot mom, and the ex-lesbian who's a little lost.

Everyone enjoyed the setting, the drinks, the camaraderie, and the readings!



PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I am happy to have been elected President of our Board of Directors in September. I want to extend sincere thanks to outgoing president, Purvi Sevak '91, who served for the past three years. Her leadership enabled us to accomplish many things, including the complete overhaul of our website. Although Purvi is stepping down as President, she remains on our board in an active and vital role.

I would also like to recognize departing board colleagues who served us so well—most particularly, our great thanks to Marguerite LIAO Williams '91 who gave dedicated service for many years as Treasurer. Although she has stepped down as a board member, Marguerite will continue to play an active role helping us with publications. I also want to recognize and thank Errol Bakal '99, Kari CHIN Chachkes '87, Diane Janoff '73, and Betty Walker '50 for their board service and support. I feel greatly indebted to all and thank them for their exemplary work.

We have recently hired a part-time Executive Director and I am pleased to introduce Elyse Reissman to you. I hope that over this coming year many of you will meet her and share your thoughts about Hunter. We thought hard about this idea, and believe we can best do justice to and improve the greater array of services and events we provide for our alums by bringing in Elyse, whose experience in fundraising—with small organizations that try to best serve their constituents—is relevant to what we do. We are very mindful to make every dollar we raise from each of you work very hard, and expect that Elyse will enable us to deliver to you on that goal.

In the spirit of change, we also have a number of new board members—Vicki BLASS Fitzgerald '49, Ellen Kackmann '91, Simeon Wallis '93, and Christine Wong '95. We have a terrific mix of five decades of the Hunter experience represented on the board, as well as the valuable experience of Marge Kolb '78, who continues in her role with enormous dedication.

We had an autumn book reading with Beth Harpaz '77 and Amy Sohn '91 and it was terrific fun. We also had Deborah Tannen '62 join us as a special guest at our Autumn Reception to talk about her new book about sisters. Other events are on the drawing board as well—stay tuned.

We have also had terrific meetings with HCHS Principal Dr. Eileen Coppola about Hunter itself. She had a good first year last year and is very upbeat about how the school is performing. She is working with all interested parties to make it even greater. On that note, we want to thank President Jennifer Raab and Hunter College for their continued support. When Marge Goldsmith, Purvi, and I met Dr. Coppola at the school recently, we thought the school itself looked clean, freshly painted, and cared for—a great way to start a new school year.

Last but not least, for those who joined us at our Spring Gala, it was really a privilege for us that Dr. Bernadine Healy '62 came back to New York especially to help us help Hunter. She was very generous and those who attended loved hearing her speak about her experiences at Hunter and what it meant for her. Thank you, Dr. Healy!

In our next issue, I expect that we will tell you more about our fundraising efforts to date, and the great help many alums have given us in that regard, as well as give Elyse a chance to write to you all directly with some of her thoughts. Meanwhile, please check out our new website at www.hchsaa.org. I hope you'll stay in touch with us and with Hunter.

On behalf of my fellow board members, I want to thank all of you who generously give your time, your financial contributions, and your energy to the AA. Your support makes it possible to help Hunter College High School continue to be the best.

With warm regards,

Joan Rosenthal '72

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Spring 2010

Upcoming Events

Third Annual HCHSAA Spring Gala On May 12 Will Honor Barbara Krumsiek '70 and Edith Cooper '79

The Alumnae/i Association's 3rd Annual Gala will be held on May 12 at The Yale Club of New York City. This year we are pleased to honor two successful alums in the field of business—Barbara Krumsiek '70, Chair, CEO, & President of Calvert Group Ltd. based in Bethesda, Maryland, and Edith Cooper '79, Partner & Managing Director, Global Head of Human Capital Management at Goldman Sachs. The Gala will feature light food, an open bar, music by the High School Jazz Ensemble and a Silent Auction of memorabilia and artwork. Patron tickets are priced at \$250 per person and Junior Alum Tickets (for alums from the classes of 1998 to present) are \$150 per person. If you are an artist or art collector and would like to donate a work of art to the auction, or to find out how you can join the Benefactors Committee, be a sponsor of the event, or place an ad in the event journal, please contact Executive Director Elyse Reissman at the AA office by calling 212-650-3349 or emailing elyse@hchsaa.org.

HCHS Reunion Weekend 2010: June 4–6

In June 2010 the Alumnae/i Association will continue to offer an increased slate of activities for our expanded "Reunion Weekend"—beginning with a Friday, June 4 reception at the High School for classes of 1975 and later, a mid-day Saturday tour and wine and cheese reception at the old 68th Street location for classes of 1974 and prior, a Saturday afternoon family softball game and picnic for classes of the '80s through the '00s, and our General Reunion at the current High School on 94th Street on Sunday, June 6. We are thankful to the many volunteer class coordinators who are already busy working on plans for class-only parties and coordinating milestone giving. Please check page 26 to see if your class has volunteers—and please consider contacting them to see if you can assist with planning. If your class doesn't yet have a volunteer and you're interested, contact our office at hchsalums@yahoo.com or 212-772-4079 and we'll tell you how to get started. To receive Reunion alerts online, please email our office at hchsalums@yahoo.com to be added to our listserv.

Are You Missing Out?

If you're not on our email list, you're not receiving invitations to great alum events like theater parties, happy hours, and other special events! Email is the only way we advertise Young Alums events as well as get-togethers of the Social/Networking Group (our "older" young alums!). We also send notification of special alum events like theater parties, events open to alums which take place at Hunter College or the High School, as well as other performances of interest (alum concerts, comedy shows, speaking engagements, etc.). Email is the best way to hear about the latest alum events! To be added to our email notification list, send an email to hchsalums@yahoo.com with the subject line: "Add Me to Blast Email." You can opt out of email at any time by following the instructions in any bulk email you receive from us. We generally send email no more than once or twice per month and we never give your email address to outside parties.

Are Your Dues Due?

Your annual dues expiration date (Month/Year) is printed above your name and address on the back page of this newsletter. If you're "due," won't you please consider paying today? Dues are fully tax-deductible and are used to support the operations of our office—including production of *AlumNotes*, maintenance of our website and online alum directory, and organizing the various social events we hold throughout the year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I read, with a slight smile on my face, your article about taking the HCHS Entrance Exam in 2009. I recall a neighbor telling my mother when I was applying to Hunter that “if Beverly goes to HCHS, she surely will have a nervous breakdown.” Well, I didn’t have a nervous breakdown...

I didn’t graduate at the top of my class, but while attending, I was my Official Class (as homeroom was called then) president for many terms, head of the Traffic Squad, president of the Athletic Association (I played basketball, the only extracurricular sport), and participated in Sing. We girls, hardy athletes, after classes, had to walk up to Lexington Avenue from the high school, which was between 2nd and 1st Avenues at 96th St. at that time, to take the subway to 86th St. to play in the gym of P.S. 6, as our school did not have a decent gym. Also, I participated in the SGO (Student Government Organization), as representative of the Athletic Assn., attending meetings on Saturdays at the Lexington Ave. YWCA. When I graduated, I was chosen one of the “Senior Celebrities.”

In addition, I never stopped attending weekly Girl Scout meetings. My scouting training and experiences as a Girl Scout troop leader were invaluable to me as a WAC (Women’s Army Corps) officer in WW II. And my education at HCHS provided the foundation for all my endeavors. On I went to Hunter College, graduating in January, 1943, after which I was immediately called to active duty. My fellow alumnae (and alumni!) can soon see my portrait as a WAC officer, which will be hung again in the refurbished Roosevelt House (re-opening this winter).

Beverly GUTTERMAN Rosenstein,
Jan. ’39

Editor’s Note: Beverly enclosed with her letter an article written about her from the April 20, 2009 Pascack Press (serving northern New Jersey). The article focused on a recent

award Beverly received for her four years as president of Hillsdale’s Historic Preservation Committee and detailed her many other civic achievements.

To the Editor:

I am in renewed contact with my classmate Mildred KUMP Riley and we have a wonderful time remembering HCHS—and the antics! The war years are most vivid. The Navy took over Hunter College’s Bronx campus to train WAVES and those Hunter College students had to come into the city for classes. The College took over the high school for classes and therefore our classes ran from 7 a.m.–1 p.m. giving us afternoons for part-time jobs or play. A most memorable time—ration stamps, air raid warning tests, blackouts and many fire drills were the norm.

I majored in Art, went on to the college, and was graduated in 1950. I then became a woman officer in the Marine Corps Reserve, married a Marine officer and had four children. We went around the world and ended up in sunny, dry California. I missed NYC badly for many years.

Phyllis BABCOCK Roche ’46

To the Editor:

Hunter College High School students remain as thoughtful and involved as ever and I appreciate having had the opportunity to provide some “living history” (at the Fall 2008 Holocaust Studies Day as detailed in the Spring 2009 issue of *AlumNotes*). I would like to correct some errors and ambiguities in your story, please.

“War,” i.e. bombs and fighting, came to us in Poland in 1939 with the Russian assault and occupation, as well as in 1941 with the Nazi advance and subsequent occupation, and for the third time in 1944, when we were freed by the Russians, that being preceded by more bombs and fighting. My father objected to us wearing red scarves and berets, uniforms of youthful Soviet Pioneers, because he feared we

would be brainwashed. My running away did not save my family—it kept us together to face God knew what. Our escape to Warsaw was prevented by an “akzion”—a hunt for Jews—and we were saved by a local Polish woman, Helena Skreszewska and a Ukrainian couple, Misia and Grzegorz Tyz, who hid us in their house for 15 months.

Edith TENNENBAUM Shapiro ’52

To the Editor:

I am an octogenarian cousin of Ruby WALLACE Dee ’39 and was mentioned in the book *With Ossie and Ruby: In this Life Together* (1998, pg. 91). I am making a contribution to the annual fund with an earmark for Visual & Performing Arts—just because I played “Topsy” in the HCHS performance of the controversial *Uncle Tom’s Cabin!*

Frances BENSON Manning ’40

To the Editor:

Thank you for this opportunity to make a donation of \$1,000 to HCHS. I have been intending to do so for some time. I regret that it must be in memory of Betsy Carol Postow ’62, for Betsy died unexpectedly on June 22, 2007. This donation is a small tribute to Hunter High School for the vast difference her attendance there made in the rest of Betsy’s life. It was there that she found intellectual and aspirational peers. And it was also there that her repeated questions in English class caused her teacher to inform her just as repeatedly that her questions dealt with matters of philosophy and not English. Betsy’s reaction was to explore philosophy for the rest of her life: she got her Ph.D. from Yale and then taught philosophy at the University of Tennessee until her untimely death. Every answer led to another question... I will not credit HCHS for all of her delightfulness, but I will for much of her joy.

Dianne M. Meagher, partner of 27 years

AUTUMN 2009 ALUM EVENTS

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Autumn Reception with Special Guest Deborah Tannen

Raymond Tsao '84



Deborah Tannen '62 (third from left) with her classmates

The Alumnae/i Association's annual Autumn Reception at the HCHS library on October 20, was graced this year by a special guest—*New York Times* bestselling author Deborah Tannen '62, who spoke about her most recent book: *You Were Always Mom's Favorite!: Sisters in Conversation Throughout Their Lives*. Deborah is a professor in the linguistics department at Georgetown University and has written a number of books about how people talk to each other—mothers and daughters and men and women, among others. For this book, she interviewed scores of sister pairs and the overriding theme she found was that of connection (“she was there when I needed her,” “she’s the only one who knows what it was like to grow up in our family”) and competition (“I spoke to Mom twice yesterday,” “I spoke to her once, but we had a better conversation”). Sisters are often compared and labeled by their families (the smart one, the athlete) and these roles are often the result of birth order. Even the famed Delany sisters, Sadie and Bessie, maintained their roles of older and younger

sisters well into their 90s (Bessie, the younger, said “Sadie doesn’t approve of me sometimes...” while Sadie said that the only reason she stayed alive was “to keep her younger sister alive.”).

