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2004 MILESTONE REUNION CLASSES GIVE LARGEST CLASS GIFTS EVER! \$50,000 DONATED BY 50-YEAR CLASS

CLASS OF '73/'74 DONATIONS TOP \$15,000 AND '84 COLLECTS \$12,600

This year milestone class gifts (for classes ending in 4 or 9) were higher than in any previous year, mainly due to great demonstrations of love for our alma mater made by the 20-, 30-, and 50-year reunion classes (1984, 1973/1974 and 1954) which collectively donated over \$77,000. The gifts from the classes of '54 and '84, as well as class gifts from all of the other milestone classes and the previously undisbursed monies from our recently-ended fundraiser will be presented to the high school this fall. The class of '54 plans to earmark its gift for the Principal's Discretionary Fund; at press time, the class of '84 had not yet decided whether or how to earmark their gift. The class of '74 (and early grads in '73), which sent its donations through the Hunter College Foundation at the request of class member (and Hunter College president) Jennifer Raab, will present their class gift to the high school separately.

When asked how her class managed to collect such a large sum for their gift, class of '54 coordinator Arline SEWITCH Lieberman explained: "We started early, over a year before the event, and tried to involve as many people in the process as possible. As the word spread, enthusiasm grew. We established a Web page with the help of the Alumnae/i office and webmaster, and publicized it in newsletters that we mailed to our classmates. One of our members even wrote a touching letter, which we included in one of our newsletters, about how her HCHS experience had influenced her life and had motivated her to give \$1,000 toward the class gift. At the same time we encouraged all sizes of donations and stressed total participation if possible. Habits of perseverance and organization which we learned at HCHS have stood us in good stead. We are so proud of our educa-

tion that in many cases the college and graduate school experience pales in comparison. Enthusiasm is infectious!"

The class of '84 has a very active Yahoo! egroup, with nearly 140 class members registered. On-line discussions took place for months prior to the reunion—with classmates recalling their Hunter years, favorite teachers, etc.—so by the time the class gift appeal was made by the reunion organizing committee, class members were well primed to remember their alma mater with fondness. The class is also using the egroup to discuss possible earmarks for the gift and has even used the "polling" feature available on Yahoo! to vote on various ideas.

Future milestone classes have now had a very high bar set for them by the most generous reunion classes of 2004!

NEW ALUMNAE/I DIRECTORY IN THE WORKS

By now, you should have been contacted by the Bernard C. Harris Publishing Company, either via email or letter, asking that you update your listing for the 2005 edition of our Alumnae/i Directory. The directory will include each alum's current and maiden names, year of graduation, up to three degrees earned, spouse/partner's and children's names, residential and business addresses and telephone numbers, and email address. There will also be separate appendices listing grads by class year, geographic location and career. The book will be published in early 2005 and will only be offered for sale to alums. You can be assured that your information will

not be shared with any outside commercial enterprises.

If you haven't yet updated your listing online or by telephoning the Harris Company at 800-769-4574, please do so at your earliest convenience. Final changes must be in to the publisher no later than October 18th. If you have questions about your listing in the directory, you should telephone 800-769-4574; with other questions—telephone Customer Service at 800-877-6554 or email jmorris1@bcharrispub.com. Of course, you may contact our office as well, by telephoning 212-772-4079 or emailing hchsalums@yahoo.com.

IMPORTANT DATES

Thursday, October 14—Autumn Reception at the High School, 6:00 p.m.—8:30 p.m.

Late November/Thanksgiving Weekend—Young Alums event in NYC. Date and location to be announced—check our Website, www.hchsaa.org in late September

Sunday, Feb. 6, 2005—Winter Brunch in NYC. Location to be announced

Sunday, June 5, 2005—General Reunion at Hunter College High School

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alums & Friends:

I write this as the Acting President of the Alumnae/i Association—sadly, for us, Joan Rosenthal has left our Board due to term limits and we have not yet met to elect new Officers. Joan was involved with our board for six years and in that time served as Treasurer and then President. She was instrumental in getting our annual fundraising drive off the ground—an effort that has raised nearly \$265,000 in five years. Incidentally, Joan has signed on with Hunter College to work on raising funds for the Campus Schools, so we wish her success with that endeavor! While on the subject of departing board members, I would also like to thank Odella Woodson '79 for her two years of service as well as Harriet KONSTADT Sherman, Jan. '49, Elaine Brand '65, and Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61 for their many years of service. Harriet, Elaine and Marge were all term-limited off the board but their hard work and dedication to our alums and our alma mater will long be remembered. Marge promises to “audit” some of our future board meetings—which is great, because she is a vital link to what’s going on at Hunter today (many of you recall her as a Science teacher—but she is the long-standing Chair of the Science Department as well). While we are sorry to say goodbye to our departing board members, we’re thrilled to welcome five new board members—Harriet WHITMAN Aufses, Jan. '44, Kari CHIN Chachkes '87, John Marks '83, Purvi Sevak '91, and Nina HABIB Spencer '90. You can read their biographies on page 11.

Reunion 2005 may seem a long way away, but now's the time to start organizing your class if you're about to celebrate a milestone year (years ending in 0 or 5). Please check page 20 to see if your class has a coordinator yet, and if it does, let him or her know of any classmates who are not in touch with the Alumnae/i Association, so they can be added to the mailing list. If there's no coordinator listed yet, perhaps you would be interested in volunteering for this fun duty. Call or email our office for more information.

We're currently in the middle of a dues drive—hopefully you've already received our separate mailing (which was only sent to those not current with their dues). Dues are used to run our office, including maintaining our Website and printing and mailing *AlumNotes*. While voluntary, all alums who are able are urged to pay dues, which, incidentally are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law.

Lastly, I would like to congratulate the five Hunter High students who were each awarded a \$1,000 scholarship by our association this past June: Austin Leach and Xianpeng (Adam) Sang, who were voted the Thomas Hunter Award winners by the high school's Honors & Awards Committee and Jennifer Cho, Eric Benedict and Lynn Aird, who were the winners of the Mildred Busch Award.

Cordially yours,
Ruth KAUFMAN Davis '56

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Greetings to all. We were hoping to see many of you this year at the Reunion, but it didn't work out. We hope everyone had a wonderful time meeting old friends and reminiscing. We hope to see you at future reunions, and look forward to bumping into some of you on the streets of New York or wherever we travel.

Mark & Maria Nadel
(former faculty members)

To the Editor:

I wish I could have attended my class's 65th reunion this past June, but I was in Seattle that weekend. Each time I am in the city and drive across East 96th Street and pass the old high school building (pre-dating the moves to 68th Street and then to the current location), I reminisce—I think about “Sing”—what a glorious production that was each year. The only males in

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our building were the janitor and I guess some male mice scurrying about occasionally. Walking from the Lexington Avenue subway to the school, we had to pass the Consolidated Laundry facility (now the site of a large apartment house) and I still remember the horrible smell of the laundry and the bleach. We carried six majors and had loads of homework. There were no AP designated courses at the time, but many, such as our fourth year French courses, with not a word of English the entire semester, would qualify today.

My husband and I live in Great Neck, NY—the same house for 48 years—we have three children and six grandchildren. As for my other accomplishments, I have Sjogren's Syndrome, an autoimmune disease, which resulted in my starting the Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation in 1983, being editor of its *Moisture Seekers Newsletter*, the first president, and then the Executive Director. I also edited two books on Sjogren's Syndrome, *The Sjogren's Syndrome Handbook* and *The New Sjogren's Syndrome Handbook*. I was president of my Temple's sisterhood when we had a membership of 741 women and sponsored an outstanding Bible Homes Festival.

Elaine KIRSCHBAUM Harris, June '39

To the Editor:

As every alumna/us of Hunter College High School considers her/his high school education, with its stress on the pursuit of excellence, to be unsurpassed, I too, have been thoroughly grateful. An alumna of the class of January, 1939, I went on to Hunter College for my B.A. However, before commencement, I enlisted in the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC) and was called to duty after commencement. It was 1943 and there was a war on and I felt I had to do my part.

After basic training in Daytona Beach, FL, I served in The Air Corps as a corporal, company clerk, in a WAAC company at MacDill Field, Tampa, FL. From there I went on to Officer Candidate School at Ft. Des Moines, IA. I was commissioned a second lieutenant in July, 1943. I was transferred to Ft. Oglethorpe, GA, for administrative training. By then, the WAAC became the Women's Army Corp. (WAC) as part of the

regular United States Army. On a leave, I visited Dean Hannah Eagan, at Hunter College, as I had been active as a student at the college—a class officer—and knew her well. She told me Professor Joseph Cummings Chase of the Art Department was commissioned to paint the portraits of Hunter alumnae in the armed forces and asked me to sit for mine as a member of the Army. Hence, I had a busy time rushing down to his studio in Chelsea. My portrait was hung in Roosevelt House during the war and I understand that when renovations are completed there, it will be on display again.

After the war, I, like so many HCHS and Hunter College girls, became a high school teacher. My subjects were speech and English. I subbed briefly at HCHS and also taught for a semester at the college. The years as a hardworking student, member of Student Council and SING participant, etc., will never be forgotten, as well as the trek down to 32nd Street for classes, the ride in the freight elevator to classes—the building was an old relic—and then on to an old high school building on 96th Street between Second and First Avenues. Playing basketball, the only sport the high school funded, meant the few maverick athletes among us had to take the Lexington Avenue subway to play in the gym at P.S. 6, as the building at 96th Street did not have an appropriate gym. Then as a member of the Traffic Squad, eventually head of it and also head of the Athletic Association and serving as a class officer and representative to the Student Council (which meant meetings on alternate Saturdays at the YWCA on Lexington Avenue), kept me exhausted.

Part of my reminiscences have always included sixth term English class and reading *The Scarlet Letter* with Miss Searle, our teacher, who closed the door of the classroom lest anyone should be listening. After all, this was 1938! The only male in the building, however, was the custodian. And then there was Miss Gallert for Latin, who stated, "Hunter girls get the highest marks on the Regents." (I was not one of them.) Naturally, HCHS being unique, many other special items could be related.

I married, raising four outstanding sons, went back to teaching, but in New Jersey

where I had moved. I taught at River Dell High School in Oradell, where I coached the Girls Varsity Tennis Team, was the advisor to the Drama Club, and the advisor to the award winning literary magazine. In addition, I have been active in community theater, performing and directing and serving as an officer and in other capacities. Also, I served my town, Hillsdale, as Girl Scout Town Chairman. Scouting had always been part of my life as a scout and leader. It influenced my desire to serve my country!

The superb educational foundation I received at HCHS fostered by the outstanding faculty enabled me to pursue and accomplish many endeavors. I am proud to have been recognized for my achievements by being inducted into the Hunter College Alumni Association Hall of Fame and the New Jersey Scholastic Coaches Association Hall of Fame, as well as being chosen for inclusion in *Who's Who of American Women* and *Who's Who in American Education*.

Beverly GUTTERMAN Rosenstein, Jan. '39

To the Editor:

I am a member of "The Beltway Belles"—a group of classmates from the class of January, 1949. We live in the Washington D.C./Baltimore metropolitan area and meet several times a year for the pleasure of each other's company and to reinforce our knowledge of what is age-appropriate behavior. We have had a decorative tile designed for our group which features the old school building on 68th Street, the Washington Beltway in the school colors of purple and white, and symbols representing our various interests and obligations—reading, music, theater, travel, etc. Some of us love to cook; all of us have had to cook. We are adventurous and travel when and where we can. We have all been mentors, from the age of the chalk and blackboard to the computer age. Finally, we are what society calls health care givers. No matter how capped and gowned and learned we are, we have all had to put a thermometer into someone's body parts. We meet all challenges. We are the Beltway Belles!

Adelaide GUBINS Edelson, Jan. '49

“Would you like to stop for coffee?”

