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WEBSITE REDESIGN

HCHSAA will soon be unveiling a redesigned website at www.hchsaa.org. The improved site will be more user-friendly and will include breaking news, online event registration, archives of past issues of *AlumNotes*, lists of Distinguished Graduates, published authors and notable alums, and links to class websites and egroups (including many new Facebook class groups). Be sure to check it out!

ARE YOUR DUES DUE?

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

NEW AA BOARD MEMBERS SOUGHT

HCHSAA is seeking candidates for our Board of Directors. Responsibilities of this volunteer position include attending monthly evening meetings in Manhattan and participating in fundraising, event planning, publicity, interaction with the High School, etc. Candidates must be current with their dues (they can be paid at the time of nomination) and are asked to submit a brief autobiographical sketch and a statement of why they would like to serve on the Board. The term of office is three years, beginning July 1. Dues-paid members may make nominations of individuals, including themselves, until the close of business on Friday, May 22, by writing, calling, or emailing the Association's office. The Board's president or another current Board member will get in touch to share more about the work and responsibilities of the Board.

REUNION WEEKEND IS JUNE 5–7

An increased slate of activities will be featured for this year's Reunion weekend beginning with a Friday, June 5th reception from 6–8 p.m. at the High School (94th & Park) for classes of 1977 and later. On Saturday, June 6, for alums who attended HCHS at 68th & Lexington, there will be a daytime tour of the old High School (meet at 10:45 a.m. in the Hunter College West lobby), followed by a rooftop wine and cheese reception at the College. To attend either event, RSVP to hchsalums@yahoo.com or 212-772-4079. There will also be a family softball game and picnic on Saturday afternoon in Central Park for classes of the '80s and '90s, beginning at 1 p.m. on the Great Lawn (field #8). More information will be forthcoming via our website and email (if you're not currently receiving email messages from us, please drop a line to hchsalums@yahoo.com and ask to be added to our listserv).

On Sunday, June 7, the annual all-classes reunion will take place at the High School (94th & Park). The day's activities begin at 10:30 a.m. with a continental breakfast, followed by a general assembly with speakers from each of the milestone classes, and a buffet luncheon. Milestone classes may request a meeting room beginning at 9:30 a.m. if their class wants to gather before the general assembly. This will be a great opportunity to see the school as it is today, meet current and former faculty members, and share reminiscences of HCHS with fellow alums. Most milestone classes (those ending in 4 or 9) plan a separate gathering for the same weekend, so members of those classes should check with their individual class coordinators. In addition, many classes have set up Facebook groups or egroups. Information about individual classes can be viewed on page 26. If your class does not yet have a reunion coordinator and you would like to volunteer, please contact our office.

Registration for the general reunion can be done online at www.hchsaa.org or by mailing back the form on page 27.

HCHSAA SPRING GALA 2009 TO HONOR BERNADINE HEALY '62

HCHSAA's 2009 Spring Gala cocktail reception will be held on Wednesday, May 6, at the Four Seasons Hotel on E. 57th St. The Board of Directors has named Bernadine Healy '62 as this year's honoree. Dr. Healy, who earned her M.D. from Harvard, was the first woman to head the National Institutes of Health and went on to the presidency of the American Red Cross. A cardiologist by training, she also headed the College of Medicine and Public Health at Ohio State University. She is currently the health editor for *US News and World Report* and writes the magazine's bi-weekly "On Health" column. She makes nationwide speaking and media appearances about our most crucial health issues. In 1999 Dr. Healy was diagnosed with a brain tumor and documented her experiences in the 2007 book *Living Time: Faith and Facts to Transform Your Cancer Journey*.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Often I use this column to tout the Association's fundraising efforts on behalf of our high school or talk about the events we're hosting—Reunion, Autumn Reception, theater parties, book talks, museum tours, or our Gala fundraiser. In this issue, I'd like to celebrate us—the alums of HCHS—and how we make our mark on the world.

