

# ALUMNOTES

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## REUNION TIME IS NEAR

The third annual reunion of the Alumnae Association of Hunter College High School will take place on June 1, 1975, at 2 PM in the Hunter Elementary School building, 418 East 54 Street, at York Avenue in Manhattan.

Hundreds of alumnae are expected to attend the reunion and reception, at which several present and retired faculty members and representatives of the milestone anniversary classes have been invited to speak, it was announced by Fanny Casher, Reunion Committee Coordinator. In addition to High School Principal Maria Lo Fromento and Director of Campus Schools Bernard Miller, the faculty members past and present who are expected to speak include Dr. Harry Ruderman, Mrs. Emily Boggs, Dr. Helen Witmer, and Miss Helen Feingold. Grace Kohn Sheibel of the class of 1925 and Phyllis Lekashman Glantz of the class of 1950 are also on the speakers' list.

We know that everyone is eager to get together with classmates, and there will be ample opportunity for this, along with delicious refreshments. For those who may wish to continue reminiscing on into the twilight hours, many local restaurants will be glad to accommodate groups.

Please note that space in the elementary school building is limited and must be utilized for alumnae first. While we'd love to meet your progeny, we cannot provide baby-sitting facilities, so please do not bring your offspring.

Plan to join us on the first of June, and RSVP by means of the tear-off coupon on page 2. See you then!

## ALL ABOUT YOU AND YOU AND YOU .....

Former Hunterites are busy at a wide range of activities, some of them unusual, all of them of interest: Doris Chapin Kahn, '44, proudly announced that with her son's acceptance to dental school, there are three generations of dentists on both sides of her family ... Ellen Stein Ostreich, '43, is Director of the Westbury Medical Building; the mother of four, she also has one grandson and two dogs ... Toby Bernstein Ruber, '43, is Medical Editor for a large pharmaceutical firm ...

B. Charlotte Warembat Schreiber, '49, is Assistant Professor of Geology at Queens College. "While the '49 Yearbook said something about my interest in astronomy, I ended up on old terra firma." ... Rhoda Kramer Channing, '58, is head of the Business and Economics Library of the University of Kentucky ... Rita Heisler Frank, '44, is President of a company that manufactures heating system controls ... Laura Samuels Pitchal, '64, is presently the managing attorney at O'Dwyer and Bernstein, Esqs., of Wall Street.

## ELECTION NOTICE

At the February Steering Committee meeting, the Nominating Committee presented the following slate:

President	Mildred Speiser, '49
Vice President	Rose Wiesen Reiss, '60
Treasurer	Sara Robbins Schoenwetter, '65
Ass't Treasurer	Mary DiPerna, '70
Corresponding Sec'y	Pat Fresk, '54
Recording Sec'y	Susan Schiffres Nachamie, '59

Formal approval of this slate will take place at the Reunion, which is the annual meeting of the Association. It was decided that since the new bylaws do not officially take effect until the day after the Reunion, the officers elected at that time shall serve for a one-year term. Next year, operating completely under the new bylaws, officers will be nominated and elected to serve for a full term of two years.

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The Bylaws Committee particularly thanks Agnes Sommer Merritt, a Certified Parliamentarian and a former president of the Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women, for her very useful and thoughtful comments.

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The Steering Committee is delighted to acknowledge a donation for our archives from Grace Levinson, June '23. The photographs of the Hunter High faculty of that time and the 1923 issue of Argus are truly charming and an encouraging beginning for what we hope will be a growing record of "the ways we were." Many thanks.

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To those of you who asked for lists of classmates: class and regional lists are now being compiled. With the inclusion of information still being collected, they should be ready for mailing early next fall.

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Those of you who have not previously filled out a questionnaire are receiving one along with this issue of ALUMNOTES. Please use it to tell us something about yourself and return it promptly. Your answers help us to keep in touch.

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We are pleased to announce that our mailing lists are growing. This issue is going to 3,500 of you, and we hope to reach many more as time goes on and corrected addresses come in. But the Postal Service charges for its attentions, and so we must ask you to remember to send in your dues and contributions (see tear-off coupon on page 2). Your money will pay for mailing expenses and make possible our gifts to the High School.

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If you're tired of going to the same old meetings, it's time to try something new! We guarantee that you've never been to meetings like the ones held by the Steering Committee of this (cont'd on page 2)



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CORRESPONDENTS' CORNER

We love to hear from you. Here are a few of the communications we received after the last issue of ALUMNOTES:

Agnes Sommer Merritt writes: "Prior HCHS--we were in "annexes" back in 1912-16 and see after 60 years the situation still exists. Wouldn't take a million dollars for the required educational program of that time including 4 years of Latin!!"

Katharine Elsenbast Russ, 1910, who was a guest speaker at last year's Reunion, promises, "God willing," to join us again this year.

And from Ray Miller: "If I retired from teaching, can I be called an alumna? After all, I spent my life at HCHS and loved every minute of it! Please say hello to all who know me and particularly Dr. Miller."

ALUMNA-GRAMS ARE COMING

Do you have a message to send? Here's your chance to communicate with thousands of your fellow alumnae at one fell swoop. Send an ALUMNA-GRAM. Your check for \$5.00 made out to HCHS Alumnae Association will buy you three lines of copy in our next issue, due in the fall of 1975. Send your copy in now while you have it in mind. You can use the form below or a separate sheet of paper. Only 45 characters, including spaces and punctuation, to a line, please. Add another \$5.00 for each additional three lines.

☐ Yes, I want to send an ALUMNA-GRAM! Here is my check for \$5 and three lines of copy:

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Tear off and mail to: Hunter College H. S. Alumnae Ass'n  
466 Lexington Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10017

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ CLASS \_\_\_\_\_  
first high school last name current last name

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ TEL. \_\_\_\_\_  
street city state zip

- ☐ I plan to attend the Reunion on June 1.  
☐ I enclose \$2.00 to cover Reunion expenses.  
☐ I enclose a contribution of \$5.00 or more (\$ ) to become a member in good standing for 1975-1976.

Please make checks payable to: HCHS Alumnae Ass'n

☐ Here are the names and current addresses of some other alumnae (please list on separate sheet and include any other information you may have such as high school last name, class, etc.).

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DON'T FORGET JUNE 1 2:00 PM  
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REUNION 418 EAST 54 STREET  
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Dear Alumnae:

This past year with the Alumnae Association can best be described by the word "meetings." There have been many, and for many purposes. The meetings that have held the most significance for the future of the High School are those of the New Building Committee.

From moments of great optimism that soon we would have a permanent building for Hunter High, we now find ourselves caught in the worsening economic picture and its accompanying budget crunch, resulting in what now seem to be diminished prospects for gaining our objective.

There is at present, however, a possibility that Hunter High may relocate in the I.S. 29 building at 94th Street and Park Avenue. This public intermediate school is being phased out, and it would be an ideal permanent location for H.C.H.S.

It is therefore imperative that political pressure be exercised to persuade the N.Y.C. Board of Education, Community School Board #2, Mayor Beame, et al, to release I.S. 29 and make it available for use by Hunter High.

With this in mind, we urge that if you know personally or have contact with anyone who might be in a position to help in these efforts to inform the appropriate people concerning the urgent needs of H.C.H.S., contact Dr. Bernard Miller, Director of the Campus Schools, at 360-5003 (area code 212) immediately.

As always -- and hopefully,

Mildred Spencer  
President Pro Tem

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organization! Jobs are available for anyone interested in joining us--this is not one of those clubs where you can sit back and be bored. So come along and join in; your reward will be, as ours has been, to see the growth of the Alumnae Association and help plan its useful projects.