A solicitous innocent request? Perhaps not, explains Deborah Tannen '62, University Professor and Professor of Linguistics at Georgetown University in Washington D.C., in her bestselling work *You Just Don't Understand: Women and Men in Conversation*. This query, ostensibly by a spouse to her husband while driving, should not necessarily be taken at face value. Rather, it may be an opening attempt at negotiation. Similarly, the husband replying “No, thanks” does not mean repudiation but rather a statement of preference made in direct answer to the purported question. According to Professor Tannen, author of over a dozen books and a frequent mainstream media commentator on gender-related differences in behavior, men and women often operate on different frequencies in conversation, which then lead to disagreement and acrimony when no such discord actually exists. In fact, her research shows conflict often arises (in general) because conversationally men prefer to give advice whereas women are seeking understanding, not a solution. Similarly, a woman's desire for intimacy and cooperation may be construed as an indirect attempt to trammel a husband's independence.

A teaching career in sociolinguistics was far from Tannen's mind when she arrived at Hunter High School to begin 10th grade. She recalls being “scared to death” (traveling by herself on the subway from Flatbush, Brooklyn) the night before going to Hunter for the first time. “I couldn't sleep the night before and I had told my parents that I had changed my mind and wouldn't go. Of course, Hunter turned out to be a terrific experience—it turned me into an intellectual determined to make the world safer for brainy kids,” Tannen relates.

Tannen remembers vividly that arriving at the 10th grade level she felt a palpable class difference compared with the girls who had

been there since the 7th or even the 9th grades. “Most of the newcomers were from the outer boroughs and we tended to be more working class as opposed to the Manhattanites who came from upper middle class families—who went to Europe for the summer or attended events like the opera.” Tannen does add that integration came more easily towards the end of her Hunter years. “By the time I graduated my best friend was a Manhattan girl.”

As proof of her fond memories of Hunter, Tannen easily recalled the lines her English classes recited from Milton's *Lycidas*, “Yet, once more, O ye Laurels, and once more... I come to pluck your berries...” The late Jack McNeil, drama and English teacher, is remembered fondly. She credits her love for Greek mythology so ably taught by Irving Kizner as being primarily responsible for her spending two years in Crete after college. There was Dr. Raphael who taught creative writing—“...a literary type who wrote stories and poems and was on the editorial board of *Argus* who was really great. He dated and married one of my English teachers,” Tannen confides. Tannen singles out Dr. Keyser who taught Social Studies (and later, was headmistress of the Madeira School) for praise—she decreed that each student had to work on a presidential campaign. Even though she eventually handed out leaflets for Kennedy, “I was a passionate (Adlai) Stevenson supporter, so much so that I wore black the day Kennedy won the nomination,” Tannen recounts.

Tannen credits Hunter for encouraging intellectual development but emphasized that the fact that it was all-girls made a difference. “Controlled for the level of school, women who have gone to all girls' schools do better in later life,” Tannen asserts. “There have been lots of studies about science and math classes. This is particularly important in any participatory environ-

ment.” She cites a Jacqueline Madhok study which concluded that in small groups of three girls and a boy that the boy would be looked to as the leader. In groups where there were three boys and girl, the girl would often be ignored or ridiculed. Research, she adds, confirms this effect to be true in college too—unless a class is more than 50% women, women talk a lot less. Teachers will ask tougher questions of boys. However, she noted that single sex education has been found to be good for girls but not boys.

Tannen matriculated at Harpur College (now Binghamton University), a highly selective liberal arts college of 1,400 students. “When I graduated I was determined not to go to graduate school. As a matter of fact, to rebel, I sat in the snack bar during the GREs. I graduated a term early and my grand plan was to go off to Europe with friends. We were going to go overland from Greece to Central Asia, through Iraq and Iran, take a boat to Japan and teach English there. But I got stuck in Greece and taught English there for two years.” Upon her return to the U.S., Tannen taught remedial English and creative writing.

Her journey to linguistics was a serendipitous one. “I heard about it when I was teaching English. There was a poster about a linguistics institute. I was a product of the 60s and wanted to do something exotic. I ended up getting hooked on linguistics. Then I got a job at Georgetown out of



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REUNION 2004

On Sunday, June 6th, the Alumnae/i Association once again held our annual General Reunion at Hunter College High School. With more than 300 attendees, this year's event was the largest in recent memory. The day began with a continental breakfast and individual class gatherings, followed by a General Assembly, and capped off with a buffet luncheon. As always, we were joined by some past and current faculty members including Marge Goldsmith, Harriet Aufses, Irving Kizner, Campbell Austin, Fran Salzman and Carmen Guarracino.

At the General Assembly, speakers included the Alumnae/i Association's president, Joan Rosenthal '72, Director of the Campus Schools and Principal of the High School, Dr. David Laurenson, and Hunter College president and HCHS alum, Jennifer Raab '73. These distinguished speakers were followed by representatives from this year's milestone classes. An added treat was the speech by graduating senior Melay Araya '04, who talked about the experience of HCHS students today. She thanked alums for their support of the school through their generous donations and asked that we continue to support the school in the future.

Here are the reports of the reunion activities of this year's various milestone classes as submitted by those classes:

January '39—Class Coordinator: Harriet HELD Koppal

Eleven of us met at the high school on Sunday, June 6, for our 65th high school reunion, but though many years have passed and we had lost touch with each other, we had not lost the sense of connection and collegiality. We have led interesting lives and were enthusiastic about sharing experiences and memories. We do hope to stay in touch as we have so much more to say to each other.

Stay healthy and mobile so that we may plan another get together. You may contact Harriet at harkop@aol.com or at 631-367-4837 or Marge Kolb at the Alumnae/i office.

January '44—Class Coordinator: Harriet WHITMAN Aufses

Twenty-three members of the class of January, 1944, met at the high school on Sunday, June 6th to celebrate our 60th reunion. We came from far and wide—Florida, Texas, Colorado, Tennessee, upstate New York, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Michigan, and, of course, New York City. Many of us had not seen each other for 60 years, but we all recognized one another with the help of our *Annals*' picture IDs. All of us enjoyed reminiscing about our high school experiences and teachers, and the profound influence the school had on our later lives.

After the school luncheon, we all adjourned to the nearby home of Harriet WHITMAN Aufses to continue our celebration with a champagne toast to ourselves and our school. The class raised over \$1,500 to be given to the school library. A souvenir booklet, entitled "Life After Hunter," was given to each class member, containing a compilation of life stories, career choices, and reminiscences. An exuberant time was had by all, and we pledged to keep in touch.

June '44—Class Coordinator: Jean ULITZ Mensch

Unfortunately the class of June 1944 had but a modest reunion. There were only eleven of us but we managed to catch up with each other and with others not present. Being optimistic Hunterites we plan to be greater in numbers for our 65th. Unfortunately our class lists were confused with those of the January 1944 class. As a consequence the members of June 1944 on the January list were expunged from that one but never added to ours and so it is feared that many of us had no notice of the reunion. As various of us have now found our *Annals*, we will repair the class lists between now and our 65th. (At our age, things once quickly done tend to take a little longer.) For me personally, it was both a good experience talking to the other ten who made it and getting notes from far flung classmates in

California catching me up with their lives and those of other classmates with whom they are in contact. See you at the 65th.

Rita HEISLER Paleschuck adds: In spite of the small turnout, I really enjoyed the time the eleven of us had together to reminisce. Even more, I enjoyed the general assembly and hearing the comments of those who spoke for each of the milestone classes present. In addition, although I was elected to speak for the Class of June '44 only minutes before my turn came to do so, I really enjoyed telling the alums who were present of how Hunter High enriched my life, and how I continued to reap the benefits of the education received there for all the years (60) since my graduation. The attending members of the class of June '44 were unanimous in praising the education received at Hunter, and very grateful to all who had made that free education possible. Thank you from all of us to all at Hunter College High School and the city of New York who made it possible.

January '49—Class Coordinators: E. Mildred Speiser & Harriet KONSTADT Sherman

Reported by Joan STEUDTNER Urbas:

Although we are now in our seventies, twenty-five enthusiastic classmates made the trek to Hunter to celebrate our 55th reunion. We came from distant points around the globe for a wonderful weekend reminiscing and relating tales about new projects, grandchildren and ailments. The afternoon before the reunion, Mildred Speiser hosted a wine and cheese party at which she and her committee, Rhea Plottel and Harriet KONSTADT Sherman, distributed brochures with information and addresses for all our class members. The three of them had already done a Herculean job of providing incentives for all of us out-of-towners by sending lists of hotels and arranging a Friday evening dinner at an uptown restaurant.

Class photos from our fiftieth reunion which had been taken by my husband were available and provoked spirited comments about

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absent class members. By the time we gathered in Hunter's auditorium the next morning, the intervening years had been bridged and we were like kids again. And it was with the energy and enthusiasm of the young that we listened to and cheered for Mildred's eloquent speech as she presented our gift to our alma mater. And, in closing, we all felt how appropriate were the words, "With love and devotion to you Alma Mater. Then sing farewell loud and clear. Sing Hunter."

June '49—Class Coordinator: Gloria HOOPER-Rasberry

Members of the Class of June 1949—some accompanied by spouses—met for lunch on Saturday of the Reunion weekend. Pascalou, a cozy Madison Avenue restaurant, not too far from Hunter High, received fifteen of us. We ended up with a well-presented array of tasty dishes. Flo REIF Richman handled arrangements for us and also provided us with loads of information on places to visit, particularly along Museum Mile. We chatted, reminisced and shared what was going on in our lives and the lives of classmates who could not join us but sent greetings through others. California is now the home of one of the couples who attended and of quite a few June '49 alums. Others came from New Jersey, Illinois, Massachusetts, District of Columbia, Central New York, New York City and Long Island—with greetings sent from Arizona, Florida, Georgia and Washington state (through Masha KABAKOW Rudman).

On Sunday, more spouses joined alumnae for brunch at the high school, hosted by Bernice ("Bunny") WOMAN Hauser. Her bagels, lox, cream cheese and tasty pastries complemented the beverages and pastries provided by the Alumnae/i Association. A few from neighboring classrooms had difficulty resisting the spread as word circulated about what we were enjoying. Later on Sunday, in greetings to the school on behalf of the Class of June '49, Gloria ("Vangie")

HOOPER-Rasberry stated that the Hunter High experience had equipped class members well to get past roadblocks placed in their paths because of such things as gender, color of skin or religious preferences. Teachers and interaction among classmates reinforced the belief that nothing is impossible with self-confidence, hard work and determination. The lessons learned at Hunter High, she said, stand alums in good stead even today, especially at a time when the United States is facing a crisis in leadership and regions all over the world are being ravaged by war. Members of the Class of June '49 will not be counted among the "complicit timid," she concluded, because they hold that democracy and peace are, indeed, possible.

The weekend's events closed with a generous, almost lavish luncheon buffet in the school cafeteria open to all alums. A modest gift in memory of recently deceased classmates was presented to the school.

1954—Class Coordinator: Arline SEWITCH Lieberman

50th Reunion: Shades of Purple

A lavender haze of nostalgia settled over the weekend of June 4–6, 2004, for the HCHS class of 1954. The planning committee had been working for over a year to arrange the weather for the 50th anniversary of our graduation from Hunter and it was, indeed, perfect. From the amazing attendance of 136 people at our Gala Dinner on Saturday night to the enthusiasm with which the alums greeted one another, the temperature was ideal. And, throughout all of the events, our erstwhile photographer, Linda Kittiel, was recording everything. We hope to post our memories on a Website shortly.