We celebrate alums like our 2009 Gala nominee, Dr. Bernadine Healy '62, who you can read about on page 4 in a reprint of a profile we first published in 2001, or Elena Kagan '77 and Eric Columbus '89, who have recently been named to top positions in the Department of Justice, or Karen Kornbluh '80 who has been referred to as “Obama's brain” (page 5). We have well-known authors in our ranks, such as Hortense Calisher '28 (whose recent passing merited a *New York Times* obituary), Cynthia Ozick, Jan. '46, Audre Lorde '51 (dec. 1970, former NYS poet laureate) and Deborah Tannen '62, a *New York Times* best-selling author. We also have top university administrators like Susan LEVINE Fuhrman '61, president of Teachers College, Columbia University, Dr. Linda Fried '66, Dean of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health, and Augusta SOUZA Kappner '62, retired head of Bank Street College. And going way back, we can be proud of Mina Rees '19, who was the first dean of Graduate Studies for CUNY. We also salute philanthropists like Leona FEIFER Chanin '39, who has given generously to Hunter College and HCHS among others, and Evelyn HAUSNER Lauder '54, whose major cause is breast cancer research.

In my day-to-day life, I often experience “alum sightings”—like seeing H.H. Cooper '81 listed as Assistant Director in the credits of the Oscar-nominated film *Rachel Getting Married*, seeing actresses Cynthia Nixon '84 or Ruby WALLACE Dee '39 on stage or screen, reading articles in *The New York Times* authored by reporters Sewell Chan '94, Jennifer 8. Lee '94, Nick Confessore '94, or movie reviewer Manohla Dargis '79. Last October, two alums—Sarah Schulman '75 and Eli Attie '85—were even featured in separate front page articles of the *Times*' Arts section (see Hunterites in the News on page 15).

It seems like you can google almost any HCHS alum and find out something interesting about them—like Josephine Catapano '36, who worked for International Flavors and Fragrances and is credited with being the designer of Norell and Fidji perfumes. Sadly, all too often the AA doesn't learn of the accomplishments of our alums until their passing. I recently discovered that Elizabeth Bachelis '29 was a retired microbiologist, Lillian DONG Louie '38 was the first Chinese-American public school teacher in NYC, and Francine SCHOENHOLTZ Parker '43 was the director of the controversial anti-Vietnam documentary *FTA*.

In the past year I have reconnected with alums from many different classes, through the AA and also through social networking sites like Facebook. It is great to hear about everyone's lives. It will be even easier to hear about alum doings on the redesigned AA website which will feature class pages where you'll be able to post your news. Class notes will be available online any time—notes posted there will also appear later in the printed *AlumNotes*. I hope you will enjoy this new feature of www.hchsaa.org.

Cordially,

Purvi Sevak '91

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Editor's Note: In the past two newsletters, there have been discussions about who might be our oldest living alum. We previously noted three women who are 100 or older:

Mary Schulman '25, Amelie SPIEGEL Rothschild '23, and Ethel GARFUNKEL Berle, Jan. '23. Since then, we've heard from the daughter of Beatrice FOX Lewis '22 that her mother, who will turn 103 this May, is in good health, living in Reston, VA, and enjoys having this newsletter read to her.

To the Editor:

I want to thank the many, many former students and colleagues who attended Parker Baratta's funeral in June. For those who may not know, there is a *New York Times* Obituary Guest Book site where anyone who is interested can read what others have written or make an entry. Simply google: Parker Baratta Guest Book. I am very appreciative of the many wonderful memories his students have already shared.

Rory MAYER Baratta '70
(wife of Parker Baratta)

To the Editor:

Thank you for sending out [the wonderful news about Elena Kagan's nomination as Solicitor General via email]. As a lawyer, a woman, but specifically as a Hunter girl, I am deeply moved by this marvelous appointment. I am particularly happy to have learned this, in the first instance, from my *alma mater*.

Joanna MILLER Bukszan '58

To the Editor:

On reflection, I recognize that my achievements in life were the result of the first-class free education I experienced at Hunter College High School and at Hunter College, where I was an Art Major and Mathematics Minor, later earning an M.A. in Mathematics from CCNY. My long-term goal was to have a career and to

be financially independent. I found my way in the media world of Madison Avenue and retired as Vice President of Management and Accounting Systems at Katz Communications, Inc. Over years that followed, I traveled to Europe, Japan, the South Pacific and China. Eventually time took away my husband and three close friends, so in 2002, I decided that I needed purpose in my life that would engage people. With funds obtained from a reverse mortgage on my apartment, I established MBL Fund, Inc., a charitable organization contributing to children, the elderly, the environment and anti-hate issues worldwide [and also the HCHS Alumnae/i Assn].