AA board member Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61 also introduced everyone to the Alumnae/i Association's new Executive Director, Elyse Reissman, and long-time office manager, Marge Kolb. She asked everyone to take note of the librarian's special display of books written by HCHS alums and then introduced Principal Eileen Coppola, who is now in her second year at Hunter. Dr. Coppola thanked the AA for its continuing support, adding that she finds the loyalty of alums to the school to be amazing. Recent donations from the AA will support some new initiatives including: an advisory program, run by Assistant Principal Tony Fisher, which will connect 12–13 students to one adult in the school beginning in 7th grade; a better system to identify students in need of academic intervention; and ongoing professional development for staff members. On the last item, Dr. Coppola joked that HCHS has been like the Galapagos Islands for a long time—it has evolved nicely on its own—but now the administration is interested in making outside connections. Coppola also introduced Kyla KUPFER-STEIN Torres '92 who is the Campus Schools' new Acting Director of Admissions. Kyla is excited to be starting her 15th year at HCCS, having attended both the ES and HS! She explained that she hopes to look at how students are brought into the school with a fresh set of eyes and she would love to hear from alums with ideas about how Hunter can identify promising students.

Alum Tours at the International Center for Photography

Two small groups of alums enjoyed mid-November tours at the ICP led by docent Nancy Wechter '64. A 3-course luncheon at Saju Bistro on W. 44th St followed. The exhibit, “Dress Codes,” was The Third Triennial of Photography and Video at the ICP. This major exhibition critically examined fashion and its relationship to art and other cultural and social phenomena. As ICP's signature exhibition—and the only one of its kind in America—the Triennial featured more than 100 recent works by 34 artists from 18 countries.

Young Alums Happy Hour



Revelers at the Young Alums Happy Hour

After three days of turkey and family togetherness, young alums were excited to gather for the HCHSAA Thanksgiving weekend happy hour at Punch/Wined Up in the Flatiron district. Organized by Derek Kan '02 and hosted by Haewan Bae '02, the event drew more than 50 young alums, many from the classes of '02 and '03. The venue was great and everyone enjoyed the event.

SPRING 2009 ALUM EVENTS

Second Annual HCHSAA Spring Gala Honors Dr. Bernadine Healy '62

The Alumnae/i Association's second annual Spring Gala fundraiser was held on May 6, 2009, at The Four Seasons Hotel and honored Bernadine Healy, M.D., '62. Dr. Healy earned her M.D. from Harvard, trained as a cardiologist, and went on to become Dean of the College of Medicine and Public Health at Ohio State University. She was the first woman to head the National Institutes of Health and is also a past president of The American Red Cross. Currently, she is the health editor for *US News and World Report* and writes the magazine's biweekly "On Health" column. She also makes nationwide speaking and media appearances about our most crucial health issues. In 1999, she was diagnosed with a brain tumor and documented her experiences in the 2007 book *Living Time: Faith and Facts to Transform Your Cancer Journey*.

Honorary Gala Chair Linda P. Fried, M.D., M.P.H., '66, who is currently the Dean of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, introduced Dr. Healy by describing her as an important pathmaker for women in the field of medicine. Dr. Fried revealed that Dr. Healy has been her role model. Fried followed Healy's tenure at Johns Hopkins Medical School and "borrowed" from her the idea of having an annual clam bake for residents. When Healy was at the National Institutes of Health, Fried was a scientist trying to get NIH funding and was therefore very attuned to the positive changes Healy instituted while there.

Alums and friends were touched to hear Dr. Healy talk about the influence Hunter High had on her life. She also joked that she was a terrible athlete and loved the fact that the gym was "postage stamp-sized." Her father, who never



From left to right: Dr. Bernadine Healy '62, Dr. Kenneth Olden, CUNY School of Public Health, AA President Purvi Sevak '91, and Hunter College President Jennifer Raab '73



Dr. Linda Fried '66, Honorary Gala Chair



From left to right: AA Vice President Joan Rosenthal, Janine Craane '77, and Dr. Healy

graduated from grammar school, nevertheless understood the importance of education, and both her parents ignored the advice of the priest and nuns at Healy's parochial school who said it wasn't a good idea to educate a girl too much. She considers her greatest achievement to be graduating first in her class, an honor she didn't achieve until her last six months at the school—and then "it was all downhill after that!" Hunter

provided a renaissance education—there was nothing students were not exposed to or expected to know about—and students judged each other for their character, not their appearance. Healy closed by saying, "I am here because of Hunter and I thank you."

Proceeds from the evening will benefit the High School and the Alumnae/i Association.

***Distracted* Theater Party Featuring Cynthia Nixon '84**



Eve Ferdman '79, former AA President, chats with Cynthia Nixon '84

On April 22, eighty alums and friends enjoyed an evening performance of off-Broadway's *Distracted* at the Roundabout's Laura Pels Theatre, starring Hunter's own Cynthia Nixon '84. Cynthia kindly joined our group at an after-show reception in the theatre's lounge, where she chatted with us and posed for photos.

The play, by Lisa Loomer, is a fast-paced and comic look at parenting in the age of Ritalin and the Internet. It demonstrated that many of us are "distracted" by cell phones, blaring TVs in restaurants, etc.—not just children (who may or may not have ADHD and may or may not need medication). The line which especially tickled the alums in attendance was when Cynthia, while driving her car, took a call on her cell phone and proceeded to tell the caller, who was from her alumni association, that she didn't have any money to donate because she was an underachiever!

MoMA Tours Led By Nora Lawrence '97

In mid-May, curatorial assistant Nora Lawrence '97 led two small group private tours of the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art, followed by a luncheon at Café 2. A range of alums ('62 to '08) attended, along with one shell-shocked husband (the only man in the group!). This was Nora's third year hosting our alumni tours, but the first time she took us through the permanent collection, which she did from the perspective of chronology and showing us some of her favorites. It was interesting, informative, and fun, but sadly for us, Nora is leaving MoMA to finish her Ph.D.

NEW HCHSAA WEBSITE LAUNCHED, FEATURES ONLINE *ALUMNOTES* ARCHIVE, AND MORE!



Last spring, the Alumnae/i Association launched our newly redesigned website, still at www.hchsaa.org. Highlights of the site include breaking news, online event registration, photos from recently held events, and class pages with links to class websites and egroups (including many new Facebook class groups) as well as "Class Notes" from fellow members of your class. We also have an index of published alum authors and their books (under About Us/Books by Alums). The books are sorted by genre—including Cookbooks, Fiction, Graphic Novels/Comics, Memoir/Autobiography, Nonfiction, and Poetry. Our notable alum authors include: Hortense Calisher, Audre Lorde, Cynthia Ozick, and Deborah Tannen, as well as many others. (*If you've published a book and you're not listed, just drop us a line and we'll be happy to add your information.*)

In addition, you can now access a complete archive of past issues of *AlumNotes*, all the way back to our inaugural issue in Fall 1973 (located under the heading "News"). The newsletters are in searchable form, but in order to access them, you must register with our website (please allow up to 24 hours to complete this process). Special thanks are due to the class of January, 1949 for funding this archiving project with their milestone class gift.

NOTES FROM REUNION WEEKEND 2009

An increased slate of activities was featured for last June's Reunion weekend: an evening reception at the High School on Friday, June 5 for classes of 1977 and later (those who attended HCHS at the current location); a Saturday daytime tour of the old High School at 68th & Lexington, followed by a wine and cheese reception; a family softball game and picnic on Saturday afternoon in Central Park for classes of the '80s and '90s; and of course, the General Reunion on Sunday, June 7.

The Friday evening reception was attended by about 50 alums, many from the milestone classes of '79 and '84. The casual and comfy location in the High School library was conducive to mingling and conversations and an enjoyable time was had by all. The next day, the first-ever tour and reception at the old High School was a big hit, with more than 120 alums from classes of the '40s through the '70s in attendance. Alums enjoyed traipsing through the six stories of "their" school and seeing the old gymnasium, auditorium, and some of the classrooms. The reception, held on a rooftop terrace outside the college's Faculty Dining Room, was favored with excellent weather, and alums took full advantage to mix and mingle with classmates.

On Sunday the all-classes reunion at the current High School began at 10:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by a general assembly with speakers from each of the milestone classes, and a buffet luncheon. It was a great opportunity to see the school as it is today, meet current and former faculty members, and share reminiscences of HCHS with fellow alums. Most milestone classes (those ending in 4 or 9) planned a separate gathering for the same weekend, some of which are detailed below.

At the reunion assembly, AA President Purvi Sevak '91 thanked everyone for

attending and noted that the 50-year class had more than 50 members present! The oldest alum in attendance was Marjorie CALDWOOD Parrish '40, aged 89. High School principal Dr. Eileen Coppola, who just completed her first year at Hunter, spoke next. She said she is often asked by alums what Hunter is like today—she reported that it remains a strong academic school with many students winning city, state, and national prizes across all disciplines. There are more than 100 clubs—including old favorites like Washington Seminar, the Math Team, and *Annals*—as well as two newspapers (*What's What* and *The Observer*) and other publications like *Argus*, and ones devoted to satire, music, and science fiction. New technology infuses most aspects of the school—including a wireless network, Smartboards, and high-tech A/V equipment in the recently renovated auditorium. The G.O. even has a Facebook page. Her priorities for the school include continuing to strengthen academics, including the nexus of Science, Math, and Technology, building interdisciplinary alliances, and fostering more creativity. Increased support for struggling students is also being addressed and there are a lot of staff discussions about mental health issues to address the stress students are under. She thanked the Alumnae/i Association for its spiritual and financial support of the school, stating that students are well aware of the longevity of the school and benefit from knowing that.

The first class speaker was Jean ACKERMAN Hastings, the only member of the milestone class of Jan. '44 in attendance. She graduated from Hunter right after she turned 16 and finished college by 19. Her daughter, Elizabeth, was class of '68 and graduated when she was 18—which shows the evolution in thinking about acceleration versus enrichment.

Mildred Speiser, Jan. '49, a founding member and president emerita of the Alumnae/i Association, has organized her class's milestone reunions since 1954, long before the existence of the AA. She related that this year marks not only her 60th milestone reunion, but the 37th anniversary of overcoming Hunter College's proposal to close the High School. The fight to keep the school was not won by Superman but many "Wonder Women" alums, as well as parents of students. From that emergency, the AA arose and she was "volunteered" to be the first president. She is gratified at how the AA has grown and improved over the years, but noted that even in the beginning it was "the little engine that could" and was often staffed by a member of her class. She then listed the top 10 things which she felt were the legacy of the class of Jan. '49—including being survivors of the Great Depression, WW II, and the Holocaust; celebrating their 10th reunion at The Plaza; remaining married at a high rate (87%); using email (71%); and after 60 years, knowing the whereabouts (including deaths) of 98% of their classmates. She challenged all current and future milestone classes to be as diligent in their detective work as she and her class have been.

Gloria HOOPER-Rasberry, June '49 talked about the major role that Hunter played in the lives of her classmates and joked that they are still being influenced by the mandatory Latin classes they took! She can attest that Hunter prepared them so well that college and graduate school were much easier than they should have been. Having lived into their late 70s, she and her classmates follow the exhortations of Eckhart Tolles and others to live "in the now" – and they remain actively involved in their communities and work to make change in government.

Debbie HARTLEY Forchielli spoke for the 50th reunion class of 1959. While

they can't compete with the class of Jan. '49, they did locate 75% of their classmates and connected with many over Facebook! The class is similar to many others from Hunter—with its share of doctors, lawyers, and Indian chiefs, but they share a common pride in their class mascot—Giuseppe the Giraffe! The entire class then launched into their song about Giuseppe (to the tune of "I'm in Love with a Wonderful Guy"): "Hunter, we present you Giuseppe. Make way and hail; he's the best of his kind. Please do not laugh, he's a cultured giraffe with a highly superior mind..." followed by their Senior Song (to the tune of "That's Entertainment"): "All rise as the Seniors appear, For you know it's a dynamic year. Fifty-nine, we are simply sublime. We're Hunter's Seniors..."

Ena Malone '64 reported that with 327 members, her class was the largest in the school's history. When they left Hunter, it was at the start of the women's movement and the effects can be seen—many classmates who started their careers as teachers went on to earn Ph.D.s and become deans and chairs of their departments. They also have class members who are midwives, nurses and doctors, published authors, artists, and even IT professionals (though that field was in its infancy in the 1960s). They tried to "do it all" and they did it well. Many class members have known each other for 50 years and have kept in touch all that time.