Friday's gathering at the Hunter College faculty lounge (arranged by Isabelle JAFFE Gross) provided food for the body and soul as our classmates became reacquainted over a buffet lunch and dinner. In between, many went on tours of the new high school and the old, familiar one (at 68th Street &

Lexington Ave.). On Saturday, a number of alums took informal tours of Ground Zero, the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island. Others arranged meals with friends or visited museums. What a fabulous repository of culture the NY museums contain. My husband and I walked in a soft violet mist to the Frick Collection from our Eastside Marriott headquarters and were rewarded handsomely with a glimpse of world class paintings and some gilt work which was executed in part by the grandfather of our peerless treasurer Lucy PARROT Lynch. Hospitality rooms at the hotel and a Shabbatan (hosted by Naomi LEVY Weinstock) provided convenient places to hang out and catch up. In the evening, back at the hotel, the purple amethyst jewel of the weekend arrived—our Gala Dinner (ably chaired by Ina ROSEN Rubenstein). After receiving a tote bag full of goodies including the Memory Book and directory (edited beautifully by Maxine MANDEL Hersh), we entered a graciously decorated ballroom (done tastefully by Robin BROWNSTEIN Jaffe-Burke) with engraved wine glasses and still more goodies for attendees (including an umbrella and special fragrance gift donated by Evelyn HAUSNER Lauder). The evening included the singing of a rousing version of *Sarah Maria Jones* led by Ruth Gordon, informative and witty addresses by Evelyn Lauder, Doris PLATZKER Friedensohn, and Katie DAVIS Fishman, and a slide show crafted by Irwin Rubenstein (now an honorary Hunter girl) from donated photos depicting some scenes from our high school days. Everyone agreed the whole experience was spectacular, but it wasn't over yet for many of us. Sunday dawned with a lilac scented rain (giving us a chance to use our new umbrellas) pelting us on our way to the new high school building where more treats awaited. After a continental breakfast, we met in a double classroom where our own Katie DAVIS Fishman, Sheila ADELMAN Abrams, Carol GOODWIN Kahn and Susan MARGULIES Sheehan, professional writers all, graciously participated in a panel discussion on the experience of

being a writer. The hour was magical and fun in the extreme. On to the auditorium for the general reunion.

After listening to a long list of Hunter grads lauding the benefits of attending our school, our turn finally came. Peggy GRANT Baylor represented our class elegantly by connecting her life experiences and successes with our days of toil at Hunter. She ended with two announcements. The first was that our class was donating, to the high school library, three tote bags full of books authored and signed by members of our class. The second was an announcement about our class gift to our alma mater for much needed refurbishment.

Class of 1954—our celebration was awesome!

1964—Class Coordinator: Rhoda SRAGG Faller

IT WAS FAN-TAB-U-LOUS! The class of 1964 held its 40th reunion on July 9, 10, and 11th. Two years went into the planning of the reunion. As our class of 300 is spread to the far corners of civilization (we're in 32 states, the District of Columbia, and 4 foreign countries) we wanted to have a weekend at a hotel/spa so those coming in from out of town would not make the trip for just one meal. A chat site was set up on Yahoo!, and the emails flew back and forth covering a vast array of topics. We discussed why we went to Hunter, our families of origin, hair loss, other ills, our recollection of the Cuban missile crisis, subway flashers and mashers, and of course the reunion.

A committee chose to hold our reunion in July since so many of us are involved in education or have children still being educated and June involves finals, graduations, etc. We set the date a year and a half ahead of time so that those who needed a long lead time for their jobs would be able to attend. It was decided to hold the weekend in New Jersey at the Doral Forrestal Hotel and Spa in Princeton. We chose not to stay at a hotel in New York City, fearing that the lure of family, friends, museums, shops,

and theaters would be too strong and would not allow for the connecting and reconnecting we anticipated. We also opted for a Sunday brunch in New York City at Restaurant Charlotte in the Hotel Millennium. Both locations are accessible with and without a car.

A huge effort was made to locate our classmates. This was not an easy task as many had not been heard from in 40 years, and 40 years ago there were no computer records to aid in a search. Women back then most often changed their names when married, and some of us changed our names several times. By the end, we had located 276 of us, with only 24 still missing. Invitations were sent out with response cards. Money was collected for the dinner at the Forrestal, the brunch at Restaurant Charlotte, our memory book, and contributions to the reunion planning, a gift to the school, and towards travel assistance for those of our classmates who might need it. The memory book, put together by one of our classmates, was just wonderful. Not only was there a page from over 100 of us, but pictures of our sweet sixteens, field day, and prom were included, as were some of the comments from our chat site.

Seventy-eight attended the dinner at the Forrestal, and ninety-eight attended the brunch at Restaurant Charlotte. The events were just outstanding. Everyone had an absolutely fabulous time. We've already had volunteers to coordinate our 45th and 50th reunions. One of our classmates made teeshirts, sleep shirts and tote bags, in purple of course, with our school, our class, our mascot (Cydney, the pink kangaroo), and 40th reunion on them, and the following statement: "Gifted girls = Gifted women." They are just lovely and great reminders of the reunion.

Before the dinner, many of us gathered around the piano and sang our Junior song, our Senior song, our Mascot song, and almost all the songs from our SING. It's amazing how the words are still stored somewhere in the brain! Lots of people reconnected

with old friends and many new friendships were forged. All attendees keep raving about the reunion. Some of the mixed feelings that some of us had about Hunter got resolved. For many, the reunion enabled us to put this special experience into a different perspective.

1969—Class Coordinator: Marianne Tomecek

The Class of '69 gathered twice to enjoy twice the reminiscences. First, twenty-seven alumnae from the class met before the "official" reunion for brunch on Saturday, June 5th at Raymond's Café on 7th Avenue. We came from near and far, the most distant this year being Arizona and Tennessee. Some of us had trouble recalling names with faces without our yearbooks, but once we reintroduced ourselves, the past came flooding back. We gave updates on careers (second and third, for some of us), and reports on families. While one of us is enjoying the challenges of relatively new motherhood, several had grandchild photos to display. And a number of us have chosen not to marry or have children, so those joys and concerns were shared, as well. There are two volunteers to host the next milestone gathering at a classmate's home, so you'll hear from a classmate before you realize that it's been almost five years! Many thanks for the generous giving for a class gift—which will be used to update the Social Studies Department's film library in memory of Jean McCarthy O'Malley. If anyone wasn't contacted about the reunion or knows of a sister from the class who's not heard from the Alumnae/i Association recently, please contact Marianne Tomecek, prtomecek@optonline.net, with information so that we can update our listings.

1974—Class Coordinator: Cathy Yerzley
Hunterites celebrating their "30th" anniversary included both those who actually graduated in 1974, plus classmates who graduated in '73 at the end of eleventh grade. We had a terrific turnout, resulting in part from a last-minute flurry of letters, emails, and phone

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calls. Many of us started the reunion celebration early, at a buffet breakfast graciously hosted by Harlene Freezer at her home near the High School. We were having such a great time catching up, we had to hustle to get to the high school auditorium in time for the formal program. We were so proud to hear our classmate Jennifer Raab address the assembly as President of Hunter College, and delighted at how wonderful—and how much the same—we all looked after so many years. To top off a great day, our fundraising efforts met with a generous response, yielding a class gift of over \$15,000.

1979—Class Coordinator: Lorraine CUNNINGHAM Colby

On June 5, 2004, the class of 1979 (and the early grads of 1978) gathered to celebrate our 25th reunion. Sixty-one classmates (plus eleven guests) gathered at Sambuca Restaurant on W. 72nd Street off Central Park West. We were joined by a surprise guest, our former guidance counselor, Wanda Webb, who looks exactly the same!!! As the guests arrived it was difficult to get past the welcoming embraces to make our way into the dining room. It was not difficult recognizing all of our “old” friends. If there was any doubt, we were helped by the name tags which had our yearbook pictures on them. Most looked as they did 25 years ago—only with a new sense of maturity and confidence. There was much reminiscing and laughter. Everyone enjoyed themselves as was evident by the fact that after four hours, no one wanted to leave!! We reminisced about being the last all-girl class at Hunter (for good or for ill!) and recalled our years in two floors of an office building at Lexington & 46th (Yoga class in a double-sized room, which then became the “gymnasium” for our joint dances with Horace Mann!); we also remembered our teachers: Jack McNeil, Ira Marienhoff, Marge Goldsmith, etc. and the way the administration split our class into two graduating years by changing from a 5-year school with a 6-year option to a 6-year

school with a 5-year option after we had already begun our studies. Some lingering questions were finally answered: “Who was responsible for the infamous ‘newspapering’ of the teachers’ doorways on the class trip to Boston which resulted in a very angry Dr. Bumby canceling the outing to Mystic Seaport?” (answer: Janice Schneider, who denied it for years and a few others who still need to be identified!!) For those who attended, and for those who were not able to attend, it was clear that this reunion brought our class “back together” and helped rekindle friendships. Biographical profiles were gathered and put into a book format for those who provided information (thanks Marge Kolb!!) and were distributed for us to review later. It made it easier to see what some of our former classmates have been doing over the past 25 years!! It truly was a wonderful evening with everyone promising to keep the momentum going and making every reunion a special time for us to keep those special friendships from fading.

On Sunday, June 6th, a handful of class members gathered at the High School to continue the festivities. It was strange to be in the same classrooms where we once spent so much time (weren’t they bigger back then?). Mr. Kizner surprised us all by dropping in and entertaining us with his ever amusing stories. He hasn’t changed a bit!! We were also joined by Campbelle Austin and Marge Goldsmith. It was great seeing them! The visit to the High School was a wonderful way to wrap up a truly great reunion weekend!!!

1984—Class Coordinators: Andrew Bellak, Anita DeStefano, Lori Fleming, Emma OWENS O’Brien, and Nelly Taveras

The Class of 1984 had a wonderful reunion on Saturday, June 5th at Metrazur restaurant, an open air space in Grand Central Station. We were 147 strong (118 Hunterites plus guests) and had an absolute blast. The first person to contact me about the reunion

was Bob Glickstein back in September, 2003! Things started really brewing in December, 2003 when the committee started an egroup (www.groups.yahoo.com/group/hchs1984) specifically for our class. As the photos started coming in and the posts got longer and longer, we realized that we were probably going to have a HUGE attendance. Although some of the postings got a little heated (Antolin?), the dialogue/debates really propelled interest in the reunion.

Since we planned so far in advance, people came from all over the world—Christine Chu from London, Chuck Kanafi (Kane) from Israel, Jeanne HOLLAND Butterfield from Bermuda (she invited us all to visit, so pack your bags), Jacqueline Zeuner, Erin Williams’ foreign exchange sister, came in from Peru plus a HUGE, HUGE contingent from California. We also got alums who came from Massachusetts, Vermont, New Jersey, New York, Maryland, Kansas, Virginia, South Carolina, Florida, Ohio, New Mexico, Oregon, Georgia, Wisconsin and South Carolina (please don’t throw tomatoes if I missed your state).

The setting was wonderful—some alums who had not been in NYC for a while were quite taken aback by the space, which was the effect we were going for! For the most part, everyone was there at 8 p.m. ON THE DOT to try to maximize our time together; many groups had dinner before the event including a large group which met before at Metrazur. Although the event went on for a few hours, I am sure that I am speaking for everyone when I say we could have stayed for many more! There was an open bar and yummy hors d’oeuvres although there was some mysterious food in spoons that went around a few too many times...

Since we had all done so much corresponding before, we were all very anxious and excited to see each other. Although our class, like the others at Hunter, was small, some people had not connected in high school for one reason or the other but the reunion

allowed new friendships to be developed and old ones to be rekindled. Hunter was a very special place and I think that after hearing of everyone's achievements (more teachers than I can count, tons of doctors and a few vets) and seeing how well everyone got along, even after all of these years (admit it guys—some of you were nervous) it made us all remember what an incredible group of people we were surrounded by in our formative years. Hunter fostered that closeness and we will always be grateful for the environment provided by Hunter. Especially touching were the notices on the Website after the reunion. People were truly amazed by the turnout and the event as a whole. There are also great photos of the event so check out the site!

We gave out awards with goofy prizes: Best Dressed: Julie Chayt Scott and Steven Tomkiewicz. Least Changed: Amy Greenstadt and Aramis Bermudez. Traveled the Farthest: Chuck Kanafi. Most Kids: Sara Fontek Weinstein. Last to RSVP: Juanita Punwaney (one day before) and Andrew Clateman (one hour before!). We were able to donate over \$12,000 to the High School and set aside a portion of the amount to be given in memory to our classmate Erika Bersen Lange who lost her battle with cancer in the fall of 2003. Rachel Herschenfeld put together a book at the reunion that many of us signed with memories of Erika to give to her young son.