Miriam BARROW Lewis '36

To the Editor:

Thanks to you and all the people who make Hunter a great place. I was inspired to send a contribution after training some West Virginia teens to do oral histories. No one in the group, not even the adult, could come up with how old someone would be in 1945 if s/he had been born in 1932. This training deepened my gratitude toward the teachers and staff of Hunter Elementary and High School for providing me with a solid grounding, a launchpad from which to stretch my wings. I am regularly grateful to the Social Studies teachers, including Mrs. Morello, Ms. Lewis and Mrs. O'Malley for showing me the jewels of American history and critical thinking. As I feel the speed up of a world which spun plenty fast when I graduated in 1984, I plead with teachers, staff, and parents not to overburden students with a plethora of homework, extracurricular activities, and expectations. We need to teach each other to feel less stress and experience the rewards of quiet, unregimented moments—times when creativity and calm can have their way.

Carrie Nobel Kline '84

SPRING GALA

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Dr. Linda Fried '66, Dean of the Mailman School of Public Health at Columbia University, will serve as the Gala's Honorary Chair. Dr. Fried joined Columbia in 2008 after a distinguished career of more than two decades at Johns Hopkins University, where she was a professor of medicine, epidemiology, health policy, and nursing, and served as director of the Center of Aging and Health.

Last year's inaugural Spring Gala honored Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61 and raised more than \$40,000. The Board of Directors hopes to build on that success for the 2009 Gala.

Please turn to page 4 to read a reprint of an "Alum Profile" on Dr. Healy, originally published in the Fall 2001 issue of *AlumNotes*.

Corrections



Rose Hartman '55
Marge Goldsmith,
2008 Spring Gala
honoree

In the last issue of *AlumNotes*, we inadvertently neglected to give credit to Rose Hartman '55, for four photos from last May's Spring Gala, which appeared on pages 1 and 4. Hartman, a professional photographer, is most well-known for her 1977 photo of Bianca Jagger mounted on a white horse, which was taken at Studio 54.

We also inadvertently omitted the name of a contributor from our 2007–2008 Honor Roll of Giving, in the \$100 category: Josephine CHIAINI Falkner '55

Alum Profile: **Bernadine Healy '62**

by Tai Wong '88 & Judy CHIN Wong '88

Editor's Note: When the HCHSAA Board chose Dr. Healy as this year's Spring Gala honoree, we thought it would be fitting to reprint an excerpt of a profile originally published in the Fall, 2001 issue of AlumNotes. At the time, Healy was the President and CEO of the American Red Cross. She is currently the health editor for US News and World Report and writes the magazine's bi-weekly "On Health" column.

Leading the American Red Cross [in 2001, was] the culmination of a long and distinguished career in medicine and public health for Dr. Healy. Before succeeding Elizabeth Dole in September 1999, she was Dean of the College of Medicine and Public Health and Professor of Medicine at Ohio State University. She was appointed by President George H.W. Bush in 1991 as Director of the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the federal agency which is the major funding source of biomedical research at universities and hospitals nationwide. There she oversaw 20,000 staff members with an annual budget of \$11 billion. Prior to her appointment, Dr. Healy served as chair of the Research Institute of Cleveland Clinic Foundation. Dr. Healy was appointed Deputy Director of the Office of Science and Technology Policy by President Reagan in 1984. From 1976–1984, Dr. Healy was professor of medicine and cardiology at Johns Hopkins University. Dr. Healy has also served as President of the American Heart Association and on the Board of Overseers of Harvard University.

At HCHS, Dr. Healy was her class valedictorian and went on to graduate *summa cum laude* from Vassar in 1965 and *cum laude* from Harvard Medical School in 1970. She is the author or co-author of more than 220 peer-reviewed manuscripts in cardiovascular research and health and science policy.

She is currently the Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Women's Health* and author of *A New Prescription for Women's Health; Getting the Best Medical Care in a Man's World*, published in 1996. In 1997, she became medical consultant to CBS News and appears several times a week commenting on health, medical, and public safety issues. She has won numerous awards, including the Charles A. Dana Foundation Award for exceptional leadership in the strategic direction of the NIH, *Glamour* magazine's "Woman of the Year," Sara Lee Frontrunner Award, Humanitarian of the Year (1997) by the American Red Cross, and Democracy in Action award from the League of Women Voters.