Diane Tabakman '69 joked that the difference between her class's mascot—Kama Sutra—and the class of '59's giraffe illustrated quite plainly the difference between the 1950s and '60s. Her class marched against the war and sang "Changes" by protest folk singer Phil Ochs at their graduation. More than 60 class members gathered the day prior to the general reunion at one classmate's home and many were reconnecting for



Class of '59 members enjoy the Saturday tour and reception at 68th & Lexington

the first time since high school. She and her classmates also enjoyed the tour and reception at the 68th St. location.

Margaret WAGNER Bary '74 spoke for her class, reporting that about 40 members had reconnected either on Saturday or at the general reunion. Their class graduated about 200 girls, but half had started Hunter in 1968 and half in 1969, so they are a bit fractured and many class members are confused as to which year to celebrate (this happened because in the late '60s, the high school declared itself a 5-year school, with an optional 6th year). Their class was the last to graduate from the school before boys were admitted in the Fall of 1974. She met alums on the Saturday tour who complained about the school now being co-ed, but as the mother of a boy who graduated from HCHS a year ago, she's glad it's co-ed.

Marge Kolb '78 spoke for the class of '79. Her class was also "fractured" with some members graduating a year early, as she did, but most staying for the 6th year as the school transitioned back to a 6-year school with a 5-year option. Theirs was the last all-girls class and at their class party the previous night, there were just two brave men and more than 60 women! The class has produced doctors, university professors, those who work in high finance, a rocket scientist, a lawyer at the DOJ, the co-chief movie reviewer for *The New York Times*, and the AA's Office Manager. Some class members have children in their 20s and one has 7-month-old twin boys. They remember going to school in two floors of an office building for 3.5 years and they remember great teachers



Class of '79 members enjoy their Saturday party at Beacon Restaurant

like Jack McNeil, Ira Marienhoff, Parker Baratta, Janet Baer, Sue Meeker, and Marge Goldsmith.

Pam London '84 reported that her classmates attended the Friday night reception at the High School and then went to fellow Hunterite Holiday Haber '83's P&G Bar, the Saturday afternoon picnic and softball game, and a class-only party at Metrazur in Grand Central on Saturday evening, which was attended by about 100 people. About 30 class members ended the night at The Perfect Pint, socializing until the wee hours. The class is memorable for having started the Brick Prison Playhouse and having had as its mascot Orwell the Penguin (remember: it was 1984). The class is proud to have Cynthia Nixon and Major George Gatling as members (George just returned from a year in Iraq) and also that two class members have children who would begin attending Hunter in the fall of 2009.

Nora Bensahel '89 reported that her class had more than 100 attendees at their Saturday night dinner. There are five married couples from within the class and funnily enough, none of them dated each other while at Hunter. The two most interesting careers among the class are a personal chef and a former lawyer who now writes Harlequin romance novels!

Dave Kerpen '94 was the only member of his class present but stated he was touched by all the speakers and honored to have gone to such a fine school. He has two daughters and has remained living in

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Class of '84 on the stairs in Grand Central outside Metrazur

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NYC in the hopes one or both of them will be able to attend Hunter. About 60 of his classmates attended their class-only party the previous day.

The following reports detail class-only celebrations:

June 1949—The “LX” reunion class of June, 1949, was organized by Gloria HOOPER-Rasberry and Bernice (Bunny) WORMAN Hauser. The weekend began with the Alumnae/i Association-sponsored Saturday morning tour of the “old school” at 68th & Lexington Ave. Several classmates participated and felt quite nostalgic as they ambled through the halls, gym, and a very differently configured auditorium. Many of the LX’ers skipped the reception at the College which followed because it overlapped with the class’s special event—a luncheon at the lovely home of Pearl (Kiddy) WEISSMAN Meyer. The splendid lunch, magnificent Manhattan skyline views, and very comfortable surroundings were a perfect setting as the class shared memories and updates. There were more than 20 classmates, who came from near and far (California, Washington State, Virginia and D.C., Massachusetts, New Jersey, upstate New York, and of course,

NYC). Warmest thanks are due to the class’s very special hostess, Pearl Meyer. Conversations continued the following morning at the High School (94th St.) where all classes gathered to hear class reports in the auditorium. Before that event, however, LX’ers met in one of the classrooms for a videotaped session and, with many thanks to underwriting from Jane SCHWARTZ Schultz, photographs were taken and a video of individual reminiscences (or mini-oral histories) was made. The class’s indomitable class president, Gloria (Vangie) HOOPER-Rasberry, in addition to her fine class report to the reunion classes, was snapping away with her camera and also took some videos at the luncheon on Saturday. Bunny WORMAN Hauser gathered updated email and addresses from those present and Vangie has shared them with the group—another terrific example of the class’s cooperative spirit. Everyone had such a good time—but not without some bitter-sweet feelings and memories about classmates no longer with us—that it was decided to try to keep in touch more frequently, with the greater New York group taking responsibility for planning some mini-reunions for which notice will be sent to as many classmates as possible. Hopefully, some will be able to come

from out-of-town for these events. Vangie has also begun, with help from classmates, what can be a routine “class notes”—keeping the class informed of each other’s doings. The overarching theme that emerged from the conversations—and more formal comments for the video—was the class’s gratitude to Hunter for giving all of them such an extraordinary grounding for their life pursuits—at college and thereafter.

1959—The 50th reunion class, organized by Debbie HARTLEY Forchielli, had a large turn-out at both the Saturday tour at 68th Street and the Sunday general reunion. Many class members connected weeks prior to the reunion on the class’s Facebook group: “Hunter College High School Class of 1959” (which currently has more than 60 members!). The class-only event was held at the Marriott Courtyard Hotel on E. 92nd St.

1979—More than 60 class members gathered on the Saturday evening of Reunion weekend at Beacon Restaurant on W. 56th St. Everyone looked marvelous and enjoyed the buffet dinner, drinks, and talk, talk, talk. A number of classmates also attended the Friday night reception at the High School and the Sunday general reunion. The yahoo group is still active: http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hchs78_79/

1984—More than 100 people showed up for the main event on Saturday night at Metrazur. The class hired a photographer so there are TONS of great photos—visit the Facebook page at: Hunter College High School—Class of 1984 25th Reunion—June 2009!!! or <http://hchs.homedns.org/>

1999—Scores of classmates attended the class party, organized by Errol Bakal, on Friday, June 5 at the Bar at La Bottega (the Italian restaurant at the Maritime Hotel in the meatpacking district). You can view photos of the event at the Facebook page: Hunter ’99 10 Year Reunion.

2009 SENIOR SYMPOSIUM CONNECTS STUDENTS AND ALUMS

Twenty-nine alums took a break from their busy lives and spent a day with HCHS seniors on June 10. Lin-Manuel Miranda '98, Tony award winner for his Broadway show *In the Heights*, was the keynote speaker and kicked off the day's program by meeting with a large crowd in the auditorium. He shared the stage with Assistant Principal Lisa Siegmann (and joked that he felt like he was on "Inside the Actor's Studio with Lisa"). Lin entered Hunter Elementary in kindergarten and after graduating from the High School, earned his B.A. at Wesleyan. He returned to Hunter and taught 7th grade for a year before turning his attention to the theater full time. He told the audience that as a student at HCHS he was involved in the Brick Prison Playhouse and Musical Rep and went to college thinking he could do anything because he'd directed Rep—this was a case of overconfidence with not much knowledge to back it up! He attributed his success to a combination of hard work and good luck. Lisa pointed out that a lot of HCHS students are very good at pulling off their schoolwork and projects at the last minute, but this approach may not work well if you are working with an ensemble; Lin agreed this is the greatest blessing and greatest curse of Hunter students. In college he learned that you can't write a 30-page research paper the night before it's due and he started setting deadlines for himself. Lin also stressed that if you want to be good at something, you need to figure out what it is you like in the field in which you're interested and find mentors who will help you get better at what you do. He added that it's okay if you find a new passion. Networking is important but can also be very time-consuming. One regret from his college years is that he didn't spend a semester

abroad, which about two-thirds of the junior class did. He counseled that Hunterites need to learn to say "no" to some things—he remembered that that at Hunter, he and his friends were always in a contest to see who was more frazzled. College is also a chance to dip into subjects outside your major—one of his favorite classes was "Gospels and Christianity" which was an analytical look at The Bible. Asked about whether he was homesick at college, he replied that he did miss his family and friends, but moved into a Latino program house in his sophomore year where he met students whose parents were cab drivers or bodega owners. Being away from home gave him the proper distance to enable him to write about Washington Heights.

The two other parts of the day's program consisted of career-themed break-out sessions followed by a "Millennium Panel" of recent alums fielding questions from the seniors. All discussions touched on the reality of college life and advice from alums: it's a different world when you leave NYC—try to keep an open mind about new people you meet; a liberal arts major helps you explore different options if you're not sure what you want to do, working a few hours a week during college can be a great learning experience; find a mentor(s); try to take all easy classes for one semester so you can enjoy life; keep in touch with your HCHS connections and with new people you meet via email and the occasional phone call; and take advantage of special campus offerings like guest speakers, debates, and trips. The career panel members also spoke at length about how they got into their careers (it was not always their Plan "A" either!), answered questions, and offered advice.



Filmmaker Elan Bogarin '00 after speaking to students at the 2009 Senior Symposium

The career sessions and their participants were: **Entertainment:** Amy Sohn '91, writer/novelist, Jonathan Arak '83, theater director/SAT & GMAT tutoring, Davina Cohen '97, actress/mime/acrobat/teaching artist, and Michael Goldwasser '89, music producer/composer/musician; **Journalism:** Andrew Siff '86, broadcast journalist with News Channel 4, Beth JACKENDOFF Harpaz '77, AP journalist, and Ian Trontz '83, *New York Times* journalist; **Social Change/Non-Profit:** Christine Bader '89, Advisor to the UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General for business and human rights, Harvard professor John Ruggie, Muzzy Rosenblatt '83, Executive Director of the Bowery Residents' Committee, Matt Blumenfeld '83, founder/head of FDA, a fundraising consulting firm, and Chris Rugger '94 who works in technology for a publishing firm while volunteering with The Children's Aid Society as President and Chair on their junior board; **Visual Arts:** Mia Fineman '84, Sr. Research Associate in the Dept. of Photographs at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Ellen Wallenstein '70, photographer/book artist/photography instructor, and Laura

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CLASS OF 2009 COMMENCEMENT

by Marge Kolb '78

The two-hour ceremony flew by on June 25 as 180 members of the class of 2009 were graduated from HCHS at the Hunter College Assembly Hall. Emotional attachments to Hunter were renewed for the many alums in attendance and a deep affection for the High School was displayed by graduates, faculty, and parents.

Guests were welcomed by Briana Parker '09 who noted that the class's six years at Hunter had consisted of countless essays written, Scantron forms filled out (for tests), and late nights falling asleep over textbooks—all with the goal of reaching this momentous occasion. She compared Hunter students to “zebras in a world of horses”—not quite fitting in with the crowd and always seeking a unique take on the world. She praised Hunter for encouraging students to let their inner zebras run free—encouraging them to actively participate in their education and go beyond the surface to explore the depths. She joked that “disturbances” in the herd are dealt with in typical Hunter fashion—as when one of two arguing students told the other, “You’re just like Douglas in the Lincoln–Douglas debates!”

Principal Eileen Coppola introduced Hunter College president Jennifer Raab '73, who congratulated Coppola on completing her first year at the school. Raab told the graduates that signing their diplomas had been a labor of love for her—and that her own HCHS diploma is the only one hanging in her office because it made all her other diplomas possible. Though many things have changed since she was part of the Hunter student body, the dedicated faculty and the exceptional graduates have remained constant. She stressed that although all the graduates had “made” Hunter by passing the entrance exam, Hunter, in turn, “made” them what they are today, and she urged them to remember Hunter,

Ryan Joseph



Khan Shoieb receives his diploma from Principal Coppola

and in future years to return to it and to NYC the gifts they have received.

State Assemblymember Jonathan Bing also addressed the graduates, telling them it has been his pleasure to fund the Campus Schools over recent years. He urged graduates to be good to their *alma mater*, to their community, and to the world. As the best and brightest in New York City, their future involvement is vital.