Many, many thanks to the reunion committee: Anita DeStefano, quite pregnant and the glue that kept us together during the planning process, Nelly Tavares, Andrew Bellak and Irene Lu (with an assist or two from Howard Shiau).

See you in 2009!

1989—Class Coordinators:

Kysha Harris, Raquel Klugman, Jessica Lieberman, Nnenna Lynch and Kate Heddings

On June 5th, 2004, approximately seventy Class of '89 Hunterites including some sig-

nificant others gathered at Sugar in Tribeca to celebrate our 15th reunion organized by Nnenna Lynch, Raquel Klugman, Jessica Liberman, Kate EDELBAUM Heddings and myself, Kysha Harris. Everyone reminisced over cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a beautiful meal while listening to sounds of the 80s provided by Sugar's resident DJ. The room was decorated with a large "Welcome" banner, our class photos from 7th through 12th grades taken from our yearbooks, a matching game of classmates and their children and a cheeky game of "Pin the Tail on Dr. Glick" (our Assistant Principal—very involved with us students and a real personality). Fifteen years is a long time and a lot has changed since the days at the fort on 94th Street... marriages, babies, new jobs, careers and businesses. We discovered that we have classmates in many professions: law (Jessica Liberman, Tyreta Foster, Lily Shapiro, Susan Wilk, Vinny Auricchio, Alex Southwell, Kerry Kennedy, Risa Cherry); business/finance/entrepreneur (Kenny Kloner, Ross Garon, Dan Goldman, Kysha Harris, Amber EPHRAIM Hagen, Hansen Leong, Andre Haynes, Ron Gabrielle, Johsh Rosenbaum, Raquel Klugman, Ed Randal, Barbara CAPPUCIANO Brown, Mimi FRIDAY Jackson); education/teaching (Dohra Ahmad, Mike Siff, Amy Lessen, Nicole Becker, Melissa Rodnon, Jennifer HAINES Perez, Sarah TOMLIN Bupp); communications (Kate EDELBAUM Heddings, Kristin Fayne-Mulroy, Abby Sider, Anna Suh, Nicole Moore, Tahana Franklin); and arts/entertainment (Andrew Mittleman, Ben Goldfarb). This is the just the tip of the "Stork Naked" beak (our senior mascot). There are many other classmates doing dynamic things. There are classmates across the country and overseas (Christine Bader gets the award for farthest-traveled coming from London.) spreading the Hunter spirit, but many still here in the Big Apple growing their roots. A great time was had by all. Thanks to everyone that came out, gave their support and appreciation. We are all looking forward to the 20th...yikes! As a result of the renewed

contact, we now have a group email: hchs1989@yahoogroups.com. We are still looking for some of our classmates. If you are out there please contact us so we can have even more of the Hunter Class of '89 classmates to celebrate.

1994—Class Coordinator: Jamie Miles

The class of '94, which celebrated ten years since graduating from Hunter College High School, started the weekend off on Saturday. Over 100 class members, plus even more significant others, met at Kanvas (a bar in Chelsea). We chatted the night away, catching up and reminiscing, and before we knew it they were kicking us out at about 4am! Everyone had a great time seeing each other, and the overall feeling was "stunned and overwhelmed, but happy." Only a few people made it to the official celebration at the school early the next morning, but it was a fabulous weekend!

1999—Class Coordinator: James Schiavone

On June 25th, almost exactly five years to the date of our graduation ceremony, the class of 1999 met up at Snafu in midtown for our reunion. As soon as the first couple of people arrived and began catching up with each other, it was clear that the reunion was going to be a success. With over eighty people attending and plans for an annual reunion, our classmates showed an interest in maintaining the close-knit community that made our collective experience at Hunter so enjoyable. One of the highlights of the evening was when Coach Randolph arrived with his trademark smile and abstract matchmaking skills to liven things up. Overall, everyone had a good time and was glad to reflect upon their similar experiences both during and after Hunter with their old friends. If you would like information on future reunions or to join the egroup, please email James Schiavone at triplephat@aol.com, holler!!!

CYNTHIA NIXON '84 ADDRESSES HCHS GRADUATES

Cynthia Nixon '84, who was selected as the 2004 HCHS Distinguished Graduate, addressed the HCHS class of 2004 at its commencement ceremony on June 24, 2004. The ceremony took place at 5 p.m. at the Hunter College Assembly Hall on 69th Street. Also addressing the graduates were Hunter College President Jennifer Raab (HCHS '73) and New York City Council President Gifford Miller.

Nixon, who is best known as an actress (*Sex and the City*), is also a strong supporter of New York City public schools and works actively with the Alliance for Quality Education, a group fighting for funding and quality public education across the state. She attended Hunter Elementary as well as the High School and received an undergraduate degree in English from Barnard (inspired by her high school English teacher Parker Baratta, who was present). The HCHS Distinguished Graduate is chosen each year by a committee of faculty and staff of the high school.

Speaking to the graduates, Cynthia recalled that she was appearing in two Broadway shows at the time of her own high school graduation, which she had to miss due to her Wednesday matinee schedule. She admitted to never having a happier time than when she was at Hunter, and she wished for all the 2004 graduates to look back with gratitude and awe at the gift they had received in their Hunter education. Her advice to the grads was to "get out of NYC" and see some other parts of the world, adding that they can always "come back."

Gifford Miller congratulated the graduates on what they have accomplished and asked that they remember that no one accomplishes anything alone. He reminded them that they had the opportunity to grow up in a great city and attend its finest high school and asked that they all consider some form of public service in the future to "give back

to their city." Jennifer Raab '73 told the class of '04 that she knows first-hand that getting through Hunter High is not easy. She recalled a saying the faculty had when she was a student: "You can always tell a Hunter girl, but you can't tell her much!" She thanked the parents of the graduates for their support of their children and also for their donations of time and resources to the school. Many things have changed since she graduated in 1973, but some things—such as the quality of education at Hunter—have not. Just this year, *The Wall Street Journal* named Hunter as the top public high school in the country. Raab told the graduates that they had flourished at Hunter and they may find that college does not seem so hard—but that is only because they have been so well prepared.

The graduation ceremony also featured an opening Salutation by senior Nora Gross, a reading by Marina Kastan, the Class Speech by Emma Mann-Meginniss and the presentation of the class gift to the school by Class President, Hannah Goldstein. The graduating class of 186 featured 52 National Merit Semifinalists and 10 National Achievement Semifinalists. One quarter of the class will be attending Ivy League colleges (14 were admitted to Harvard, 11 to Yale, 14 to Cornell, 14 to University of Pennsylvania, 8 to Columbia, 7 to Princeton, 6 to Dartmouth and 4 to Brown).

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Cynthia Nixon '84 (right), with Jennifer Raab '73

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school and have been here ever since." Her Ph.D. dissertation happened to be on the difference in speaking styles between New York and California. "New Yorkers expect shorter pauses and tend to 'talk along' with you as a way of showing enthusiasm. Someone from California would see this as an interruption. Being aware of this is very powerful," Tannen explains. Her advice to all is to "become as sophisticated as you can about how language works. You can start by reading my books," she chuckles. Think about what you want to say and how you want to say it. Context is very, very important, she emphasizes. "Lawyers often counsel witnesses to be thoughtful with their answers but ironically many juries find this 'hesitation' suspicious and think that the witness is conjuring up something."

Tannen followed up *You Just Don't Understand*, which occupied a place on *The New York Times* bestseller list for four years and held the top spot for eight months, with another bestseller: *Talking from 9 to 5: Women and Men in the Workplace: Language, Sex and Power* and has added a major work on the culture of antagonism in American society with *The Argument Culture, Stopping America's War with Words*. Tannen has also written poems, short essays and plays. Her first play, *An Act of Devotion*, was included in the *The Best American Short Plays 1993–1994*. "I really enjoy the process of writing. In fact, I really love academic writing because I can go into greater detail than I can with a general audience. But with a general audience you can be more playful and say things you know are right but you can't necessarily prove," Tannen remarks. She laments that linguists are often far too technical while psychologists are much better at communicating. "It's much more interesting to talk about something observable than something invisible."

Look for Deborah Tannen's next book which will explore communications between mothers and daughters due out for Mother's Day 2005. ■

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WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

In our Spring newsletter, we solicited nominations for the Alumnae/i Association's board of directors and were gratified to hear from many interested alums. Biographical sketches of our new board members are presented here:

Harriet WHITMAN Aufses, Jan. '44 has been associated with Hunter in one way or another from 1940 through 1995. She was a student from 1940–1944 and then a student teacher in the HCHS English Department from 1947 to 1948 while enrolled at Hunter College. After her college graduation, she was a teacher in the high school's English Department intermittently from 1949 to the 1960s, then was a parent of a Hunter Elementary School student from 1955 to 1962 and finally was the HCHS Librarian from 1967 to 1995. Since her retirement she has been involved in several volunteer activities including: Children's Librarian at the Day Care Center in the George Washington Houses, reader and recorder for Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic, volunteer in the Special Events Office of the Mount Sinai Medical Center and volunteer in the Ambassador Program at Mount Sinai Hospital.

Because Hunter has been such an important part of her life for so many years, Harriet feels that she can make a positive contribution to the Alumnae/i Association.

Kari CHIN Chachkes '87 attended HCHS from 1981 until 1987. After Hunter, she attended Georgetown University and spent her junior year abroad in Lyons, France. Kari later earned her law degree from NYU Law School. After practicing for five years as a corporate lawyer in New York, Kari became a legal recruiter. She lives in New Jersey with her husband Gil and their two girls. Kari previously served on the HCHS board for one year, during which time she helped organize the Young Alums chapter and acted as the board's secretary. She was also involved in coordinating her class's 15th reunion in 2002.

John M. Marks '83 holds an MBA from Columbia University, a Masters of City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley, and a BA with high honors from Oberlin College. He is one of the Principals at Colliers ABR, a New York City based commercial real estate firm. He oversees corporate advisory services and strategic consulting for the firm's major clients. His work is routinely used for investments, merger and acquisitions, and real estate expansion and/or disposition decisions. He has provided these services for clients past and present including the United Federation of Teachers, General Electric, Merrill Lynch, Morgan Stanley, McKinsey & Company, Wausau Insurance, Metropolitan Transit Authority, and the United Nations.

John is thrilled and honored to be joining the Alumnae/i Association Board. He has continually relied upon the analytical and critical thinking that he learned while attending Hunter and would love to give something back to the school.

Purvi Sevak '91 returned to Hunter in 2002 when she joined the Department of Economics at Hunter College as an Assistant Professor. She received her Ph.D. in Economics at the University of Michigan in 2002. Before attending graduate school at Michigan, she received a B.S. degree (1995) in Policy Analysis from Cornell University and spent two years conducting health policy research in Washington, D.C. At Hunter College, Purvi teaches Introductory Microeconomics and Public Finance. She is also an associate of the Gender Equity Program, an initiative intended to help bridge the gender gap in the sciences. Most of her time however, is spent on her research which has focused on issues related to aging, retirement, and saving behavior. In recent papers she has examined how stock market fluctuations affect retirement timing and post-retirement well-being. She has also examined how state school finance policies affect the migration decisions of families

with children and empty nest households. Her research has been funded by the U.S. Social Security Administration, the National Institute on Aging, and the National Science Foundation.

Even though her return to Hunter is at the College rather than the High School, it has made her especially grateful for the transforming experience HCHS was for her. She remembers the wonderful teachers, the extensive extracurricular activities, and the great sense of community. Serving on the board is a way for her to serve Hunter in return. She feels that Hunter could have a much more involved set of alums. In particular, she would like to devote some time and effort to have alums help Hunter get a "bigger piece of the pie" in budget negotiations.

Purvi lives in the West Village with her husband Jeff and their two cats.