The second of four daughters, all HCHS alumnae(!), Dr. Healy credits Hunter College High School as "having had an enormous bearing on me and my life." Hunter was a place that "valued individuality and achievement" and where life was purely abstract and theoretical. Hailing from Long Island City, she rode the BMT and IRT to 68th Street and Lexington Avenue. Dr. Healy fondly recalled her first week in homeroom where one of the "gals" who had been there since 7th grade (Healy entered in the 9th) asked where she was from. When she replied "parochial school," the girl laughed and said, "We are a parochial school too, a Jewish one!" Hunter was quite heavily Jewish, a fact not lost on Dr. Healy's father who appreciated the emphasis that people of Jewish faith placed on education.

Dr. Healy's fondest memory was of the late Barbara Keyser, a social studies teacher who later became headmistress of the Madeira School in Washington, D.C. "She was a true inspiration, the way she taught and cared about the girls individually," Healy remembers. "All the teachers were great, but she stands out...she really



respected intellect and creativity," Healy adds. The fact that teachers had a sense of pride in what their students could accomplish created a special and inspirational environment at Hunter. Even now, she maintains that her most challenging accomplishment was finishing first in her class at Hunter. "[I have] never been surrounded by so many smart people who were focused on intellectual development," Healy notes. It was a place where Kierkegaard was discussed in the hallways, quite a change from parochial school where she got in trouble with the priest for reading banned books by authors like Dostoevsky and Tolstoy. "I fit right in at Hunter because I was an egghead kind of kid," Healy quips. She was proud to be a "Hunter girl"—a special kind of gal who read *The New York Times* every day, discussed key political issues and elevated academics over dating.

Healy's decision to matriculate at Vassar on a full scholarship was influenced by Ms. Keyser, who was an alumna—"She told me so many great things about Vassar." Also, her science teacher,

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ALUMS PICKED OR CONSIDERED FOR TOP POSTS IN OBAMA ADMINISTRATION

Elena Kagan '77 Confirmed as United States Solicitor General; Eric Columbus '89 Hired as Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General; Karen Kornbluh '80 Rumored to be Joining Economic Team

On March 19, **Elena Kagan '77**, the Dean of Harvard Law School, was confirmed by the Senate by a vote of 61–31, as President Barack Obama's choice for United States Solicitor General. The "SG" acts as the administration's liaison with the Supreme Court and is often called the "tenth Justice." Kagan will determine the cases in which Supreme Court review will be sought by the federal government and the positions the federal government will take before the Court. She and her deputies will also argue on behalf of the federal government before the Supreme Court and review all lower court cases decided adversely to the federal government to determine whether they should be appealed. Notable former solicitors general include Thurgood Marshall, Archibald Cox, and Robert Bork. Dean Kagan is the first woman nominated and confirmed to the position. Sen. Ted Kaufman (D-Del.) recalled meeting Kagan when she worked for Sen. Joe Biden in 1993 and said her talents were clear then. "[She] has the piercing intellect, the superb judgment, and the wealth of experience to be an outstanding solicitor general."

Kagan's professional association with Harvard Law School began in 1999 when she was a visiting professor; she subsequently became Professor of Law in 2001. She taught administrative law, constitutional law, civil procedure, and seminars on issues involving the separation of powers until she was appointed Dean in 2003. Prior to her time at Harvard, Kagan served in the White House from

1995–1999, first as Associate Counsel to the President (1995–1996) and then as Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council (1997–1999). In those positions she played a key role in the executive branch's formulation, advocacy, and implementation of law and policy in areas ranging from education to crime to public health. Kagan launched her scholarly career at the University of Chicago Law School, where she became an assistant professor in 1991 and a tenured professor of law in 1995. Kagan clerked for Judge Abner Mikva of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit from 1986 to 1987. The next year she clerked for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the United States Supreme Court. She then worked as an associate in the Washington, D.C. law firm of Williams & Connolly from 1989 to 1991. Kagan received her bachelor's degree from Princeton in 1981 *summa cum laude*. She attended Worcester College, Oxford, as Princeton's Daniel M. Sachs Graduating Fellow, and received an M.Phil. in 1983. She then attended Harvard Law School, where she was supervising editor of the *Harvard Law Review*, and graduated *magna cum laude* in 1986.

At HCHS, Kagan was a member of one of the last all-girl classes. Her brother, Irving Kagan, currently a Social Studies teacher at the High School, was quoted recently in the student newspaper *What's What*: "Elena was raised very much in the tradition of the 'fearless Hunter girl' and

was taught to be ambitious." Serving as a lesson to all of us about the power of our "permanent records," a recent blog post summarized Elena Kagan's Supreme Court clerkship recommendation letters and grades earned while she was a student at Harvard! (The letters are now available at the Library of Congress; the blog can be accessed at: <http://legaltimes.typepad.com/blt/2009/01/the-kagan-file.html>.)