The Distinguished Graduate award, decided each year by a committee of the faculty, was given to Mildred SPIEWAK Dresselhaus, Jan. '48, an MIT professor and highly respected, multiple-award-winning scientist in the field of carbon study. Accepting for Dresselhaus—who was in Beijing giving the summary presentation at the Tenth International Conference on the Science and Application of Nanotubes—was retired HCHS Science Department Chair, Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61.

Goldsmith highlighted Dresselhaus's impressive biography (see box at right) and read the 1948 yearbook quote about her: “Any equation she can solve. Every problem she can resolve. Mildred equals brains plus fun. In math and science she's second to none.”

Dresselhaus's advice to the class of 2009 was recorded in a video the class watched prior to the commencement ceremony (viewable online at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zTe6mAvWB2M>). She told them to ask their professors hard questions and to find a good mentor. She also stressed the importance of feeling excited about what you do.

The class advisor, Martha Curtis, of the Social Studies department, spoke of the great pleasure she'd had in working with the class since 9th grade; they are a joyous, spirited and kind group. The high point came at the Senior Prom where the kids, decked out in their finest, gazed in wonder at their own city—everyone

2009 Distinguished Graduate: Mildred SPIEWAK Dresselhaus, Jan. '48

Dresselhaus grew up in the Bronx, the daughter of impoverished Polish immigrants. While attending Hunter College, with the hope of becoming a teacher, she took a physics class with Dr. Rosalyn Yalow (who went on to win a Nobel prize in Science). Yalow encouraged her to continue with her studies and Dresselhaus eventually won a Fulbright Scholarship to Cavendish Laboratories. She then earned a Master's from Radcliffe and a Doctorate from the University of Chicago, where she studied with Enrico Fermi. She was hired at the MIT Lab, where she was one of only two women on a staff of 1,000. She has been a tenured professor in the department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at MIT since 1968, when the female student population at MIT was still only 4% (now 40%), and since 1985 she has been Institute Professor at MIT—the first woman to attain this honor. Dresselhaus has been called "the Queen of Carbon Science" and is one of the world's foremost experts in this field and in the field of carbon nanostructures and conductivity. She is the recipient of the U.S. National Medal of Science, The Weitzman Institute Lifetime Achievement Award, the Nicholson Medal for Human Outreach, the Buckley Prize (the highest award in Physics), and the L'Oreal-UNESCO Award for women in science. In May 2009, she received the Vanevar Bush Medal for her contribution "to the welfare of Mankind and the nation" through public service in science and technology. Dresselhaus has also been a Ph.D. advisor to almost 100 students.

To see a complete list of HCHS Distinguished Graduates, please visit our website: www.hchsaa.org and click on "About Us" and then "Distinguished Graduates."

happy and graceful and young. She teased the class that while they may think of themselves as being very smart, she wonders how many of them can roast a chicken, sew a dress, or make or fix anything? She urged them to make time in their lives to forge connections to the physical world so they can bask in the joy of a job well done.

Khan Shoieb '09 gave the Class Speech, and compared Hunter students to two young fish, who after being greeted by an elder who asks, "How's the water?" swim off wondering, "What's water?" Today's graduates have spent the past six years

submerged in something wonderful, but may never have noticed "it" because it was all around. It will take leaving Hunter and gaining perspective for them to realize what they've been swimming in. Hunter became a home away from home for members of the class over the past one-third of their lives—a place that was inspirational—where students explored their potentials and pieced together their identities. Khan added that while there are no rules or steps to take to ensure successful, happy lives, and the class of '09 is just as clueless as everyone else on how to achieve that, he urged his classmates not to take the conventional path set out by

others but to let their hearts be their guides. In meeting with alums from the '70s and '80s at the recent Senior Symposium (see pg. 11), the palpable strength of their Hunter bonds shone through—along with a nostalgia for the time they spent at Hunter with other brilliant, quirky teenagers and of course, dedicated teachers.

Principal Coppola told the class she felt like she was just getting to know them, and now they're off to college—the beneficiaries of a very fine education. She asked the class not only to nurture their own careers, but to try to make the world a better place—join the Peace Corps, teach, volunteer, work for peace, and battle injustice—and don't shy from idealism and dreams. Most of all, she urged the class to maintain their ties to each other and to Hunter.

Desperately Seeking Sarah Maria Jones

If you are in touch with a classmate who isn't receiving *AlumNotes*, tell us how to reach her (or him). We rely on our members to help keep our database up to date. You can also let us know if you are looking for a "lost" classmate and we may be able to help you get back in touch. And in case you didn't know, Sarah Maria (pronounced Mariah) Jones was the name given to the archetypal Hunter High student—she even had a song written about her, which began: "I'm Sarah Maria Jones and I've got Hunter in my bones..."

ALUM SPOTLIGHT: ESTELLE PARNAS ORINGER '27

Estelle PARNAS Oringer '27, an alumna of both Hunter High and Hunter College, is a concert pianist still performing at the age of 97. Her daughter, Judith Oringer, recently submitted this biographical sketch.

Estelle Parnas was born on June 5, 1912 to immigrant parents from Eastern Europe. Early on, she was recognized as being both intellectually and musically gifted. She entered Hunter High at age 11 and graduated at 15 (she had skipped four years earlier in her schooling). She went on to Hunter College, from which she graduated in 1931 at age 19. Estelle characterizes the education she received at Hunter High as being peerless—her classmates were all brilliant in her memory and her teachers outstanding. “You could get into Hunter College if you were smart, but Hunter High you could only get into if you were brilliant!” She adds: “We would walk around with our noses in the air. It was the best high school in the United States!”

Although musically she was a child prodigy, she later majored in French at Hunter College since there was no music department. She also attended the Manhattan School of Music, from which she received her B.M. in 1945. At Hunter High she had learned to speak French perfectly and remembers that her very strict and great French teachers used to say “Mesdemoiselles, observez mes lèvres” (Young ladies, watch my lips) as a technique for learning a language—and it worked. To this day, her French is beautiful.

Early on, my mother fell in love with the French language and France for reasons we can't easily explain. I benefited from this as well as her musical interests, and have made one of my careers as a French interpreter and translator, working for the State Department for over 10 years as such. In fact, I went to live in Paris and stayed there for almost 14 years until 2006



when I realized it was time to come home and take care of my mother—now in her 90s.

My mother visited me in France every year until she was almost 90. At one hotel in Montmartre where she often stayed, the owner, a talented singer, who had taken her to his apartment so he could hear her play, was astonished by her French. “Where did you get that accent?” he asked her. “It’s perfect!” Her answer, as always: “At Hunter.”

After a very successful career as a music teacher in many schools and privately, she returned to a concert career in her late 60s. She made a well-received “debut” in 1983 at Carnegie Recital Hall, performed in halls and churches all over the New York area, and toured Haiti as well as several other countries. Following her enthusiastic reception in Haiti, she recorded “Estelle’s Greatest Romantic Hits” consisting of selections from the romantic and Spanish repertory, her specialties. She is still performing on a regular basis at the various JASA centers (a dynamic network of Jewish senior centers). She says: “I love to watch people do a double take when I slide over from a wheelchair onto the piano bench, and seem 50 years younger when I start to play.”

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Auricchio '86, Assistant Professor of Art History at Parsons–The New School/published author; **Education:** Brett Peiser '86, founder, Collegiate Charter Schools, an Uncommon Schools network of middle and high schools in Brooklyn, Kyla KUPFERSTEIN Torres '92, educational consultant for non-profit programs and students, and Steven Evangelista '94, charter school operator (Harlem Link); **Entrepreneurs:** Dave Kerpen '94, founder of the marketing firm theKbuzz, Charles Ar dai '87, founder of Juno/writer and editor of pulp-style paperback crime novels, Judy CHIN Wong '88, VP of Talent Acquisition and Development for Related Companies, and Susan Kaplan, MD '70, private practitioner in urology and acupuncture. **The Millennium Panel** was comprised of Elan Bogarin '00, James Dodington '01, Daniel Pearlstein '01, Nuriel Adler '02, Jordan Barr '02, Marisol Rose-Shapiro '03, and Ben Axelrod '02.

After the end of the “official” program, Elan Bogarian '00 met with a small group in the library to talk about her blossoming career as a filmmaker and producer. Three recent projects she’s completed include a documentary about Muslims who saved Jews during the Holocaust, *God’s House*; a combination animated/live action film about oil, *Invisible Murals*, and a feature film, *Big Fan*, starring Patton Oswalt, which was an Official Selection of the 2009 Sundance Film Festival (and just came out on DVD on January 12, 2010).

NEWS FROM HCHS

The Campus Schools are currently going through the process of Middle States Accreditation and hope to be finished by May. This project will help provide an organizing framework for improving all aspects of the school and build a culture of planning and follow-through. It will also provide recognition for the Campus Schools through a highly respected quality review...Kyla KUPFERSTEIN Torres '92 joined the Campus Schools over the summer as the Acting Director of Admissions, replacing Lindy Uehling, who moved to the new Speyer Legacy School as Director of Development. Kyla is interested in partnering with our alumni community to think about the admissions process, make the Campus Schools more visible to underrepresented communities, and ensure that Hunter continues to attract and retain gifted students from all over New York City. Please feel free to email Kyla at kkupfers@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu...The Bowling Team, first formed in 2003, is coached by Sandra Miley and is currently ranked 26th in NYC and 1st in the Manhattan 11 league. Team members agree that beating Stuyvesant this year, by just seven pins, was their most memorable moment...College admissions have gone paperless with all of the Common Application schools and approximately 1,000 others utilizing an electronic process...The Theater Department was off to a fast start this school year with productions of *Noises Off* and *Romeo & Juliet* both performed by the end of November...The I-HELP Liberia Project organized a benefit concert on the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend featuring three alums who are accomplished musicians: Arthur Lewis '98, Malini Sur '00, and music teacher David Towber's Emmy-winning daughter, Michal Towber '98 (michalmusic.com). Founded in 1994 by Liberian native and science department technician, Mr. Asumana Randolph, I-HELP Liberia has grown into a highly effective group, aiming to improve science

and engineering education in Liberia by providing schools with advanced technology. Current students Heidi Baumgartner and Gillie Collins showed slides from their most recent trip to Liberia and talked to the audience about the project. Alums Adam Cohen '97 and Ben Rapoport '99 have also visited Liberia and spoke about the struggles the country faces and the ways it can be helped...Six students from Carnegie Vanguard, a gifted and talented high school in Houston, Texas, visited HCHS in late October in order to "experience and learn from the different policies that Hunter has and perhaps implement them at their own school." According to Melany Aschner, the trip coordinator, all of Carnegie's core subjects are AP track courses and she believes this focus can be limiting because the AP courses must follow a standardized curriculum. She added that many at Carnegie feel that additional courses with less breadth and more depth than AP courses would be desirable. A Texas student who visited Hunter's International Relations class remarked that "the entire atmosphere was one of discussion between the teacher and the students, with the students doing most of the talking while the teacher only presented new questions."...Star chef and food activist Bill Telepan "guest cooked" at HCHS on November 18. He made freshly prepared vegetarian pasta with pesto sauce, following up on the vegetarian chili he made in October, which now appears on the menu in regular rotation, cooked by the Telepan-trained cooking interns in the school cafeteria...The senior class has settled on Bridgewaters at the South Street Seaport as the location of their spring prom...Former Music teacher Shawn Crouch was interviewed in the December 10, 2009 issue of the student paper *The Observer*. After seven years at HCHS, Crouch is currently the director of the Miami Choral Project, a tuition-free afterschool program which hopes to create a "Little League"-type network of choral ensembles for children in

low-income areas of Miami-Dade County (miamichoralproject.org). Four of Crouch's musical compositions will be premiered in the upcoming year, including two albums to be commercially released—*Mementos* and *Yesaroun' Duo*—and he can be followed on Twitter and at shawncrouchmusic.com...Sewell Chan '94 was also interviewed in the same issue of *The Observer*. Sewell is the editor of the City Room blog for *The New York Times*...Christopher Sugino '11 was initially tied for 3rd place in the 11th Grade in the National Scholastic K-12 Chess Championships in Dallas, TX in December, though after a series of tie-breakers, he received the 6th place trophy...In international chess competition, Alec Getz '12 finished in the top third of the Boys Under 16 Section of the World Youth Chess Championships held November 11-23 in Kemer, Antalya, Turkey. His section included one grandmaster, five international masters, and 17 FIDE masters (one of whom was Alec).