Nina HABIB Spencer '90 graduated from Columbia College in 1994 with a degree in Political Science. She went on to work directly for the then-NYC Parks Commissioner, the famous Henry Stern, for two years, doing intergovernmental affairs in his office. This involved meeting with NYC council members, sharing with them the financial and capital needs of their local parks and lobbying them for support. She then moved on to do development and media relations for the City Parks Foundation, the fundraising non-profit arm of the Parks Department. As Development and Press Relations Officer, Nina organized several major fundraisers, together with the Executive Director, that raised several million dollars in total. Nina then moved to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), which she just recently left in anticipation of some down time with the imminent birth of her second child. At the EPA, Nina first worked as a press officer and then Manager for Projects—organizing press events, speaking to reporters, writing press releases, dealing with elected officials, etc.

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ANNUAL GIVING: 2003–2004

Thank You to All Donors to Our Recently-Ended Fundraising Drive

The Alumnae/i Association's Board of Directors would like to express its heartfelt gratitude to all those individuals who donated to our annual fundraiser, begun in November, 2003. This was one of our most successful fundraisers, with more than \$66,000 received. These monies will be disbursed to the high school in the coming months, both to areas earmarked by the donors and to areas chosen by our board of directors (after consideration of funding requests received from the high school). Donations to the high school in recent years have benefitted the Library, the Computer Labs, the Language Lab, extracurricular activities, and all departments (including Physical Education and Counseling). The commitment of alums to Hunter High is an abiding reflection of love and the desire for continued excellence for students of today.

The continued support of alums is needed and you can be sure your gifts will be applied to critical areas of student enrichment. Although most gifts to the high school continue to be in the form of cash, members are advised that the Alumnae/i Association is able to receive donations of securities into our Charles Schwab account, and for those of you doing estate planning, we are also able to receive bequests. Please contact our office for securities transfer information or the correct wording for bequests.

We're pleased to publish here the names of all donors of \$100 or more:

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 Judi Orefice Heidel '80
 Deborah Rosenfield Hensler '59
 Andrea Eck Henson '79
 Diana Skaletzky Herman, Jan. '50
 Jill Saxon Himonas '61
 Ruth Kahn Hochberg '41
 Abigail Hornstein '90
 Judy Huang '87
 Angelina Irizarry '72
 Frances Shapiro Ivker '57
 Florence Richter Jablon '40
 Gloria Jacobs '80
 Linda Lax Jacobs '58
 Georgette Jasen '65
 Jane A. Rothenberg Jewel '60
 Claudia J. Justy '66
 Lauren Buxbaum Kacir '81
 Elena Kagan '77
 Joanne Betten Kaplan '63
 Susan G. Kaplan MD '70
 Rhonda Wexler Karlin '77
 Marian Berliss Katzenstein '34
 Michelle Kayon '73
 Nanette Rodney Kelekian '43
 Kris Kasden Kershaw '58
 Jan Kleeman '68
 Ilene R. Klinghoffer '70
 Joseph H. Ko '92
 Nancy Shapiro Kolodny '63
 Phyllis Gartner Korff '60
 Karen Kornbluh '80
 Lillian E. Kraemer '57
 Andrea Krantz '80
 Anne Krantz '68
 Susan E. Kravit '76
 Gloria Gross Kreisman '49
 Leslie Kreisman '77
 Mary H. Lynn Kreitzer '66
 Ella Kusnetz '67
 Cynthia Lai '90
 Florence Catenaro Laitman,
 Jan. '42
 Barbara Lang '53
 Florence Lal Lau '66
 Susie Chao Lebryk '82
 Alice L. Lee '77
 Steven S. Lee '82
 Inger Neustrup Leo '40
 Jean Moverman Leonard, Jan. '44
 Naomi Levin '76
 Marilyn Levy, Jan. '39
 Miriam Barrow Lewis '36
 Jessica Liberman '89
 Connie Mortge Lindenbaum '74
 Gladys Balbus Lipkin '42
 Joyce P. Lipshitz '43
 Ellen Leing Lordi '74
 Stephanie L. Ng Lowry '80
 Carolyn Nussbaum Lynch, Jan. '50
 Alisa Kugel Mannis '76
 Laura Singer Mariski '72
 Dorothy Wong Mark '45
 John Marks '83
 Nancy Martin '85
 Nedda Marus, Jan. '49
 Jeffrey Mass '82
 Carmen Mendez '74
 Claudia Metz '69
 Suzanne Block Meyerowitz '47
 Marilyn Band Meyers '59
 Barbara R. Miller '62
 Betty Mintz '71
 Kathi Ann Mintzer '71
 Albert Shemmy Mishaan '87
 Maureen K. Molloy '49
 Rona Riegelhaupt Montag '76
 Diane Schretzman Mortimer '89
 Lauri Ervin Mulvey '69
 Lynn Silverstein Najman '68
 Margery Werdenschlag
 Nathanson-Smith '61
 Elizabeth Fondal Neufeld '44
 Lila Neugebauer '03
 Thisbe Nissen '90
 Audray Clements Noyes, Jan. '42
 Shirley Knopf Oltschick '52
 Louis F. O'Neill '86
 Janet S. Levy Pahima '76
 Rita Heisler Paleschuck '44
 Despina Ploussios Patsoulakis,
 Jan. '52
 Esta Epstein Pekow '49
 Margaret "Peggy" Betz Perrin '55
 Debra Zimet Peters '74
 Ellen Ash Peters '47
 Mollie Neubauer Pflumm '59
 Marina Picciotto '81
 Laurie Ferber Podolsky '69
 Sylvia Brodsky Pressler, Jan. '52
 Jennifer J. Raab '73
 Shehry Rahman '91
 Elaine Hanauer Ravich '66
 Jane Hines Reis '53
 Phyllis Reisner '51
 Ellen Galson Ritteman '59
 Gloria Rojas '55
 Marcella Jung Rosen '51
 Rose Luttan Rubin '34
 Robin Spero Rubinstein '60
 Cynthia C. Sam '77
 Nilsa Santiago '74
 Judith E. Schaeffer '70
 Carol Rosenfield Schneebaum '54
 Sara Robbins Schoenwetter '65
 Farimah Farhadi Schuerman '68
 Jane Schwartz Schultz '49
 Shirley Bomart Schwartz, Jan. '36
 Kathleen O'Callaghan Scott '77
 Wen Shen '87
 Gladys G. Oestreich Sherman '60
 Eleanor Schwarzbart Singer, Jan. '47
 Elizabeth A. Smith '47
 Ellen Smithberg '74
 Diane M. Diemer Snyder '72
 Amy Sohn '91
 Neal A. Sotsky '84
 Nina Habib Spencer '90
 Helene Williams Spierman '61
 Jacqueline Feit Spivak '54
 Jean R. Sternlight '75
 Deena Schwartz Stone '70
 Barbara N. Cohen Stratyner '68
 Carol Kahn Strauss '62
 Marlene Panzer Barasch Strauss '48
 Tina Styranovski '83
 Ruth Frankel Swift '54
 Leona Avery Tabell '60
 Judy Tan '96
 Deborah Tannen '62
 Robyn Tarnofsky '87
 Dona Serota Teschner '79
 Leontyne April Thomas '85
 Ursula Wolff Ulrich '55
 Rosalie Schimunek
 Vanderzanden '38
 Barbara Vosk '73
 Jill Slater Waldman MD '85
 Hannah Brand Wayne, Jan. '52
 Michael Weiksner '91
 Judith Weisman '69
 James Ross Weissner '01
 Marguerite Liao Williams '91
 Patricia Anne Williams '61
 Tiana Wimmer '75
 Beverly Winikoff '62
 Johanna Heermann Wise '76
 Myrna MacQuarrie Wojtek '99
 Helen Werner Wolfe '56
 Doreen (Sierra) Wong M.D. '79
 Doris S. Wong '77
 Rosanne H. Wyleczuk '74
 Elaine Postelneck Yamin '54
 Frederick Yee '93
 Shelley Yu '75
 Judith Segal Zabar, Jan. '50
 Marilyn Estreicher Zinder, Jan. '47
 Vera Lenchner Zolberg, Jan. '50
 Faye Zucker '69
 Cathy Hutchings Zumoff '64

LETTER FROM THE DIRECTOR OF THE CAMPUS SCHOOLS

At the end of July I had occasion to meet with my daughter's Latin tutor in a program she was taking in Rhode Island. Imagine my surprise when we discovered that we had more in common than my daughter's Latin—she graduated from Hunter College Elementary and High Schools. After much catching up, on the tutor's part, I heard from her about her memorable experiences at Hunter. It is so great to be associated with a school where students, both current and past, have such a positive feeling about the school. It is the lifelong friends that are made and lessons that are learned that make it all so special. The decrepit facilities, the PE bloomers, and the long commute are looked back upon as idiosyncrasies and challenges rather than something that one would rather forget. In any case, I hope that when you meet with your classmates of old that your meetings are as memorable as the one I experienced in the summer.

Onto a topical subject, we at Hunter are doing our piece to address the No Child Left Behind Act in that I have just hired a Learning Specialist to help children who are at Hunter and who have diagnosed learning disabilities. It may seem hard to believe that we have gifted students who are learning disabled, but you can probably recall some student who had, for example, really horrible handwriting. Well now with computers and specialized keyboards, it is possible for these students to conduct all of their work on a laptop. For students to be given special accommodations we require a professional diagnosis with a set of recommendations. It is a whole new element in the education of students at Hunter and currently we have about 30 high school students diagnosed as learning disabled and we will be able to help them as a result of this new hire.

Turning now to the curriculum, we are introducing several new courses this year. Included are health and computation science for the grade seven classes. The faculty has felt for some time that students need some groundwork in computational science, even though many students are very familiar with computers when they arrive at the school. In health, we have been running a series of workshops on health related topics for the younger students and now we have a semester long course to pull it all together. We have also added some new courses at the senior level to embellish our programs including Number Theory, Classical Mythology, Archeology in the Ancient World, and Molecular Genetics, to name a few.

These are interesting and exciting times at Hunter, but the same standards, and many of the traditions, still remain.

Regards to all,
David Laurenson

THANK YOU!

For the fiscal year ended June 30, 2004, the Alumnae/i Association donated just under \$70,000 to the high school. An additional \$5,000 in scholarships were awarded to five graduating seniors. Two thank you letters were recently received by the Alumnae/i Association and we thought we'd share them with you:

Dear Hunter High School Alumni:
Thank you so much for your generous contribution to the arts department. We also appreciated your help with the repair of the Mason Hamlin piano (class gift from the class of '63). Our department is thankful for the support you have shown us in the past as well as your continued interest in our program. Your assistance helps us further the goals of our curriculum. Once again, thank you.

Eve Eisenstadt, Ed.D., Chair of the Arts

Dear Alumnae/i:
On behalf of the Foreign Language Department I would like to thank you for your continued and generous gifts to the Foreign Language Department. Your latest and very generous gift of over \$3,700 for the purchase of software for the new language laboratory is greatly appreciated. The members of the department are looking forward to the enrichment the laboratory and software will provide to their foreign language classes. Needless to say, the laboratory would not have been possible without your continued support. Thank you again.

Claire Mazzola, Acting Chair

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Stephanie Kwok received a \$6,000 scholarship from the United States Tennis Association, given to seniors who have excelled both academically and in the sport of tennis...Rachel S.G. Sealfon was the 1st place winner of The Gilder Lehrman Prize in American History for her essay "The World in Black and White: Thomas Nast's Cartoons and the Fall of the Tweed Ring." The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History co-sponsors annual

prizes for the best essays in American history submitted to *The Concord Review*, the only journal to publish exemplary historical writing by high school students....11th grader Gil D. Zamfirescu-Pereira was the 1st place winner and 10th grader Caroline Friedman the 2nd place winner from nearly 200 entries in the NYCLU's First Amendment Essay contest. Students were asked to draw upon their own personal experience, history and current

events to write an essay about the importance of freedom of expression in the era after September 11th, 2001...7th grader Guy Tabachnick was a contestant on "Jeopardy! Kids Week" which aired May 3-7th. He was the only child from New York City to compete on the show and ended up as the overall winner for the week...David Watson and Lily Rothman won Honorable Mentions for their

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HUNTERITES IN THE NEWS

Vera SIMPKINS Paster, Jan. '43, Geraldine Clark '44, Florence Howe, Jan. '46, and Phyllis LeKASHMAN Glantz, Jan. '50 were all inducted into the Hunter College Alumni Association Hall of Fame in April, 2004. Phyllis received the Award for Distinguished Service to the Association and the College. Florence received the Award for Outstanding Professional Achievement, as the founder of The Feminist Press, a pioneer in the republication of the lost literary works of authors such as Kate Chopin, Zora Neale Hurston, Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Agnes Smedley, which are now standard in all women's studies anthologies.