Eric Columbus '89, formerly a litigator with Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr, has begun work at the Department of Justice as Senior Counsel to the Deputy Attorney General, David Ogden. He works with DOJ leadership on a wide range of issues involving policy, litigation, and legislation. Columbus is a graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law School.

Karen Kornbluh '80 was the principal author of last summer's Democratic Party Platform and was formerly a policy director in Obama's senate office. She has written extensively about family policy and founded the Work and Family Program at the New America Foundation. She has also worked as a management consultant to Fortune 500 high-tech companies; at Alan Greenspan's economic forecasting firm, Townsend-Greenspan & Co.; as a staff member of John Kerry's Senate Commerce Committee and its Telecommunications Subcommittee; and at the Federal Communications Commission. She is rumored to be joining Obama's administration—the announcement is delayed by the administration's extensive vetting process.

ALUMS VISIT CURRENT HCHS STUDENTS

November Holocaust Studies Day; Recent Grads at January PTA Meeting; January Assembly on the Current Economic Situation

Holocaust Studies Day

On November 12, 2008, about 20 alums visited classes at HCHS to speak with students about their or their families' experiences during the Holocaust. The visit was organized by HCHS Social Studies Chair Betty Kleinfeld, and the alums were invited through a notice run in a previous issue of *AlumNotes* as well as via email from the AA office. The classes which were visited included 10th grade Social Studies, AP European History, and AP French. Alums also had a chance to converse with each other, select students, and faculty members at a luncheon. Funding for this extraordinary day was provided through a gift from Eleanor ULLMAN Light, Jan. '49. Eleanor, who lives in Arizona, was not able to attend, so her classmate Mildred Speiser, Jan. '49 represented her and explained that when Eleanor received war reparations from the French government about two years ago, she decided to donate the proceeds to start this program. Ms. Kleinfeld added that for several years she has been assigning readings to 10th graders from the HCHS Holocaust Survivors website put together by Eve KANNER Kugler, Jan. '49 (<http://freespace.virgin.net/er.kugler/hchs/>) and had always felt that a personal visit from alum survivors would help bring history alive for the students.

Lindsey Rossler's 10th grade class was host to Joan KENT Finkelstein '54, Dr. Edith TENNENBAUM Shapiro '52, and Frances ZYNSTEIN Oz '60. Joan and her family lived in Warsaw and became refugees during the war. She related an experience her father had in 1935 when while traveling to Paris, his train had a stop-over in Berlin. As he walked around, he came upon a military

parade of goose-stepping soldiers. All of a sudden, a limousine appeared and her father locked eyes with the passenger—Adolph Hitler. On the same trip, he purchased a copy of *Mein Kampf*, and after reading it, became determined to get his family out of Poland. When the war did come in 1939, they had not yet left, and their bank accounts were frozen, forcing them to share their German housekeeper's rations. Joan's family of seven was finally able to buy its way out with American money—and was among the last to leave. They then began an odyssey that took them through Vienna to Trieste, then to Greece, Turkey, Baghdad and Basra, and finally Bombay. When their U.S. visas came through, they boarded an American cruise ship, which was considered American soil, and thus preserved their time-limited visas. Although they were bound for San Francisco, they disembarked in NYC to sightsee and decided to stay.

Edith and her family lived in the southeast corner of Poland in a small town which was frequently fought over by Poles and Ukrainians and is now part of the Ukraine. She was four years old in 1939 when the war broke out. After the Russians and Germans agreed to a non-aggression pact, the Russians were actually the first to invade her town, after which her family was tossed out of their home and her father was placed under house arrest. For the children, life seemed almost normal for a while—until one day when she and her sister came home from school in red berets and scarves. After that, her father wouldn't let them go to school any longer. In 1941, Germany attacked Russia and war came to her part of the world. Periodic "accions" were car-

ried out where adults were taken off to labor camps and children and the infirm were taken to the woods and shot. Many Jewish families hid their children with sympathetic families, but when Edith's parents tried to do that, she repeatedly ran away. This convinced her parents that the whole family should try to escape—which probably saved all their lives. They obtained false papers and went to Warsaw, and Edith remembers that many Jews had cyanide tablets on their persons in case they got caught. They were eventually rescued by the Russians in 1944 and made their way to the U.S. Of the 10,000 Jews in her town, only a few hundred survived.