Attention: Washington Seminar Alums

The Social Studies Department has put together an exhibit celebrating the 60th anniversary of Washington Seminar. Alums can still submit brief notes about your experiences, statements of how it impacted you professionally, and of course, pictures would be terrific. (To view some photos on the High School's website, go to hchs.hunter.cuny.edu and click on the Washington Seminar 60th Anniversary banner in the upper right-hand corner.)

Please send materials to:
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Diane di Prima '51 received the 2008 Reginald Lockett Award for Lifetime Achievement from P.E.N. Oakland. Then, on May 15, 2009, she was named Poet Laureate of San Francisco. Di Prima participated in the emerging Beat movement in NYC in the '50s and '60s and eventually moved to San Francisco permanently. In 1969, she wrote a fictionalized, erotic account detailing her experience in the Beat movement entitled *Memoirs of a Beatnik* and in 2001, she published *Recollections of My Life as a Woman: The New York Years*. She is currently a writing teacher, and has published 35 books of poetry.

Martina ARROYO de Maurel, Jan. '53 was honored by *Opera News* at their annual awards ceremony held November 19, 2009 at Gotham Hall. In an article to celebrate her award (metoperafamily.org/operanews/issue/article.aspx?id=5352), Arroyo's career was highlighted—she debuted with the Metropolitan Opera in 1959 as the Celestial Voice in *Don Carlo*. She subsequently left the Met for a career in Europe and returned for her “second Met debut” in 1965, filling in for the ailing Birgit Nilsson in *Aida*. She was a popular guest of Johnny Carson's on *The Tonight Show* in the 1970s and also guest-starred on *The Odd Couple*. Since her retirement from singing, she has taught voice at several college programs, including Indiana University.

Evelyn HAUSNER Lauder '54 was profiled in an October 13, 2009 article in *The New York Observer* entitled “The Last Lady Philanthropist.” The article followed her on October 12, as she made appearances on CBS's *Early Show*, Fox's *Good Day New York*, LXTV, and at Bloomingdale's to promote breast cancer awareness. Since the 1980s, when she started raising money for this cause, she has helped open the original Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center of Memorial Sloan-Kettering's

Cancer Center and founded the Breast Cancer Research Foundation (BCRF). In October, the Lauders' foundation gave a gift of \$50 million to open the new Evelyn H. Lauder Breast Center, three times larger than the first.

Lisa Harbatkin '61 is the plaintiff in a lawsuit seeking the reopen 150,000 documents on more than 1,150 NYC teachers who were investigated, and in some cases fired, during the Red Scare of the 1950s. Two of the teachers were her parents, Sidney and Margaret Harbatkin, who were summoned for questioning by the city's assistant corporation counsel, Saul Moskoff, who was then assigned to the Board of Education as chief prosecutor. Harbatkin's quest was the subject of a June 16, 2009 article in *The New York Times* entitled “When Suspicion of Teachers Ran Unchecked.”

Corinne Demas '64 was featured in a March 26, 2009 article in the *Daily Hampshire Gazette* entitled “Veteran Amherst Author Ventures into Playwriting” which discussed her new play *Blue Straw Hat*. Demas is a professor of English at Mount Holyoke College and fiction editor of the *Massachusetts Review*. She has also written a number of novels and short story collections, a memoir about growing up in Stuyvesant Town, and a couple of dozen award-winning picture books for children, including the recent *Always in Trouble*.

Evelyn Hu '65 was featured in an October 15, 2009 article in the *Harvard Gazette* entitled “Big-Picture View of Nanoscale.” Hu is the Gordon McKay Professor of Applied Physics and Electrical Engineering at Harvard. She has been developing innovative nanoscale materials since she started her first faculty job at the University of California, Santa Barbara, where she spent 25 years. Her search for more versatile materials has led her to dabble repeatedly in biology over

her long and successful career, and her work has consistently pushed the boundaries of electrical engineering by incorporating elements of the organic.

Jennifer J. Raab '73, president of Hunter College, was recently named one of the “50 Most Powerful Women in New York” by *Crain's New York Business*. The article praises her for running the largest college in the CUNY system and mentions that Hunter College made *The Princeton Review's* Top 10 list of Best Value Public Colleges in 2009. With a budget of just \$170 million, Raab needs to look for creative ways to raise funds. (Last fall, registration at Hunter spiked to 22,200 students, up 6.5% since fall 2007.)

Anne Beal, M.D., M.P.H., '80 was appointed last summer to head the Aetna Foundation, the independent charitable and philanthropic arm of Aetna, Inc. Aetna Chair and CEO Ronald Williams stated, “As a physician who specializes in pediatric care and public health, Dr. Beal brings to the Foundation a unique combination of clinical and policy experience.” Beal joined Aetna from The Commonwealth Fund, where she directed the Fund's program to improve health care quality for low-income and minority patient populations. She is a recognized authority on health disparities, quality of care, and children's health—topics on which she has published several articles in the medical literature, as well as a book entitled *The Black Parenting Book: Caring for Our Children in the First Five Years*.

Amy Sohn '91 was featured in a September 10, 2009 article in *The New York Times* Home & Garden section entitled “A Park Slope Novel Seems a Little Too Real.” It's an interview about her new book *Prospect Park West* (see Alum Announcements)

David Strauss '91, the Queens Museum of Art's director for external relations, was

featured in a March 17, 2009 article in *The New York Times* entitled “It’s One Way to Get Your Hands on a Bit of New York Real Estate.” The article concerns the Panorama of the City of New York—the museum’s famed 9,335-square-foot scale model of NYC—and how donors can sponsor replicas of buildings newly constructed or previously in generic form since the map’s last update in 1992.

Jeannie Suk Ph.D. ’91, an assistant professor of law at Harvard Law School, was awarded a 2009 Guggenheim Fellowship in support of her research on the legal construction of trauma. Fellows are appointed on the basis of “stellar achievement and exceptional promise for continued accomplishment.” Suk has focused her research on criminal and family law and is the author of two books, including the recent *At Home in the Law: How the Domestic Violence Revolution is Transforming Privacy*. She will use her fellowship to write her third book. Prior to joining HLS in 2006, Suk served as a law clerk to Justice David H. Souter on the Supreme Court and Judge Harry T. Edwards on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit. She studied literature at Yale and Oxford, where she was a Marshall Scholar.

Mark Feinsand ’92, the Yankees beat reporter for *The Daily News*, was profiled on *New York* magazine’s website (nymag.com) on October 19, 2009.

Chisun Lee ’92 had an op-ed piece about Guantanamo detainees entitled “Their Own Private Guantanamo” published in *The New York Times* on July 23, 2009. Lee, an attorney, is a reporter for ProPublica, a nonprofit investigative reporting group.

Nicholas Confessore ’94 was one of a team of *New York Times* reporters awarded the 2009 Pulitzer Prize for Breaking News for “swift and sweeping coverage” of the downfall of New York Governor

Eliot Spitzer. He also won the Sigma Delta Chi award for deadline reporting from the Society of Professional Journalists.

Geoff Fischer ’96 was one of the winners of the 2008 Sports Emmy for “Outstanding New Approaches in Event Coverage” for his work overseeing the NBC Olympics on the MSN website. The site, built in partnership between NBC and Microsoft, streamed more than 2,500 hours of competition from Beijing and set records for traffic with more than 600 million minutes of video watched in August 2008. Fischer, who has been living in Seattle and working for MSN since 2001, is the Executive Producer of MSN Sports and leads the Olympics partnership from the Microsoft side. He and the team are also responsible for the site for the recent Vancouver Games.

Elan Bogarin ’00 was recently nominated for an Independent Spirit Award in the John Cassavetes category (best feature made for under \$500,000) as co-producer of the film *Big Fan*.

Jake Itzkowitz ’04, campaign manager for Margaret Chin, who was elected to the New York City Council in November 2009, was written about in the October issue of *The Tribeca Trib* in an article entitled “Chin Team Recounts a Winning Strategy.” At the age of 23, Itzkowitz is a “seasoned” political pro, having worked on or managed campaigns since he was 17.

Elissa Lerner ’04 was interviewed in the November 6, 2009 Hunter High publication *The Observer* as part of its series “Hunterites After Hunter.” Lerner went to Duke University and is currently a graduate student at NYU, with a double major in journalism and religious studies. She also spent a semester at Qatar University in Doha where she learned Arabic, after which she spent five months in Israel. She found it eye-opening to see

these two countries back-to-back, remarking that “Israel is a part of the West, but also very much a part of the Middle East.”

Alexandra Rosenberg ’06 was recently named a Rhodes Scholar. News of the award appeared in the *New York Post* and *The Daily News*. Rosenberg is currently ranked number one in her class at West Point, where she has won prizes for chemistry, psychology, and history. She will study global health science next year at Oxford University, after which she plans to go to medical school. She was also named one of *Glamour* magazine’s “Top 10 College Women” and is featured in a video interview on the magazine’s website.

Max Segan ’08 was featured in an August 19, 2009 article in *Our Town*, a weekly Manhattan newspaper, in an article entitled “NYC’s Tennis ‘Magician.’” Segan started playing tennis when he was two and emulated his father’s two-hand forehand. As a senior at HCHS, he led the school to the city championship meet. He went on to attend Hunter College, where he had a 10–5 singles and 11–3 doubles record, was named CUNYAC Rookie of the Year, team MVP, and captain. He transferred to Colgate, a Division 1 tennis college, this past fall. HCHS teammates Mieszko Tomczyk ’08 and Anika Fischer ’06 are also mentioned in the article; they play tennis for Georgetown and Wesleyan, respectively.

Eloise Cucui ’09 was featured in a June 23, 2009 article in *The Daily News* entitled “Girl Next Door Keeps Watch Over Mike’s Pups,” which reported that the HCHS senior had been taking care of Mayor Bloomberg’s dogs, Bonnie and Clyde, since he got them as puppies last year. Cucui also did volunteer work at the Lenox Hill veterinary hospital and the ASPCA, and she is currently attending

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ALUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

The writings of **Audre Lorde '51**, who died in 1992, are featured in a newly published book entitled *I Am Your Sister: Collected and Unpublished Writings of Audre Lorde* (Oxford University Press). Lorde was a self-described “black lesbian feminist warrior poet” who taught at Hunter College for a number of years and was a New York State Poet Laureate. Her papers were donated to Spelman College after her death. Coincidentally, this book was reviewed in the same issue of *MS.* (Summer 2009) in which fellow alum Florence Howe published a recollection of her friend, Marilyn French (see *Alums Seen & Heard*).

Ilene EDELSTEIN Beckerman '53 has had her 1995 book *Love, Loss and What I Wore* used as the basis for an off-Broadway show written by Nora and Delia Ephron. It opened in October at the Westside Theatre on W. 43rd Street and features a revolving cast of five actresses that have included, among others, Tyne Daly, Fran Drescher, Carol Kane, and Rosie O'Donnell. Like the book, the show uses clothing and accessories and the memories they trigger to tell funny and often poignant stories that all women can relate to. See www.lovelossonstage.com for more information.

Deborah Tannen '62 recently published *You Were Always Mom's Favorite! Sisters in Conversation Throughout Their Lives* (Random House). The book explores how conversations between sisters can reveal a deep and constant tug between two dynamics—an impulse toward closeness and an impulse toward competition. This book continues Tannen's examinations of relationships which began with *You Just Don't Understand* (women and men) and includes *You're Wearing THAT?* (mothers and daughters).

Lynn Visson '63 has updated her 1982 book *The Russian Heritage Cookbook: A Culinary Heritage Preserved in 360*

Authentic Recipes. Visson, whose first edition relied on recipes brought west by émigrés, has now brought together recipes from contemporary Russians still residing in the motherland. Those who relish borscht will discover multiple regional and ethnic variations of Russia's ubiquitous beet soup. Zakuski, Russia's response to Sweden's smorgasbord, offers a vast array of nibbles suitable for any party, not just Russian-themed ones, either. Among the desserts is a clever “Russian salad” cake with many bits of chopped fruits resembling a classic vegetable salad.