Dr. Mildred SPIEWAK Dresselhaus, Jan. '47 was a guest speaker at the Women In Science Luncheon at the XIII International Materials Research Congress in Cancun, Mexico on August 24th. Professor Dresselhaus attended Hunter College and then received a Fulbright Fellowship to

attend the Cavendish Laboratory, Cambridge University from 1951–52. She received her master's degree at Radcliffe College in 1953 and her Ph.D. at the University of Chicago in 1958. She is the Institute Professor and Professor of Physics and Electrical Engineering at MIT. She began her MIT career at the Lincoln Laboratory, switching from research on superconductivity to magneto-optics, and carried out a series of experiments which led to a fundamental understanding of the electronic structure of semi-metals, especially graphite.

Kevin Slavin '87 was interviewed for an article in the May 17, 2004 issue of *New York Magazine* entitled "What Are They Fighting For?" concerning the plans various activists are making for the Republican convention in New York City. Kevin, a vice-president at a downtown ad agency, has designed his first protest campaign, called Signal Orange. He is printing t-shirts for

each soldier lost in Iraq—an example is one reading "Killed in an RPG attack on his convoy" on the front, and on the back "Cpl. Evan Ashcraft can't vote." The shirts are being sold at cost through the Website signalorange.net.

Jonathan Hoefler '88 and his firm Hoefler & Frere-Jones (originally founded by him as Hoefler Type Foundry in 1989) were featured in a July 8, 2004 article in *The New York Times*. A typeface developed by the firm in 2000, Gotham, was recently chosen for the inscription on the Freedom Tower cornerstone at the World Trade Center site.

The typeface deliberately evokes the blocky, no-nonsense, unselfconscious architectural lettering that dominated the city's streetscape from the 1930s through the 1960s in building names, neon signs, hand-lettered advertisements and lithographed posters.

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Renee NEU Watkins '49 announces the reprint, in paperback, this year of her book *The Family in the Renaissance*, a translation of L.B. Alberti's *Della Famiglia*.

Maria D'AMATO Muldaur '60 announces the release of her new CD *I'm a Woman—30 Years of Maria Muldaur*. This album is the first collection of her greatest hits ever released and includes "Midnight at the Oasis," "I'm a Woman," and "Somebody Was Watching Over Me" with Bonnie Raitt. For more information on Maria, check her Website: www.mariamuldaur.com.

Claudia Markovich '80 runs Claudiam Publications Inc., a Huntington (Long Island)-based company which features 71 different card designs. The front of the cards feature artwork by Claudia as well as photographs ranging from Heckscher Park in Huntington to Crater Lake National Park in Oregon. The cards are printed on recycled

paper and can be viewed and ordered at www.claudiampublications.com. Claudia is also an artist member of the Huntington Arts Council and she displayed a painting in their members' exhibit in May.

Leila Gerstein '90 and **Adam Horowitz '90** are writing a new television show called *Life As We Know It*. It will premiere October 7th and air on Thursdays at 9 p.m. on ABC. The show is a teen "dramedy" and Kelly Osbourne is one of the cast members.

Thisbe Nissen '90 announces the publication of her fourth book, *Osprey Island* (Alfred A. Knopf; June, 2004). It's a book about summer—about lazy days, fleeting love, and tempers that flare in the heat. *Publisher's Weekly* has said of the novel: "Nissen's sharp snapshots of family dynamics and her frank depiction of sexuality are affecting, and her novel offers many fine, insightful moments." Thisbe's book is avail-

able at your local bookstore or on the Web from barnes&noble.com or amazon.com.

Steve Hofstetter '97 was just hired by Sirius Satellite Radio to host the controversial new show, "4 Quotas." Each week, the show features some of the top comedians in the business discussing current events from a decidedly racial angle. Hofstetter currently lives in Los Angeles where he is pursuing a career in stand-up comedy, film and television.

You can have your announcement published by writing or emailing the Alumnae/i office. Authors are encouraged to donate a copy of their published books to the High School library, where they will be placed in a special area with other books by alums. The address to which to send your books is: Hunter College High School Library, 71 E. 94th Street, New York, NY 10128-0798. Enclose a brief note to advise the librarian that you are an alum.

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Randy Altschuler '89 and the company he co-founded and of which he is co-CEO, Office Tiger, were featured in an article in the July 5, 2004 edition of *The New Yorker* entitled "Letter From India—The Best Job in Town: The Americanization of Chennai." Randy and his business partner, Joseph Sigelman, who met during their freshman year at Princeton, named their company, which provides business process outsourcing (e.g. document production, power point presentations etc.), after the school's mascot. The company currently employs 1,700 people, with plans to increase to 2,400.

Judd Greenstein '97 and **Max Schreier '03** were among a recent group of winners of the ASCAP Foundation's 2004 Morton Gould Young Composer Awards. These awards honor young composers from 9 years of age to 30. The award is accompanied by a cash prize and the winners were selected from among 500 entries.

Sam Benen '03 was featured in an article in the May 31, 2004 issue of *Sports Illustrated* entitled "Con Games." Sam was part of a 4-player contingent from the Princeton Chess Club who had visited the New Jersey State Prison at Trenton to play 55 inmates (each Princeton player took on 13–14 inmates at a time). After hearing of this, *SI* had the idea of holding a prison chess tournament, pitting the best player from Princeton (Sam) against the winner of a prison tourney. Thirty-two inmates signed up and "March Madness" came to Trenton State. Sam attended the final between Carl Gooding and Jay Rutherford and then played the winner, Gooding. Sam won the first game after his 56th move against Gooding, who ran out of time; Sam then won the second game easily. Sam has an International Chess Federation rating of 2,320 (the highest-rated U.S. player has a rating of 2,652). ■

Editor's Note: These items are based on news accounts sent in by alums or their classmates, or that the editors have come across.

ALUMS SEEN & HEARD...

Evelyn HAUSNER Lauder '55 being honored as a distinguished alum of Hunter College at its June 8th graduation ceremony. President Raab conferred an honorary degree, a Doctor of Humane Letters, on Evelyn, a 1958 Hunter College alumna and senior corporate vice president and director of Estée Lauder, Inc. Evelyn is also the founder of The Breast Cancer Research Foundation, which in the ten years since it was begun has raised over \$90 million to support clinical and genetic research...

Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61 singing in a concert entitled "An American Labor Songbook II" at The American Labor Museum in Haledon, NJ on May 1st... Author **Jane DeLynn '64**, reading from her work on June 15th at Monkey Temple on Broome Street as part of the Red Room Reading Series. Jane is the author of *Leash*, *Don Juan in the Village*, *In Thrall*, *Real Estate* and *Some Do*. Her work has also appeared in *Paris Review*, *Mademoiselle*, *Glamour*, *Harper's Bazaar*, *The New York Times*, *New York Observer*, and *Tikkun*... **Judith Schaeffer '70** on Public Radio International's show *To the Point* discussing gay marriage with host Warren Olney. Judith works for People for the American Way in Washington D.C.... **Roberta Piket '83** and the Roberta Piket Quintet giving a free outdoor concert at Metrotech Common in downtown Brooklyn on May 14th... Cartoonist **Kyle Baker '83**, exhibiting his work at a fundraising event at the Museum of Comic and Cartoon Art (MOCCA) in SoHo on May

13th. Kyle has had several books published including *The Cowboy Wally Show*, *King David*, *Cartoonist* and *Cartoonist Vol 2: Now With More Bakers*... **Cynthia Nixon '84** on WNYC radio reading Zsuzsi Gartner's short story "Anxious Objects" as part of the *Selected Shorts* series from Symphony Space. The story is a "delicious parody of affluent yuppieedom." Cynthia, a NYC public school parent, also appeared at the Alliance for Quality Education's kick-off action on June 8th to protest five NYC state senate representatives who had failed to deliver for NYC schools.... **Wayne Hollander '85** on *Queer Eye For the Straight Guy* on June 29th as the very first gay guy to get a "make better."... **Arthur Chi'en '87** reporting the news on CBS-2 in NYC... **Thisbe Nissen '90** reading from her new novel, *Osprey Island*, at the Soho Barnes & Noble on August 10th... **Max Kellerman '91** hosting his new, nightly sports talk show, *I, Max*, on the MSG network.... **Robert Lopez '93** accepting a Tony award, along with his writing partner Jeff Marx, for Best Original Score (Music and/or Lyrics) Written for the Theatre for their show *Avenue Q* on CBS on June 6th... Comedian **Steve Hofstetter '97** being roasted at Standup New York on May 13th just before his move to California... **Rhoda KRAMER Channing '58** being represented by her daughter at a May 17th reception at the Brooklyn College Library, where The New Media Center Service Desk was dedicated in her memory (Rhoda passed away in July, 2003).

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respective plays "To Ireland" and "Garden State" in the 2004 Write a Play! NYC competition. The award was sponsored by Young Playwrights Inc., the only professional theater company in the U.S. devoted solely to the work of writers aged 18 or younger... Angela Liu won 4th place in the UB (University of Buffalo) Poetry Contest and Kevin Kim and

Lily Rothman won Honorable Mentions. The contest drew more than 600 entries of an original poem in English of 25 lines or less... Josh Cohen was a winner in a NYC public school essay competition on the subject of Brown vs. the Board of Education and the continuing issue of racism in the schools. His essay was among six which were honored out of 450 submitted. ■

CLASS NOTES

1950s

Enid BACHRACH Lane, Jan. '53 is proud to have finally earned her college degree—a Bachelor of Arts & Journalism from San Diego State University. Her graduation on May 15th was attended by her children, grandchildren and one great-grandchild. • **Hermine FRIED Fink '54** writes that her husband of 47 years, Bill, died in April, 2003. She has kept busy remembering all of their wonderful years together as well as volunteering in a local school and visiting her children in New York and Oregon. • **Helen T. HOFFMAN Santiago '55** writes that she is in frequent contact with classmates **Sylvia NELSON Oakes** and **Nancy Keil**. Helen is looking forward to the class's 50th reunion next year. • **Elizabeth KLEIN Shapiro '55** is retired from an adjunct position as an instructor of English at the University of Illinois. Her husband, Michael, is retired as a full professor from the English Department, but still directs the Jewish Studies program. Elizabeth has five adorable grandchildren whom she and her husband are constantly travelling to see (two in Chicago, two in Lansing, MI and one in Washington, D.C.). Elizabeth is currently studying biblical Hebrew and trying to get back to her writing.

1960s

Carole PETERSON Burley '60 is semi-retired from the practice of law and living on the North Carolina coast opposite Ocracoke and Cape Hatteras. She is enjoying scuba diving and recently took up spearfishing. Her son, who recently turned 36, married a delightful Australian woman and they have a daughter, Isabella Grace, born March 17, 2004. They recently returned to live in Virginia after a year in Sydney. Carole is married to James Alloco, a tool and die maker. They moved to NC to be able to “sail from their back door.” • **Betsy ROSENFELD Handler '61** recently became the Litigation Director for the Inner City Law Center in Los Angeles. The Inner City Law Center is a public interest law firm, specializ-

ing in anti-slumlord litigation. • **Ann JACOBSON Lauinger '65** won the first Agha Shahid Ali Prize in Poetry for her book *Persuasions of Fall* (University of Utah Press, 2004). She is a member of the literature faculty at Sarah Lawrence College. • **Suzanne Fass '66** is currently in her “nth” career—freelance copyediting, proofreading and indexing. Her specialty is cookbooks, but as a “good Hunter girl,” she’ll read anything! • **Israella GORIN Meyerstein '66** has been a family therapist in private practice for 25 years and has been living in Baltimore since 1985. She is married with three grown sons and the oldest is married. Israella enjoys professional writing, playing percussion in a klezmer band, gardening and swimming.