Frances grew up speaking Yiddish and had to learn to fit into the American culture and life. She recalled that many immigrants in the 1950s hid the fact that they were Jewish. She herself was an infant survivor, born in 1942, but her parents' story was harrowing. They were Polish Jews who fled Poland for the Ukraine in 1939. Frances' father was a traveling actor/poet who became the head of Frances' mother's family because her father and one brother had previously emigrated to the U.S. It was expensive to emigrate, and Frances' grandfather was working to bring over the rest of the family. When their small town was burned down, Frances' family fled to the Ukraine to a town controlled by Roumanians, who were not handing Jews over to the Nazis at that time. They lived in a "safe" ghetto, but her father was commissioned to go to another ghetto to head up a uniform factory. During a uniform fitting, a general told her father that women and children would be slaughtered the next day. Frances' mother, who was pregnant with her, was taken back to the "safe"

ghetto and Frances was hidden after she was born. When the Germans eventually invaded the safe ghetto, the general came looking for Frances' father to finish his uniform. He allowed half the family to live, including Frances' parents and two uncles, but had her grandmother, aunts, and youngest uncle taken away.

At the luncheon, Betty Kleinfeld expressed the desire to repeat this program in future years and HCHS principal Eileen Coppola added that there is nothing better for students than to hear about history from those who lived through it. Kleinfeld stressed that the HCHS Holocaust Survivors website is very, very important and she hopes alums continue to add to it. The website's founder, Eve KANNER Kugler, stated that there are more than a dozen stories on the website and alums can add to it by writing or emailing her (Flat 3, 99 Hendon Lane, London N3 3SH, England or eva.kanner@virgin.net).

Things We Wish We'd Known: Alumni Talk about Life after Hunter

by Julie Golin, PTA, VP Internal Affairs

At the Hunter High PTA meeting on January 14, Hunter parents heard the thoughts and experiences of a panel of recent HCHS alums moderated by parent Ranu Boppana. Here are a few of the many interesting insights:

- Hunter prepared students by teaching them how to study and work hard, and by fostering confidence and independence.
- A challenge students encountered was learning how to manage free time in college. Most said the transition was easy, however.
- They advised current Hunter students to stay focused in their senior year and continue to work, to cultivate and save their Hunter relationships, to visit many colleges and "follow your heart," to realize that Ivy League schools are



Recent alums returned to HCHS to share their experiences.

not necessarily the best or only option, to surround yourself with good people and get involved in something you're interested in.

- Regarding the college application process, they advised students to take the college selection process seriously and embrace it, to be creative and show the college "who you really are," to maintain a good GPA and strive for good SAT scores.
- They advised Hunter parents to relax and not ruin their relationship with their child over the stress of the college application process. Students look to parents to be good listeners and allow them to choose the school that they feel is right for them. They appreciate hearing "word of mouth" recommendations from the parental grapevine and expect parents to handle the logistics of college visits to lessen the pressure.
- They encouraged Hunter students to have fun and not hold themselves to too high a standard, to realize that everything works out in the end, and to feel confident that they will be prepared for college and the real world.

The alums who participated were: Daniel Scarvalone '04 (Tufts), Jessica Leonard '04 (Harvard), Christina Lee '04

(Williams), Adam Kommel '05 (Bowdoin), Allison Frost '06 (Pomona), Thea Button '07 (Trinity), and Cliff Pysker '08 (CUNY Macaulay Honors College, Thomas Hunter Honors Program).

Social Studies Department and Fed Challenge Club Hold Economic Crisis Assembly

On January 28, in a forum moderated by Social Studies teacher Gregory Boyle, alums Cathy Kaplan '70 and Nancy Yao '90 joined Hunter High PTA co-president Julia Whitehead to speak to a special assembly of HCHS juniors and seniors about the current global recession. Kaplan is a partner at the New York branch of Sidley Austin LLP; she specializes in structured financial arrangements. Yao currently works at the Council on Foreign Relations and was previously with Goldman Sachs in Hong Kong. Whitehead is president of Pearson Enterprises. Seniors Khan Shoieb, Natasha Lerner, and Carl Dawson were selected to ask questions and challenge the speakers to defend their assertions. Khan and Carl are president and vice president of the Federal Reserve Challenge Club, respectively.