Pola Rapaport '73 had her documentary *Let the Sun Shine In* make its television premiere on The Sundance Channel in July. The film is an ebullient and emotional ride through the history of the phenomenal 40-year old musical *Hair*. It features many of the unforgettable *Hair* songs and portraits of the creators and the performers who collaborated on the musical. New rehearsals of the show by author James Rado and a young tribe of performers show the profound relevance of *Hair* in the age of the war in Iraq. The film features actors Keith Carradine, Melba Moore, Ben Vereen, and Tim Curry, ground-breaking directors Tom O'Horgan and Milos Forman and *Hair* authors Jim Rado and Galt MacDermot, as well as a tribute to deceased author Jerome Ragni. To buy the DVD, visit www.blindinglightfilms.com.

Lori Ginzberg '74 has written *Elizabeth Cady Stanton: An American Life* (Farrar Straus and Giroux, September 2009), which chronicles the life of the 19th century's leading feminist-activist intellectual. Ginzberg is a professor of History and Women's Studies at Penn State University; her other books include *Untidy Origins: A Story of Woman's Rights in Antebellum New York* (2005).

Lori Rothman '74 edited *Just-About-Right (JAR) Scales: Design, Usage, Benefits, and Risks*, an ASTM reference for professionals who use JAR scales when conducting consumer research. Lori works for Kraft Foods as a Section Manager, Consumer Sciences Midwest for Perceptual & Applied Quantitative Sciences.

Alison Pugh '84 had her book *Longing and Belonging: Parents, Children and Consumer Culture* published in March 2009 (University of California Press). The book examines the billions of dollars parents spend on their children each year and asks why children seem to desire so much, so often, so soon, and why do parents capitulate so readily? Pugh is an assistant professor in the Department of Sociology at the University of Virginia. To read more, go to: <http://go.ucpress.edu/pugh>

Jodi DELLA FEMINA (Kim) '86 is the co-author, with Sheri McInnis, of the novel *By Invitation Only*. The story captures the inside world of love, society, and scandal in the Hamptons. Jodi has previously authored guides to the Hamptons (*Jodi's Shortcuts*).

Alyssa Katz '86 has written *Our Lot: How Real Estate Came to Own Us*, about the making of the housing bubble. She journeys back through four decades of history and across the nation to find the elusive answers to how the homes we live in came to devour the economy, using personal stories of homeowners and those who helped them reach for the American dream, to tell the larger political and business story of what went so calamitously wrong. The book received a starred review from *Publisher's Weekly*, which called it “a gripping account of collective irresponsibility.”

Laura Auricchio '86 has published *Adelaide Labille-Guiard: Artist in the Age of Revolution*, the story of a remarkable

portraitist who was among the small number of women ever granted membership in the French Royal Academy of Painting and Sculpture. Her work was sought out by such diverse figures as the aunts of Louis XVI, and the future American president Thomas Jefferson. Labille-Guiard remained in France during the Revolution and participated in the reinvention of the country, its art, and its women. The book traces the fascinating story of her rise and fall in the context of her tumultuous times, and fills major gaps in the scholarship on art in the age of the French Revolution, on women artists, and particularly on the intriguing figure of Labille-Guiard herself. Laura Auricchio is an assistant professor of art history at the School of Art and Design History and Theory, Parsons–The New School for Design.

Dohra Ahmad '89 has published *Landscapes of Hope: Anti-Colonial Utopianism in America* (Oxford University Press). This book examines anti-colonial discourse during the understudied but critical period before World War II, with a specific focus on writers and activists based in the United States. Dohra adds to the fields of American Studies, utopian studies, and postcolonial theory by situating this growing anti-colonial literature as part of an American utopian tradition. Dohra currently teaches at St. John's University in Queens, NY.

Michael Goldwasser '89, a well-known record producer, recently released *Easy Star's Lonely Hearts Dub Band* which hit #1 on the Reggae Billboard charts. It's a reggae reimaging of The Beatles' *Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Hearts Club Band* and features guest vocals from Steel Pulse, Matisyahu, Michael Rose (Black Uhuru) and others. To hear songs from the CD, go to: <http://www.myspace.com/easystar>.

Amy Sohn '91 announces her new novel, *Prospect Park West*, which follows four Brooklyn moms as they deal with obsessions, neuroses, sexual confusion, and children. *Library Journal* gave the book a starred review for July and Sarah Jessica Parker's Pretty Matches production company has optioned the story in conjunction with HBO for a half-hour series. For more information and to read Amy's blog, go to: amysohn.com or follow her on Twitter at www.twitter.com/amysohn.

Mynette Louie '93 announces the festival run of the feature film she produced, *Children of Invention*, which premiered at the 2009 Sundance Film Festival. In the film, two young children living outside Boston are left to fend for themselves when their hardworking mother gets embroiled in a pyramid scheme and disappears. The film is the debut feature by Tze Chun, one of *Filmmaker Magazine's* "25 New Faces of Independent Film" in 2007, and is loosely based on his own childhood. *Children of Invention* won Grand Jury Prizes for Best Narrative Feature at the Independent Film Festival Boston and the Los Angeles Asian Pacific Film Festival, as well as Special Jury Prizes at the Sarasota, Nashville, and San Francisco International Asian American Film Festivals. *The Boston Phoenix* called the film "powerfully moving and rigorously intelligent" and *The Boston Globe's* Ty Burr said the film is a "deeply felt drama." *Spout's* Karina Longworth said it is "an edge-of-your-seat family drama, pushed beyond the constraints of its micro-budget by two heartbreaking child actor performances." For upcoming screenings or to purchase a DVD, visit www.childrenofinvention.com.

Jessica LEE Binder '98 is the founder and writer of the food-themed website and blog entitled FoodMayhem.com. It features restaurant reviews, recipes and beautiful pictures of food.

Matthew Garelick '99 has started a new upscale catering company called Astoria Park Catering which focuses on gourmet private dinners, parties, and receptions. He has previously worked at such notable restaurants as L'Atelier de Joel Robuchon, Adour by Alain Ducasse, Del Frisco's Steakhouse, and the Four Seasons Hotel, and currently serves as Executive Dining Chef for the HBO Network. He is eager to reach out to friends in the Hunter alumni community. Check out the website: <http://astoriaparkcatering.com/>, call 718-721-6021 or 917-921-6947 or email: APC.Chef@gmail.com.

Joshua A. Geltzer '01 has had his Ph.D. dissertation, *US Counter-Terrorism Strategy and al-Qaeda: Signalling and the Terrorist World-View*, published by Routledge. The book examines the communicative aspects and implications of US counter-terrorist policies towards al-Qaeda. Joshua has a Ph.D. in War Studies from Kings College London and is currently enrolled at Yale Law School. For more information on the book, visit www.routledgestrategicstudies.com

Alexey Sokolin '02 has several pages, including part of the cover, of his recent abstract graphics artwork featured in a new anthology entitled *Abstract Comics*, published by Fantagraphics. A preview can be seen on Alexey's website: <http://www.urbanaesthete.com/tag/mocca> and the book is on sale at Amazon.com and other retailers.

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ALUMS SEEN & HEARD...

Phyllis FLYER Kavett '45 on NPR radio's *Weekend Edition-Sunday* as the puzzle winner and guest with announcer Liane Hanson and Will Shortz, puzzlemaster of *The New York Times*. She later distributed the prizes and puzzles she won to her six grandchildren and is a proud wearer of the program's reward, a lapel pin...

Florence ROSENFELD Howe, Jan. '46 in the Summer 2009 issue of *MS.* magazine, where she wrote a memorial remembrance of her friend and fellow feminist, Marilyn French. Howe founded The Feminist Press in 1970 to restore to print women writers of high literary quality and got to know French after she wrote an essay about The Feminist Press for *MS.* in the early 1990s...

Dr. Bernadine Healy '62 on *Fox News Sunday with Chris Wallace* on November 22, 2009 advising women to ignore new recommendations by the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force regarding mammograms...

Deborah Tannen '62 on the Leonard Lopate show on WNYC radio on October 20, 2009. Tannen also authored a *New York Times* op-ed piece on November 29, 2009 entitled "Donohue Talked, Oprah Listened"...

Judith Matloff '76 as author of the *Lives* column in the September 6, 2009 *New York Times Sunday Magazine* about visiting her grandmother's native Ukraine, from which her family had fled the pogroms...

Beth Harpaz '77 quoted in an article entitled "For Teenagers, Hello Means 'How About a Hug?'" in the Style section of the *New York Times* on May 28, 2009...

Leslie Thurston '77 on the October 29 episode of *Private Practice*, playing a nurse. She will soon appear in the feature film *My Name is Khan*...

Jane (a/k/a Jana) Martin '80 reading from her book *Russian Lover and Other Stories* on April 17, 2009 at the Barnes & Noble on W. 66th St...

Jeanne Mullgrav '80 on NY1 cable news on May 9, 2009. Mullgrav is the NYC Commissioner for Youth and Community Development and appeared at a press conference with Gov. Paterson and Mayor Bloomberg to

announce an expanded summer youth jobs program, using federal stimulus funds...

Thunder Levin '81 at a special screening of his film *Mutant Vampire Zombies From The 'Hood!* on June 13, 2009 at the P&G Bar (Columbus Ave at 78th St.), which is run by fellow alum Holiday Haber '83. Check the movie's website to watch a trailer (it stars C. Thomas Howell of *The Outsiders* fame): <http://www.zombiesfromthehood.com/>...

Laura Auricchio '86 at The New-York Historical Society on September 29, 2009 reading from her new book *Adelaide Labille-Guiard: Artist in the Age of Revolution*...

Alyssa Katz '86 on WNYC's Brian Lehrer Show on June 24, WBAI on June 25, and NPR's Marketplace Money on July 20, 2009, discussing her new book, *Our Lot: How Real Estate Came to Own Us*...

Jonathan Hoefler '88 on The Leonard Lopate Show on WNYC radio on September 11, 2009, talking about typography for the "Please Explain" segment. The audio can be accessed at www.wnyc.org...

Adam Horowitz '90 as a voter on the June 17, 2009 episode of the reality show *Top Chef Masters*. Horowitz, who is a supervising producer and writer for the ABC series *Lost*, was judging a "desert island meal."

Samantha Shapiro '93 as author of the article in the October 4, 2009 issue of *The New York Times Sunday Magazine* entitled "Can the Muppets Make Friends in Ramallah?" about the Palestinian version of the global Sesame Street franchise, "Shara's Simsim,"...

Sewell Chan '94 answering reader questions on *The New York Times* City Room blog, for which he is the bureau chief, in late April 2009. He was also interviewed by mediabistro.com on April 29...

Jennifer 8. Lee '94 giving a talk entitled "Jews and Chinese Food: A Love Affair" at the 92nd Street Y on December 10, 2009. In this entertaining talk based on her 2008 book *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles*, Lee, who is also a *New York Times* Metro reporter, dissected the longtime love affair between Jews and

Chinese cuisine, touching upon pastrami egg rolls, Hanukkah fortune cookies, and bagels in Beijing. Lee also shed light on the myths of Chinese food in the U.S. and explained how it has become all-American...

Jon Daniels '95 as a guest on the top-rated Mike Francesa sports talk show on WFAN radio on May 27, 2009. Daniels is the General Manager of the Texas Rangers baseball team and in the interview, he talked about trying to balance the old "judge players with your eyes" approach with the new, statistics-based ways of evaluating them...

Steve Hofstetter '97 on the NESN (a New England sports cable channel) Comedy All-Stars show on June 27, 2009...

Lin-Manuel Miranda '98 at the White House on May 12, 2009 to participate in a "Poetry Slam"—an evening celebrating poetry and the spoken word. He shared the stage with James Earl Jones, among others, and performed an upbeat solo number that he billed as "the first new song from a musical I'm working on about Alexander Hamilton." Next, his Broadway hit, *In the Heights*, was featured in a PBS *Great Performances* episode which premiered in NYC on May 27, 2009, entitled "In the Heights: Chasing Broadway Dreams." He was awarded an honorary doctorate by Yeshiva University in Washington Heights (and quipped "now I'm every mother's dream—a Jewish doctor) and Mayor Bloomberg presented him with a "Made in NY" award on June 15 for "significant contributions to the city's entertainment industry."