1970s

Judith E. Schaeffer '70 joyously reports that she and her partner of 26 years, Eileen Ryan, were legally married in Toronto on June 2, 2004; they are grateful to the enlightened people of Canada for making this possible. Judith is the Deputy Legal Director of People For the American Way foundation in Washington, D.C. and Eileen, a CPA, is a founding partner of the accounting firm of Ryan & Olsen, also in Washington. • **Claire Marcus '70** will begin her third 3-year term this fall as an artist educator for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. She was named 2004 Artist of the Year by the PCA's Scranton division in recognition of her school residencies, community arts projects, and teacher training seminars. Last year, Claire was delighted to meet a Hunter student (and her sister from Stuyvesant) at a Leonardo's Imagination event in Allentown. • **Barbara SCHULGASSER-Parker '72** left her job of 13 years as film critic at the *San Francisco Examiner* in 1998 and moved to Los Angeles to marry Norman Parker. While at the *Examiner*, she wrote the film *Ready-to-Wear* with Robert Altman and also published a novel called *Funny Accent*. She and her husband had a son in October, 2002, and soon after moved to Florida to be near his grandmother in Palm Beach. •

Janie SCHWARZSCHILD Hodgetts '73 will be beginning Rabbinical School at Hebrew College this fall. • **Roberta WEINER Strenka '74** has been the Enrichment and Study Skills teacher for Cossackie-Athens Middle School (just south of Albany) since 1995. In 2005, she and her husband, Michael, will be celebrating their silver wedding anniversary and Roberta remains friends with her maid of honor, **Ellen Smithberg '74**. Roberta has two daughters, Sandra (22) and Diana (18), and she and her husband will become empty-nesters this fall. Since 1998, Roberta has been taking middle school students overseas in the summer with the People to People Student Ambassadors program—traveling to Europe four times and Australia and New Zealand twice. This summer, they went to Brazil and in 2005 will head to China. She writes that “going to Hunter saved my life. My mother died in my first week of seventh grade and I was left at home alone with an alcoholic father who had no idea how to raise a daughter.” Roberta spent as much time as possible with her friends, particularly **Ellen Smithberg, Elyse Stock, Sheryl Silverman, Yvonne Tsai, Lorna Wong, Ann Mandel** and the late **Lisa Shiroma**—all from the class of '74. Teachers that stand out in her mind are Mr. Nadel, Mr. Baratta, Mr. Steinfink, Ms. Eisen and Mr. Rubenstein (Ruby!) and she thanks them all. Note to Miss Finegold: Though she is not a music teacher, Roberta always uses your example of how to remember to spell rhythm (anyone who had this fine teacher will know what Roberta is talking about!) • **Karen J. Winfrey '77** has been “tucked away” in a Wall Street career since graduating from Vassar 20 years ago. Any Hunterites at Merrill Lynch? Karen would like to get to know some fellow Wall Streeters, so feel free to email her at: karen_winfrey@ml.com. She'd also like to hear from friends from '77, especially Annette Hall. Karen is working on a novel (not about Wall Street) and also on a greeting card business using her own photos (thank you Miss Russo!) • **Marge Kolb '78** was recently elected to the Community

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Education Council for District 24 (Queens). The CECs replace the old Community School Boards which were abolished by New York as of July 1st. Marge would be interested to hear from other alums who are CEC members or who have an interest in public education (via email to mkolbcorr@aol.com).

1980s

Doug Mao '83 has been awarded a 2004 Guggenheim Foundation Fellowship. The fellowship will support work on a book about human development and the aesthetic environment in late nineteenth- and early twentieth-century literature. Doug has been an associate professor in the Department of English at Cornell since 2002. • **Ian Lekus '88** finished his Ph.D. in history at Duke University and is currently in Athens, GA for a postdoctoral teaching fellowship at the University of Georgia. He recently published an article on sexuality, Sixties activists, and the Cuban Revolution in *Radical History Review*. He is also now playing for a pair of gay men's rugby teams, the Carolina Kodiaks and the Atlanta Bucks. • **Christine Bader '89** recently moved to London where she randomly ended up sitting next to **Erica Judge '89** and **Jessie Betts '89** at a performance of *Jerry Springer—The Opera*. • **News of the class of '89** submitted by **Kysha Harris: Gerard "Jerry" Decatrel**, on military leave from Morgan Stanley, is a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. He celebrates his 10th anniversary with his wife Jessica and their two children, Julia, 7, and Justin, 4. **J. J. Scotch** is an EMS Lieutenant with the FDNY. He lives in the Bronx with his wife Kim, and son J. Jacob Scotch III. **Amy MAN Liu**, a busy stay-at-home mom, resides in Macungie, PA with her husband Henry and their two children, Eric, 4, and Alec, 2. **David Katz** is beginning his second year of study towards the rabbinate at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College. His wife Amy recently gave birth to their first child, Noah. **Kristin Fayne-Mulroy** is the editor of the *Amsterdam News* in NY.

Dohra Ahmad is an assistant professor of English at St. John's University. She and her husband Orin live in Brooklyn with their daughter Eliya, 3. **Alex Southwell** is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office, specializing in prosecuting white-collar fraud. He still lives on the Upper West Side with wife Sandy, and daughter Madeline, 2. **Dan Goldman** started an instant messaging software company in 2003. He is married to Pristine, whom he started dating while posted in Hong Kong. **Richard Boylan** lives in the mountains of North Carolina and works to promote small farms and sustainable agriculture. He recently bought some acres near Clifton, NC, where he is renovating an old farmhouse. **Julie SIMOS Wittmann** lives in Seattle with her husband and 2-year-old daughter. **Abby Sider** is an editor living in LA. **Susan Wilk** is a public-interest appellate lawyer in Seattle. **Duane Lawrence** is living in Brooklyn and is in sales at a small software company. **Amy Lessen** is a biology professor at the Pratt Institute in Brooklyn. **Lily Shapiro** is a public defender in the Bronx. **Mike Siff** is a computer science professor at Sarah Lawrence College. **Jenny HAINES Perez** lives in Chelsea teaching yoga and attending classes at Hunter College. **Hansen Leong** owns an exclusive tutoring service for high school students and is still passionate for volleyball, completing his FIVB-International Referee certification. **Vicki Pagano** is a Senior Anti-Money Laundering Specialist at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. She lives in Tenafly, NJ with her husband Bill, and son Michael, almost 2. **Gloria LILLARD Miller** lives in Salem, NH with her husband Darren, and their three daughters, Stephanie (6), Robin (4), and Alice (1) and is a fiction writer "in waiting." **Tyreta E. Foster, Esq.** is a Managing Member of The Figaro Law Firm, LLC practicing in Harlem, New York. **Amber EPHRAIM Hagen** lives in LA with her husband and owns a successful knitting business. **Nnenna Lynch** has transitioned from a professional running career to community development. **Kate EDELBAUM Heddings** is a senior editor at *Food & Wine*

Magazine. She lives in NYC with her husband, son Cole, 3, and daughter Claire, 4 months. **Kysha Harris** has started her own food service business in NY called SCHOP! **Raquel Klugman**, after receiving her MBA from Wharton, is the CFO of a growing cosmetics company called Tarte. **Jessica Liberman** is currently practicing law. **Mimi FRIDAY Jackson** has her own sewing business based in Queens, where she lives with her husband, Jeff, and beautiful baby girl Nadine. **Vinny Auricchio** practices law and lives with wife Tory, and daughter Isabella, 2, in Chicago. **Ron Gabrielle** continues to grow his successful internet business. **Ben Goldfarb** is a successful DJ in NY and travels to DJ events across the country and overseas. **Andre Haynes** manages the hottest bar in Boston. **Melissa Rodnon** continues her passion for dance by teaching children ballet. **Nicole Moore** has her own marketing/PR firm and is currently writing for a new magazine in Harlem. **Juraporn Wanapun** is a Director of PREI (Asia), a subsidiary of Prudential Financial, where she manages a \$650m portfolio of Asian real estate. She lives in Singapore with her husband, John. **CLASS OF '89 COUPLES: Leah PUELLE Cooper** is living in Albany, NY, with husband **Michael Cooper** of Feds-fame and their daughter, 1. **Anna Suh** and **Ross Garon** were married last October—she's a freelance writer and he's a hedge fund manager. **Nicole Becker** and **Andrew Ment** are married with a baby on the way.

1990s

Nina HABIB Spencer '90 writes: "The Class of 1990 continues to be productive, both reproductively and otherwise. **Thisbe Nissen's** latest child was just born, *Osprey Island*, her novel about a couple that runs a lodge on a small island off the coast of New Jersey. *The San Francisco Chronicle* just gave it five stars, so run out and get yourself a copy! **Ron Colombo** and his wife Kimberly welcomed their second daughter, Christina Marie Colombo, into the world on May 12, 2004, and my husband Parke Spencer and I

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are expecting our second child in November. The sex is TBD, but with a very rambunctious two-year-old boy in our lives already, I'm prepared for anything. It was terrific to hear from **Rebecca SCHWAGER Guest**, who lives in Philly now with her husband Greg (some may remember him as her boyfriend senior year at Hunter) and their two children, a three-year-old girl and a boy who's almost one. As if two toddlers weren't enough, Rebecca bides her time as an ER doctor at Einstein Hospital in north Philly. **Ivan Galic** dropped me a line to let us know that he and his wife Kristie live in Bethesda, MD with their son Cameron, 5, and their daughter Malaina, 3. Ivan got his MBA from U. of Maryland in 1999 and recently left General Electric to work for Montgomery County government. Government workers unite! **Joe Lazauskas** also wrote that he got married in July 2001, got his MBA from the Pace School of Business and bought a house in New Jersey at the end of 2003. He also plays in a NYC basketball league that uses the Hunter High gym from time to time. It still looks the same, according to Joe. **Karen Ng** is married to her college sweetheart, John Marion, and they live in Providence, R.I. She's a family physician and works with a group of community health centers providing care for low-income residents—and loves it. **Lori Hoepner** and **Jeb Harben's** wedding in NYC in early May went off without a hitch. I saw a few pictures, and they looked great. Lori's dress was fab. **Miranda Flory** was there, too. And Lori was kind enough to share some info on **Adam Horowitz's** wedding to Erin Barrett in Minneapolis at the end of May. A few Hunterites were in attendance, including Jeb and Lori, **Leila Gerstein** and **Peter Galuskin**. Last weekend, my husband and I rented *The Breakfast Club*, just for kicks. To give you a sense of how long it's been, folks, it came out in 1985. That's almost TWENTY years ago. And a note: I will be quitting my job at the EPA at the end of August to pursue full-time mommyhood. So future updates should be sent to my home email address: nhspencer1@aol.com." • **Peter Kimelman**

'91 asks "not to be written off as dead yet." Having battled brain cancer for the past three years, he is putting himself through the wringer again, relocating to Ames, IA from the west coast to accept a visiting faculty position in the Department of Architecture at Iowa State University. He'd love to hear from friends by email to pk@slopeproductions.org. • **Jeffrey Lee '91** was married this past August to Jennifer Ching in NYC. Fellow class of '91 Hunterites **Scott Eisenberg**, **Yoon Chang**, **Michel Melendez**, **Michael Kubersky**, **Jessica Ambats**, **Coby Rajwan** and **David Strauss** attended, with **Han Lee** co-writing and performing the music for the ceremony and **Tom Galitsis** giving the best man's toast. Also in attendance were **Julie Suk '93**, **Mynette Louie '93**, **Sewell Chan '94** and **Veronica Jung '93**. Jeff is in his last year of a dual degree (law and urban planning) program at Brooklyn Law School and Hunter College. Jennifer is a public interest lawyer. The happy couple lives in Washington Heights. • **Steve Thomopoulos '91** is an Assistant Professor in Orthopaedic Surgery at Washington University in St. Louis. • **Andrew Berkowitz '93** and his wife Julie announce the birth of Sarah Mariska Berkowitz on May 3, 2004. • **Ashok Bhalla '94** writes that in this, his class's 10th reunion year, he also celebrates 10 years in broadcasting. He can be heard on 92.3 K-ROCK in New York and nationwide on Sirius Satellite Radio. • **Alisa Kaplan '95** is happily pursuing Law and Political Science degrees in the JD/PhD program at Northwestern University in lovely Chicago, where she and her dog LouLou finally have a grassy yard to frolic in. • **Emily Tice '99** and **Laura Erickson-Schroth '99** drove together cross-country to San Francisco, sending the Alumnae/i Association a postcard from Memphis, TN on their way to Texas and New Mexico.