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ANNUAL GIVING 2008–2009

In the Fall of 2008, HCHSAA launched the 2008–2009 Annual Giving drive with the letter at right. To date, more than \$69,000 in donations has been received. It's not too late to contribute—June 30 is the last day of the HCHSAA fiscal year. Please use the form on page 27 and the enclosed envelope. Kindly note that Annual Giving donations differ from contributions to the High School Endowment Fund in that they are disbursed for current needs. Endowment gifts are used to ensure a long-term source of funding.

All donors who contribute \$100 or more during the period of July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009 will be acknowledged in the Honor Roll of Giving, to be published in a future issue of AlumNotes.

Dear HCHS Alums & Friends:

We have heard the refrain so many times these past few months—“We are in the worst financial crisis since the Great Depression.” So you may be dismayed that I am writing to ask for your help in supporting the students at Hunter College High School. But it is precisely because of these challenging times that HCHS needs us more than ever.

As an economist, I frequently receive questions about where I think the market is headed. Many ask, “How can I contribute to my 401(k) if I am getting a negative return on it?” My purpose here is not to offer retirement advice to any of you, but to reiterate my belief that an investment in HCHS might be one of the soundest choices you can make. Why? Historical evidence demonstrates that investing in Hunter students yields high returns and low risk. These returns are not subject to market gyrations or cyclical fluctuations. Every single one of you has inside information that confirms this.

With the global financial crisis hitting New York particularly hard, HCHS has already suffered deep budget cuts and expects more to come. Your support through the HCHSAA Annual Giving drive is more vital than ever. Your donations support important and needed items, ranging from Van de Graaf generator belts for use in Physics labs, which cost \$11 each, to the total replacement of the Foreign Language Lab, which will cost more than \$25,000.

In order to meet the many needs at HCHS—large and small—we need your support for the 2008–2009 Annual Giving drive. You may be thinking to yourself, “I just sent a check to HCHSAA. Why am I being asked again?” Many of you did respond to our recent letter asking for annual dues support, for which we are most thankful. But I want to differentiate between the dues drive and the Annual Giving drive. Dues support office operations—enabling us to publish *AlumNotes*, maintain our website and online directory, and sponsor social events. The Annual Giving drive focuses on direct support of HCHS students and faculty. Each year, HCHSAA is able to award grants to HCHS because of your contributions to the Annual Giving drive. Your support is crucial to the current HCHS student experience.

Please join us in making a wise investment this season—invest in HCHS.*

Best wishes for the holidays and 2009,

Purvi Sevak '91

President, Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association

P.S. If you are not current with your dues or they are expiring soon—check the expiration date (Month/Year) above your name on the reply card—we encourage you to send your dues payment along with your Annual Giving contribution. HCHSAA is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Please also check with your HR department for employer match eligibility.

P.P.S. To help you help others, Congress has extended the law allowing donors aged 70 and 1/2 or older to make charitable gifts directly from their IRA accounts during tax years 2008 and 2009 without incurring income tax on the withdrawal. Transfers must be made from your plan provider **directly** (funds that are withdrawn by you and then donated do **not** qualify). Please consider this if it helps you help Hunter!

*Gifts of all sizes are important and needed. If you are able to make a major gift, we would be happy to schedule an individual gift consultation—please contact our office.

AA GIFTS TO HCHS AND THANK YOU LETTERS

The Alumnae/i Association's Board of Directors is pleased to announce that more than \$88,000 has been given to Hunter High in the current school year and up to \$15,000 more has been pledged—\$5,000 for a Library automation project and \$10,000 to help staff an A/V position in the new auditorium. These funds came from generous donations to last year's Annual Giving drive, class gifts, and to our 2008 Gala.

In September, \$25,000 was given to HCHS to help fund a major renovation of the auditorium—including new lighting, seating, sound system, and carpeting (additional funding came from the HS and ES PTAs, as well as interest earnings from the two endowment funds). The AA gift was given in memory of recently deceased HCHSAA Board member Ruth KAUFMAN Davis '56.

In early December, in response to grant proposals submitted by each department, \$61,000 was disbursed for requests ranging from the sublime (new musical instruments) to the mundane (new chairs for the English and Social Studies departments). The thank you letters received from the department chairs for some of the grant awards are printed here:

Library: \$600 for books, up to \$5,000 for a library automation project

Please accept my gratitude for the Alumnae/i Association's continuing support. The school's technology department, the elementary school librarian, and I are meeting and discussing the library automation software choices in the coming weeks. We will certainly keep you informed as to our final decision. Thank you as well for the \$600 for library books. The library remains a busy place throughout the school day—and this is not in small part due to your generosity.