Miranda also appeared on the September 21 season premiere of Fox TV's series *House*, as Dr. House's roommate in a psychiatric hospital. Coincidentally, this show is co-executive produced by fellow alum **Eli Attie '85**. The full episode (Season 6, Episode 1) can be viewed online at Fox's website: www.fox.com. Miranda later appeared on *Sesame Street* as a real estate agent trying to get Big Bird to move to a new habitat (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B33uEhlt8wA>).

1920s

Ethel GARFUNKEL Berl, Jan. '23 celebrated her 103rd birthday on May 1. From 1927 to 1974, she was a professor in Hunter College's Department of Educational Foundations & Counseling Programs, and was also a practicing psychologist in New York City.

1940s

Roslyn STERNBERG Willett '40 was elected to the food sciences honors society, Phi Tau Sigma, in 2009 after a long career as a food technologist and consultant with many scientific contributions. She also gave a talk in May 2009 at the Lyceum Society of the New York Academy of Sciences on empowering health care consumers with a course on self-maintenance including exercise, nutrition, stress responses and additional sources of information (the course to be updated every three years and taking it to result in a reduction in health care insurance premiums). • **Phyllis FLYER Kavett '45** was named professor emerita by Kean University in Union, NJ to honor her contributions to the institution's crucial growth and intellectual development. She was originally appointed in 1960, following eight years of teaching in public and private schools in NY and NJ, and spent 47 years there as a professor of mathematics education. She's also proud that her 1948 student notebook for the course "Numerical and Graphical Methods" (a course examining mathematics foundations of the early computer) is archived in Cornell University's Kroch Library in the Mathematics section. In 2009, three of her grandchildren graduated from Boston, Olin, and Wesleyan. • **Joan STEUDTNER Urbas, Jan. '49** spent her professional career in New York, where she was an award-winning school principal. She is proud to have sued for equal pay

after a newly-hired male principal was offered a higher salary (she was assisted with her suit by The League of Woman Voters). After moving to Maryland, Joan worked to get her local school board elected instead of appointed. She is a past president of the Anne Arundel County League of Women Voters and currently works as its Director of Transportation. She is also a docent at the Walters Art Museum in Baltimore.

1960s

Rosemary Hoffman '61 and her husband, Jim, are enjoying working with their herding dogs (Australian Cattle dogs). She's also editing a study guide for the Health Sciences Department at Weber State University. • **Jane Mattes '61's** son, Eric, recently graduated from Yale School of Management with an M.B.A. • **Erica MENDELSON Eisinger '61** announces the birth of her first grandchild, Iva, born Dec. 25, 2008. Erica continues to visit at Seton Hall Univ. School of Law and also teaches, on occasion, at The New School. • **Rhoda ROTHENBERG Ferat '61's** son got married on June 14 in Boston; he also just earned his Masters in Social Work, joining Rhoda's profession, which has given her such gratification most of her life. • **Fran Haber '61** hosted classmate **Helene SPIERMAN Williams** and her husband, Len Lehrman, in Denver for the Society of American Music conference in March. Helene and Len gave a concert of the works of Elie Siegmeister that was superb. Len is writing Siegmeister's biography, a scholarly work documenting Siegmeister's life and music. Fran loved hearing Helene vocalize at her home; she has a beautiful voice—and it felt as though she had her own artist in residence (and she's fun to be with, too). Also, she brought the best gift: a framed photo of the 2006 Class Reunion. • **Helen Epstein '65** is writing a new arts blog for Massachusetts.

The url is: <http://blog.theartsfuse.com/category/culture-vulture/>. • **Ina ALSTER Gravitz '65** wonders if there are any fellow alums living in the Twin Cities (MN) area? If so, please contact her at indexlady@juno.com

1970s

Emily Rosenberg, M.D. '71 writes that after spending 34 years in Oklahoma, including 17 years as a psychiatrist at the Oklahoma City VA Medical Center, she has relocated to Washington, D.C. for a job with the State Department and after a few months of orientation, will be posted to an overseas embassy to serve as a psychiatrist for the diplomatic community and their families. • **Penny GOLD Novello '72** became a grandmother on July 13, 2009 when her son, Daniel, and his wife, Tobi, had a little girl, Sophie. She is, of course, gorgeous. • **Susan Chevlowe '77** is the chief curator and museum director of The Derfner Judaica Museum at The Hebrew Home at Riverdale, in the Bronx. The museum's art collection includes works by Chagall, Matisse, Picasso, Warhol, Shahn, Calder, and Stella. • **Sharon Gumerove '79** welcomed twin baby boys, Matt and Hunter, on November 11, 2008.

1980s

Josine Shapiro '84 and **Andrew Clateman '84** "finally" got married last August 2 in Manhattan. **Rabbi Anne Ebersman '85** served as the officiant and many Hunterites were in attendance, including brother **Peter Clateman '86** who travelled in from Moscow with his wife and daughter. Inasmuch as they've been together since high school, Andrew and Josine billed the event as their wedding/25th anniversary! • **Andrew Siff '86** married Dawn Weiner on June 21, 2009 at the New York Botanical Garden in the Bronx. •

In Memoriam

Betty M. Jones '26 died in NYC on January 20, 2008 at the age of 99. After Hunter High, she graduated from Hunter College and then went on to study at the Sorbonne and Tours. She was a devoted teacher of French for 40 years at John Adams High School, Martin Van Buren High School, and Queens College, where she became an adjunct lecturer supervising French teachers-to-be. After retiring, Betty taught an intermediate French class for the older adults at Riverside Church for over 25 years. Her niece, Nancy Newton, writes that Betty enriched the lives of all who knew her.

Lyda PINKUS Rochmis '26 died on August 12, 2009. In February 2009, she celebrated her 100th birthday and read several of her favorite poems at the party held in her honor. Lyda was a retired NYC high school teacher and in 2004, she made a \$20,000 gift to Hunter High to support the study of poetry at the school.

Dr. Marjorie WOLFF Anchel Rackow '28 died on April 29, 2008, a week shy of her 99th birthday. Well-known for her work in chemistry, she was senior chemist and laboratory administrator for the New York Botanical Garden until her retirement in 1977. She earned a B.A. in Chemistry from Barnard College, her M.A. from Columbia University in 1933 (Chemistry), and her Ph.D. in Biochemistry in 1939. She and her second husband, Dr. Herbert Rackow, devoted themselves to improving the lives of animals used for experimentation. They founded and served on the Board of Directors of the Scientist Group for the Reform of Animal Experimentation in New York and testified at federal hearings in support of amendments to the Animal Welfare Act and other legislation to protect animals used in laboratories. Dr. Anchel wrote numerous articles for major newspapers, such as *The New York Times*, as well as letters to the editors of scientific

journals on the subject of humane treatment of animals. She also served for more than 10 years as president of the New York State Humane Association. She is survived by her husband.

Clare RADER Petti, Esq., '30 died on December 21, 2007 at the age of 84. She was one of only four women in her law school class of 300 and later was instrumental in helping women get admitted to the bar in New Jersey, which had previously required young lawyers to complete a clerkship, but did not award women those jobs. She took the case to the NJ Supreme Court, which forced the creation of an alternative skills and methods course in lieu of clerkship. Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote to Ms. Petti in 1996, commending her as "a trailblazer of those early years who made it possible for young women today to enter the professions of their choosing."

Pauline VARON Mandell '41 died in July at the age of 85; she was also a graduate of Hunter College. Pauline was described as a woman who loved New York City, the arts, and her family. She is survived by her daughters Karen Fleiss and Joanne Streit, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Sara SPIRO Portnoy, Jan. '43 died on April 3, 2009. She graduated from Radcliffe College in 1946 and Columbia Law School in 1949. A pioneer for women in the law, Sara spent her early professional years with AT&T practicing labor and employment law. After marrying and moving to White Plains, Sara was an attorney and a director of the Legal Aid Society of Westchester, a pro bono counselor to school boards and other community groups, a leader of the Westchester League of Women Voters, and a long-serving member of the City of White Plains Human Rights Commission. After the death of her husband in 1976, she went

back to work full-time at Proskauer Rose Goetz & Mendelsohn, where she made partner. She was also active in the Bar Association of the City of New York, helping to found and chair its Public Service Network programs. In retirement, Sara continued her pro bono and community service efforts and enjoyed her family (two sons and three grandchildren) and summers spent in Amagansett.

Lenore SADOWSKY Reissman '47 passed away in January 2009 at her home in Georgia. She was proud of being an HCHS graduate and often described to her family the successes and achievements she had there, including winning a math prize one year.

June DEVAK Schlindwein, Jan. '48 died on March 29, 2009, in Athens, GA, after suffering for several years with severe frontal temporal dementia. June graduated from Purdue University with degrees in math and physics. She married Allan Schlindwein in 1952 and was widowed in 1982. June worked for RCA in the development of the first color television, and she worked as an engineer for the Bendix Corporation. She and her husband later moved to Los Angeles, where she raised her family. She remained in Los Angeles until 2005, when she moved to Santa Monica, and later joined her daughter in Athens, GA, in 2007. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Deborah and John Schmidt, and their daughter, Tamar; her son Charles Schlindwein and his wife, Anne-Marie Kemp, and their children, Iris, Euan, and Esme; and her son Paul Schlindwein. June leaves behind many, many friends in Los Angeles, as well as many friends from Hunter High with whom she remained in contact over the decades.

Betty Fox, Jan. '50 died on August 27, 2009 at the age of 76 from complications

following a fall in the spring. After Hunter High, she earned degrees from Hunter College and NYU. She was a broadcast executive and radio station owner as well as a real estate broker in NYC and East Hampton. She recently co-founded an east-end HCHS alum group. She is survived by her life partner, Joyce Whitby, and one child, Duong Fox.

Pearl BERNSTEIN Bowman '51 died on September 18, 2009 after a valiant battle with numerous health issues. She was born in Queens, and after Hunter High, graduated *cum laude* from Syracuse University. She married Thomas Bowman, but he died in his sleep when their children were quite young and she successfully raised them while forging a successful career in publishing. After retiring, she enjoyed life in her cherished Upper West Side apartment, meeting friends, reading, and walking. She later moved to Chapel Hill, NC to be near her son. Her children fondly remember the exceptionally engaging conversations at dinner parties with her wordsmithing friends.

Phyllis Reisner, Ph.D. '51 died on March 19, 2009 of lung cancer in San Jose, CA. Phyllis held a Ph.D. in Psycho-Linguistics from Lehigh University and worked for many years as a researcher at IBM. Her main work was in computer-human interaction and she wrote many papers, including a seminal work which was highly regarded in her field. She is survived by her brother, David, sister-in-law, Harriet, niece, Melissa, and nephew, Mitchell. Memorial contributions in her name may be made to either the HCHS Alumnae/i Assn., or The American Cancer Society.

Nicole Satescu '52 died on February 25, 2009. She attended Barnard College and NYU and worked as a movie writer, a translator, and in sales. She was also a lover of History. She is fondly remembered by

her classmate and good friend, Doris Nathan '52.

Monica FREUND Silver '53 died in May 2009. She earned a B.A. from Hunter College and was retired and living in Tucson. Her friend Gloria JACOWER Arenson Brockway '53 writes that they had kept in touch since High School.

Joan BANFIELD Stephens '53 died on February 11, 2009. She had resided for many years in Teaneck, NJ. Joan earned her B.A. at Hunter College in the Bronx and went on to become a social worker, spending most of her career with the NYC Administration for Children's Services. Joan worked closely with many voluntary child care agencies and was warmly regarded for her commitment and professionalism. An avid tennis player and fan, Joan was also active in the National Urban League, Englewood (NJ) chapter. She was predeceased by her husband, Steve, and leaves one son, two grandsons and many grieving friends.

Doris BROQUIST Albertelli '55 passed away on October 1, 2009 of complications during a medical procedure. Doris earned a B.S. from the State University of New York and an M.S. from the University of Bridgeport. She was a great patron of the arts and donations in her name can be made to the Venice (Florida) Opera Company. Doris is survived by her husband, Fred, and son, Fred, Jr.