You can contribute your news to Class Notes by writing or emailing the Alumnae/i Association office.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

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Nina is interested in helping the Alumnae/i Association because attending Hunter afforded her innumerable opportunities that she would never have had in another high school. Nina would enjoy giving her time and expertise to ensure that Hunter's unique brand of education remains available to NYC kids well into the future. She has also experienced firsthand (through her husband) the very professional and highly successful fundraising efforts made by private/boarding high schools to their alums, and would like to see Hunter alums contribute in the same way and with the same regularity. ■

HCHSAA Website

If you haven't yet "surf'd" on over to our Website, www.hchsaa.org, why not have a look today? You can access our online guestbook, alum email directory, an expanded links section for Class Websites and Egroups, two years of past issues of *AlumNotes*, and our online privacy policy. We can even host a Web page for your class (see the Class of '54 for an example). Some of our pages are password protected so only alums can view them. The common password is: purple (all lower case).

If you have any questions or suggestions for additional items to include on the Website, please contact us via email to hchsalums@yahoo.com.

2005 REUNION COORDINATORS/CHAPTER COORDINATORS

The General Reunion will be held on Sunday, June 5th, 2005 at the High School. To date, the following classes have had members volunteer to coordinate their milestone activities. If your class does not have a coordinator and you'd be interested in taking up the effort, please contact the Alumnae/i office for more information.

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Special note to chapter leaders: If you have any news or notices of meetings or get-togethers that you'd like us to publish in the next issue, please let us know by October 31.

MERCHANDISE



HCHS Merchandise Helps You Display Your School Spirit!

The Alumnae/i Association offers four different logoed items: teddy bears, T-shirts, aprons and mugs, so you can display your school spirit for all to see. Our teddy bears are soft and cuddly and sport an HCHS embroidered turtleneck sweater; our T-shirts are purple cotton, Beefy Hanes; our two-pocket purple aprons are inscribed with "Gifted Cook" and our insignia; and our mugs are super for all your hot beverages. One alum we know liked her teddy bear so much, she bought four more for her grandchildren. Another recently wrote, "The HCHS Gifted Cook apron is SUPERB! I wear it when all my family members are together and they think it's great. It's well-made and gives plenty of coverage." Prices and order information are on the form on the back page. Shipping and sales tax (if applicable) are already included in the price.

AlumnaGrams

Calling all students of Social Studies teacher **Ira Marienhoff**. Tai & Judy Wong '88, who author the Alum Profile in each issue of *AlumNotes*, will be running a column about Mr. Marienhoff in a future issue. Mr. Marienhoff taught for 25 years at HCHS and passed away 10 years ago this December. Please email your submissions to Tai Wong at: wongdoer@yahoo.com.

Classmates and friends of former Social Studies teacher **Joan McCarthy O'Malley** have launched a memorial scholarship endowment fund to benefit her alma mater, the Notre Dame School of Manhattan. Funds will be awarded to a student who best exemplifies excellence and has need of financial aid in order to complete her studies at NDS. Tax-deductible donation checks should be made payable to NDS of Manhattan, 327 W. 13th St., NY, NY 10014 (memo: J. O'Malley Scholarship Fund).

Muriel Nussbaum '40 performs a one-woman show as Johanna Van Gogh, sister-in-law of the artist, the woman who won recognition for him. For more information about Van Gogh and Jo, contact Muriel at: 68 Ledgebrook Dr., Norwalk, CT 06854 or call 203-838-7272.

Elin McNaughton Vinci '42 is looking for classmate Alice Vogel. Anyone with information on Alice, please contact the Alumnae/i Assn. at 212-772-4079 or hchsalamus@yahoo.com.

Miriam KOSTINER Roschelle, June '48 is looking for fellow alums. Active class group meets several times a year. Help us expand the fun. Telephone 914-793-6641 or email mkroschelle@aol.com.

Class of '60: If you have recently changed your address or email or plan to do so within the next year, please contact Jeanette ISENBERG Bersh at addressing@aol.com.

Ben Dattner '88 is building his organizational effectiveness consulting firm, Dattner Consulting (www.dattnerconsulting.com) and teaching at NYU. He is glad to speak with any alums who work in dysfunctional organizations. Contact him at ben@dattnerconsulting.com or 212-501-8945.

DO YOU HAVE A MESSAGE TO SEND? Send your 135-character AlumnaGram to 10,000 Hunterites for just \$10. Add another \$10 for more than 135 characters; a maximum of 270 characters total is allowed. To send an AlumnaGram, please send your name, address, daytime telephone number, check made payable to HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Inc., and, of course, your message, to: HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Inc., Hunter College, Box 373, 695 Park Avenue, New York, NY 10021. PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT CLEARLY!

In Memoriam

Mildred WOLSKY Steinbock '34 died on April 25, 2004 in Toledo, OH. After high school, she attended Hunter College from which she graduated in 1938. She worked in advertising and then spent years raising her two children before studying speech pathology at Adelphi University. After receiving her Master's Degree, she worked as a speech therapist in private and parochial schools on Long Island. She was married to Max Steinbock for 34 years until his death in 1975; she is survived by her son Daniel, her daughter Jeanie Kimber and five grandchildren.

Rosalind BROWNSTONE Marimont '37 died on March 15, 2004. She graduated from both Hunter High and Hunter College with the highest academic honors. She is survived by her husband Martin, a daughter and a son.

Betty Jane (Beth) DUPONT Blake '40 died in June, 2003. She was a long-time resident of Harrow, Middlesex in England.

Blanche DAVIS Blank '40 died on December 19, 2003. She had a long and illustrious career with Hunter College culminating with her tenure as the college's Acting President from 1993 to 1995. She was previously the Dean of Social Sciences and a Professor of Political Science. She is remembered as an extraordinary role model for her family, friends and students. Her originality, commitment to justice and independent spirit were inspirational to all. She is survived by her husband, Bud, three daughters, sons-in-law, and three grandchildren.

Zelda SIEGEL Winzemer '40 died in 2003. She was also a graduate of Hunter College. She is survived by her husband, Aaron, and three daughters.

Genrose Alfano '41 died in May, 2004, from pneumonia and lymphoma, just

two days after celebrating her 80th birthday. She earned an undergraduate degree in nursing from the University of Bridgeport, CT and a master's degree in public health from Columbia University in 1957. Genrose chaired the Public Health Nursing Section for the American Public Health Association and the Department of Gerontological Nursing at Columbia School of Nursing in New York. She was also director of the Loeb Center for Nursing and Rehabilitation, Montefiore Medical Center, and served on a special Veterans Administration task force exploring long-term care for veterans. In her 60s, she postponed retirement to become editor of a NYC-based Journal of geriatric nursing. A friend, Elsa Sprado, said of Genrose "I admired her most for how she cared for people, fought for her patients." Genrose is survived by a sister, a brother, and several nieces and nephews.

Dr. Barbara "Bobbie" Gonzales '42 died in Fort Collins, CO on January 7, 2004 of ALS. She earned her Bachelor's Degree from Sarah Lawrence College, married Larry Ellman and had four children, and then after her divorce, became a professor at Borough of Manhattan Community College, where she founded the English as a Second Language Program. She taught there for 20 years, retiring in 1992. In 1997, she moved to Fort Collins, where she became active with the League of Women Voters, served on the city's Commission on the Status of Women and was a board member of the Northern Colorado Multicultural Corporation. She is survived by her husband, Bob Viscount, her children and six grandchildren. In her memory and honor, the family requests that contributions be made to the ALS Association of America. View online obituary and sign guestbook at www.allnutt.com.

Jeanne Shea '44 passed away on April 2, 2001 at Lenox Hill Hospital. After high school, she attended Hunter College, graduating in 1949. She appeared in the shows "The Sound of Music," "My Fair Lady," "Half a Sixpence," "Carousel," "Seventeen," "Oklahoma," "Lil Abner," "Anything Goes," and summer stock and national touring companies. She later went on to become the Director of Selling Services at Lord & Taylor.

Dr. Rose FRIEDMAN Caron '45 died on November 18, 2003, after a prolonged struggle with lung cancer. President of her HCHS graduating class, she went on to earn a B.A. in economic history from Vassar College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Chicago. She held teaching positions at the University of Maryland, George Washington University, and Boston University, and was an early pioneer in the experimental study of infant perception and cognition (authoring a considerable number of research papers in this area). She is survived by Dr. Albert Caron, her husband of 54 years, three children and a grandson.

Pamela WALLACK Stewart '59 died from cancer in May, 2003. She was a Laboratory Technician for HIP and lived in Queens. She is survived by her husband, Aloysius, and sons, Michael and Patrick.

Alicia Gordon '68 died suddenly in her home in Topanga, CA on January 19, 2004 at the age of 53. After Hunter, she attended Beloit College in Wisconsin, where she majored in economics and minored in physics, after which she spent a decade living and working in Europe. For two years, she taught English and business in Nantes, France. For eight years, she lived in Seville, Spain, where she coordinated an overseas study program

for the University of North Carolina, studied music at the Seville Conservatory, played guitar or her flute in some flamenco rock groups, and worked as a translator on the side. When she returned to the States in the 80s, she settled in LA and soon moved to Topanga. She put her foreign-language skills to use in jobs as a sound engineer (including working on the Spanish soundtrack for *Star Wars*) and the production of commercials. She next became a talent agent representing jazz and international musicians. In the mid-90s, she switched careers again, becoming a full-time translator and obtaining accreditation from the American Translators Association in Spanish to English and French to English. Alica is survived by her sister, Jane, and niece, Jenifer. There is a permanent online memorial site at: www.legacy.com/link.asp?Id=LS02315334X

Heidi Weisbord '73/'74 died on March 1, 2004. She graduated from Stoneybrook University with a major in computer science. She worked for IBM for 23 years where she compiled a record of accomplishment. She also won the IBM tennis singles championship many times. She was proud to have graduated from Hunter High where she also had a wonderful record, both academically and in the many other activities offered. She is survived by her parents, her sister and a 3-year old adopted daughter, Diana.

Former Chemistry and Physics teacher **Lester Rubenstein** died on February 23, 2004 after a protracted illness. He retired from HCHS in June 1996. He had interests in tennis, music, theater, and dinners out with upper West Side friends. He was a featured player in many faculty shows in the 70s and 80s and many students kept in touch with him after they gradu-

ated. Diana Casper '74 wrote to say she became reacquainted with him from Mt. Sinai, where she bumped into him at his "other" job—doing receptor signal transduction modeling in the Department of Physiology and Biophysics.

Former Math teacher **Mildred Lawton** died on April 1, 2004 at the age of 97.

The Alumnae/i Association also has been advised of the passing of the following individuals: **Flora ALBANO Russo '29**, **Emily KASS Sharrow '33**, **Edna JACOBS Rost '36**, **Bernice F. GROSSMAN Weissman '37**, **Betty LEWIS Yanowitz, Jan. '41**, **Ruth BERNKOFF Samuels, Jan. '44**, **June Feryo, Jan. '49**, **Marilyn Johnson, Jan. '49**, **Miriam LINDEN-BAUM Kimmel, Jan. '49**, **Estelle JAR-DINE Watson, Jan. '49**, **Rivarose WERSTEIN Blumenstock '51**, **Marilyn ERNEST Whitman '51**, **Rochelle Rifkin '59**, and **Laurence HABERT Escoffier '67**.

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If you do want to display your email address on our Website—hchsaa.org—click on the "Find Alums" section and then the "Alum Email Directory" section. This area of our Website is password protected with our common password (purple) so only other alums will have access.

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