Judith V. Tarlo '55 died of breast cancer on December 12, 2002. She worked in public relations and lived in England for many years.

Gladys KRUM Li '59 passed away on August 21, 2009. Originally from Jamaica, Queens, she graduated with honors from HCHS before enrolling at CCNY, which nurtured her life-long commitment to the study of languages, cultures, and inter-

national relations. In 1962, CCNY awarded her the first ever Townsend Harris scholarship (named after CCNY's founder and the first U.S. Ambassador to Japan) to International Christian University in Tokyo. After a brief stint as a foreign correspondent in India, she considered a career in the Foreign Service while a graduate student at Georgetown. She ultimately chose to teach at Hastings-on-Hudson High School in the Social Studies department after meeting her mentor and role model, Eunice Ann Lloyd, in 1968. After she retired in 1993, she undertook a variety of charitable endeavors, and traveled extensively. Dearly loved by her sons, Eugene and William, and her four grandchildren, a closed, private memorial was held in her honor, in accordance with her wishes. Remembrances of Gladys are being collected at <http://gladysmli.blogspot.com>.

Pamela SIBILIO Norgalis '62 died peacefully on April 21, 2009 after a long and heroic battle against breast cancer. She earned Bachelor's and Master's degrees from Queens College and chose teaching as a profession. She began her career teaching chemistry and science in NYC public schools and later taught high school mathematics in Bound Brook, NJ. In 1995, she was named Somerset County Teacher of the Year. She will be missed by her husband of 42 years, Howard, as well as her daughter, Karen Travisano, her husband and three children; and son, James, and his wife and two children.

Betsy Postow, Ph.D. '62 died on June 22, 2007 after suffering complications from a blood clot. She graduated from SUNY Binghamton and then went on to earn her Ph.D. in philosophy from Yale in 1970. She taught for one year with the University of Wisconsin before spending the rest of her career at the University of Tennessee,

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where outside her extremely conscientious devotion to the Philosophy department, her impact was strikingly characterized by early and consistent dedication to the advancement of women in academics and in society at large. She published an influential anthology of articles on women in sports, a major book on reason and action, 60 academic papers and reviews, and gave scores of professional presentations in addition to numerous appearances on campus. Betsy believed in the power of human reason unlike few others and she will be remembered as someone with almost childlike innocence who always remained “astonished by evil.”

Rynn BOOHER Williams '79 died in July 2009. Although she left HCHS after 9th grade, she is remembered by classmates, including Judy Kow, who attended a memorial service in her honor. Rynn earned a Master's degree in English from NYU and also attended a residency M.F.A. program in Asheville, NC. She was an adjunct professor of English at Bloomfield College in NJ and was a published poet whose work included the highly regarded *Adonis Garage*, which was selected for the 2004 *Prairie Schooner* Book Award for Poetry.

The Alumnae/i Association has also been advised of the deaths of the following alums: **Bertha GRAY Balsam, Jan. '27, Veronica Dundon, Jan. '29, Rose Bloom Gartner '31, Gertrude POLIN Zwilling '31, Mathilde Budner '34, Clara SIMON Hoffman '34, Blanche WEISS Saia '34, Margaret SHERMAN Urgese '36, Anna Thau '38, Bertha BENNETT Berman, Jan. '39, Margaret (Sr. George) O'Connor '39, Anna ZEBROWITZ Zwetschenbaum '39, Leona THOMAS Washington '40, Denise GUSSOW Asch, Jan. '41, Carole SCHRANK**

Kovach, Jan. '41, Katherine McCARTNEY Brace '41, Phyllis Mary VIPOND From '42, Alice COHEN Perlman '42, Eileen O'CONNOR Connelley, Jan. '44, Elaine STRAUSS Greenberg '44, Eleanor GROSCHE Hill, Jan. '44, Abby FINKELSTEIN Franklin, Jan. '45, Mildred Kapilow '45, Mildred Pauline KUMP Reilly, Jan. '46, Phyllis LEVINE Donnenfeld '48, Jeanne DINSMORE Dreifus '48, Maxine SALZMAN Margolin '48, Frances ABELSON Castronova, Jan. '49, Lorraine SCHNECK Lipkin, Jan. '49, Ruth SHAFFIT Kuc '49, Ilse WEINBERG Goldsmith, Jan. '51, June Wittenberg Walker '52, Harriet HOOFF Cinque '53, Appolonia Mayer '55, Ellen SPITZER Flamholtz '56, Judith KANTRO McCorkle '56, Yvonne RAMIREZ Fiorello '59, Joan BONAPARTE Pracher '59, Annie Roset '59, Barbara KASDAN Goldman '60, Katherine SBOROVY Janowitz '63, and Lisa White '79.

Martin Wallace, who often worked as a substitute teacher at Hunter, passed away on June 12, 2009. He specialized in Social Studies (his former full-time teaching career) and Science but worked in almost every other department as well. He was popular and well-respected by students and faculty and his booming voice and magnetic personal style will long be remembered. He is survived by his wife, HCHS alum and former AA board member, Doris Wallace '62.

Concetta Marvuglio-Schwake died on April 11, 2009 after a long illness. She was a third grade teacher at Hunter Elementary from 1983–2002 and was adored by her students. She is survived by three children and four grandchildren.

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Cornell, enrolled in a seven-year veterinary science course. She graduated from Hunter with a 4.0 average.

Fiona Lowenstein '11 (but transferred to The Calhoun School this academic year) had her essay featured in, and appeared in the cover photo of, the recent book *She's Out There!: Essays by 35 Young Women Who Aspire to Lead the Nation* (eds. Amy Sewell & Heather L. Ogilvie). Lowenstein, who will first be eligible to run for President of the United States in the 2032 election, hopes our country will have already had its first female president by then. At the time she wrote her essay, she was 13 and was an intern in the office of Congresswoman Carolyn Maloney.

CLASS NOTES

Michael A. Burstein '87 and wife, Nomi, announce the birth of fraternal twin daughters, Elisheva Meira and Yael Batya, born on July 19, 2009.

1990s

Bridget Klein '90 was made a partner at BDO Seidman, a public accounting firm, last spring.

2000s

Faraaz Ali Shah '01 completed medical school at Mount Sinai School of Medicine in May and began a residency in Internal Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in June.

You can contribute your news to Class Notes by writing or emailing the HCHSAA office.

SEVEN SCHOLARSHIPS AND AN ESSAY PRIZE AWARDED

Each year, the Alumnae/i Association awards \$1,000 each to the recipients of the Thomas Hunter Prize and the Mildred Busch Award. The winners are selected by the High School's Honors and Awards Committee and the scholarship checks are presented at the Honors and Awards Ceremony held each June at the High School. The students chosen for the 2009 Thomas Hunter Memorial Award were: Matt Grossman, Samuel Charles Telzak, and Joyce Yu. The Mildred Busch Award recipients were: Thomas Tishcoff Kettig, Jean Ann P. Kubler, Samuel David Rosenblum, and Maxwell J. Schilling.

Daniel Solomon was awarded a \$250 prize for "Best Research Paper on Issues of Human Rights, Genocide, and Holocaust" for his paper entitled "Ethnonationalism and Myth: Jedwabne and Perceptions of Collaboration in Poland, 1918–1941." This prize was generously funded by Eleanor ULLMAN Light, Jan. '49 through her sponsorship of Holocaust studies at the High School.

TWO HIGH SCHOOL ALUMS HONORED BY HUNTER COLLEGE

In May 2009, Nettie SHERR Kitzes '36 (B.A. '40) and Norma ALEXANDER Abdulah '39 (B.A. '43) were inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame. Nettie has enjoyed a long distinguished career as a public high school foreign-language teacher, beginning in the 1940s when she taught French, Spanish, German, Latin, English, and Morse Code. She graduated *magna cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa from Hunter College and went on to earn an M.A. in French from the University of Wisconsin. She was also awarded a Fulbright Scholarship to study at the Sorbonne. Norma was honored for a life which has been dedicated to advancing the educational, social, and political standing of the African-American community for over 50 years through her work as a teacher, union organizer, and political activist. She helped launch the United Federation of Teachers and helped establish the Freedom Now Party in Harlem and the Labor Party of New York City. In 2005, she was elected to the Hall of Fame of the Alabama Southern Poverty Law Center.

Hunter established its Hall of Fame in 1972 to commemorate its accomplished alumni and each year honors graduates who have distinguished themselves in a variety of fields and services.

Preserve the Future & Join a Special Group

Not everyone can make a large gift to benefit HCHS during their lifetime, but you can help future students by remembering the HCHS Alumnae/i Association in your will. Your legacy can mean a brighter future for our *alma mater*. By including the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association in your will or estate plans, you will help continue the special enrichment projects that we fund at the High School. If you have already included HCHSAA in your will, thank you! If you'd like to include us, please use the designation: "Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation."

AlumnaGrams

Class of 1960: If you have not replied to me about our 50th reunion please contact me at: addressing@aol.com or 631-462-5665 between 10 a.m.–10 p.m.
—Jeanette Isenberg Bersh

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HAVE A VACATION HOUSE FOR RENT? LOOKING FOR SUBJECTS TO INTERVIEW FOR YOUR DOCTORAL THESIS? You can run an ad here to reach 11,000 Hunterites for only \$10 for the first 135 characters or \$20 for up to 270 characters. Send your message and payment to: HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Inc., Hunter College, Box 373, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10065.

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2010 REUNION: CLASS COORDINATORS

The 2010 Reunion weekend will be held June 4-6 with the general reunion planned for Sunday morning, June 6 at the High School. The following people have agreed to help coordinate reunion activities for their classes—please contact them if you'd like to help out. If you don't see a volunteer coordinator listed for your class, please contact our office if you are interested in assuming this role.

1950 Jan.

Phyllis LEKASHMAN Glantz, palglantz@aol.com or 732-302-0652
Judith SEGAL Zabar, march33@mac.com

1955

Peggy BETZ Perrin and Anita VALENTE Mule would like other classmates to volunteer to help them coordinate the class reunion; please contact Peggy at mbperrin70@aol.com or 718-426-1341 or Anita at amule23@yahoo.com or 718-892-9734

1960

Jeanette ISENBERG Bersh, addressing@aol.com and Gloria Lerner

1965

Rebecca Reich, rebandy@earthlink.net, (c) 917-887-0275

We would love to hear from other classmates who can volunteer to help organize, and to hear from everyone in our class as to whether you hope to attend (obviously, we hope to see as many of you as possible!) in order to get a preliminary head count for our class reunion.

1970

Susan NEIDICH Gonen, susanneidich@gmail.com, 732-291-1656 and Aileen Leventon
Facebook group: Hunter College HS Class of 1970
Yahoo group: HCHS1970

1975

Deborah B. Kahn, (h) 212-486-7646, (c) 917-544-3691, debkahn@buttermankahn.com

1980

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1985

Kathy Berenson, kathy.berenson@gmail.com
Join the Yahoo! egroup at: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hchs85/>

1990

Nina HABIB Spencer, habibspencer@verizon.net
Bridget GORIS Klein, Lori Hoepner

2000

Judd Kessler, judd.kessler@gmail.com, 917-533-4994
(Hopes others will join him in organizing the class!)
Facebook group: Hunter College High School Class of 2000

HCHS Facebook Groups

Many classes have created their own Facebook groups—like the one put together by Ronnie LEVINE Schindel for the class of '56: "Hunter College High School Class of 1956." There are also a number of HCHS interest groups including: "Hunter High School Alumni in California," "Hunter College High School Debate Team Alumni," and "I'm Latino AND I went to Hunter College High School." For a complete list, please visit our website, hchsaa.org, and click on "Connect" on the top left-hand corner.

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To register for reunion, pay dues, make a gift, or purchase merchandise online, please go to www.hchsaa.org. To pay by check, please send us this entire page in the enclosed envelope. Jot down your news for Class Notes on the reverse side and make any address corrections. Please also provide the following information:

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☐ Check here if you do not want your name and address given out to other alums or members of the HCHS community.

REGISTRATION for REUNION: SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2010 at HCHS

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