Eugene Lim, Librarian

Health & Physical Education:

\$5,435 for training/conferences, \$650 for sports teams

I and the teachers of the Department of Health & Physical Education wish to say "THANK YOU!" for approving these grant requests and (in effect) bringing Christmas to us early this year. You and your efforts and contributions are truly, greatly appreciated. Thank you, thank you, and thank you! Oh, by the way, did we say "Thanks?"

Sam Washington, Department Chair

On behalf of Ms. Fox and myself, I want to thank you and the Alumnae/i Association very much for your generous gift. We are very excited and honored to have been picked by AAHPERD to present our curriculum at the national convention. It is both a professional honor for us and actually a great boost for our physical education program to have been picked to present at the convention. Your generous gift is a great help in enabling us to attend the conference and fulfill a long time dream. Thank you again.

**Roni Mistriel,
Health & Physical Education**

Social Studies:

\$2,685 for 15 chairs for faculty members

On behalf of the Social Studies teachers I would like to thank you and the Alumnae/i Association for the very generous gift.

Betty Kleinfeld, Department Chair

Math:

\$1,250, including \$100 for Math for girls

On behalf of the Mathematics Department, I would like to thank the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association for their generous award for this year! Your support is so vital to us, and we deeply appreciate it!!! We will definitely be able to honor the "math for

girls" donation appropriately [*Ed.'s Note: this was an earmark requested by a donor.*]

Hal Weinstein, Acting Department Chair

Arts: \$13,000 for musical instruments, \$1,780 from donor earmarks

Thank you so much for your very generous grant. Your support of our programs makes such a huge difference, most especially this year as funding from other sources is cut back.

Julie Reifer, Acting Department Chair

English/CT: \$2,500 for 14 chairs, \$540 for DVD/VHS players, Ipod docking stations and boomboxes, and \$100 for student theater [donor earmark]

Thank you so much for your generosity to our department. We are looking forward to ordering our new office chairs and we will definitely team up with Social Studies to receive a volume discount. Our students will join us in appreciating the fine music and visuals we'll enjoy with the new DVD players, docking stations, and boomboxes. I plan to order them at after-holiday sales so that we can maximize our savings. We so appreciate your support of our efforts.

Lois Refkin, Department Chair

Hunter Film Project: \$3,108 for computer equipment for film editing

Thank you so much for the wonderful news! The kids have started filming—in fact, they interviewed me the other day. This will make it much, much easier for them to create a finished product out of all the raw footage they are assembling. The support is greatly appreciated.

**Steve Young, Club Advisor,
Math Faculty Member, and
HCHS Class of '87**

CAMPAIGN UPDATE

OUR FOUNDATION, OUR LEGACY—THE CAMPAIGN FOR A CAMPAIGN TO CREATE AN ENDOWMENT AND IMPROVE HCHS RESOURCES

In 2006, the HCHS Alumnae/i Association, in conjunction with Hunter College, embarked on the largest fundraising campaign in our history—*Our Foundation, Our Legacy*—which was conceived as a way to ensure long-term support for Hunter College High School (Hunter College is also working on an extension of this campaign which includes the Elementary School). Commitments are being sought from alums, parents, and friends of Hunter to create a \$3 million permanent endowment fund for the High School and an additional \$2 million for current needs both at the High School and the Alumnae/i Association. To date, the campaign has received donations of more than \$1 million for the campus schools endowment funds and more than \$500,000 in additional gifts for current school and AA needs.

Some of the gifts we've received recently, which illustrate the breadth of our donor base, include the following:

- Last year's milestone classes (those ending in '3' or '8') set a new standard for generosity. Volunteer class agents asked their classmates to consider the value of their Hunter experience and to contribute as generously as possible. The class of '88 raised more than \$260,000 in gifts and pledges (including two anonymous gifts of \$100,000 and a third, in the amount of \$35,000 from Ben Macklowe). The class of '83 has raised \$100,000, including several gifts of \$10,000 or more, and is hoping for more in the coming months. The class of '68 raised close to \$13,000, including a \$4,000 challenge gift from classmate and AA Board member, Susan MAJORS Battley.
- In December, Jennifer 8. Lee '94 helped launch her class's 2009 milestone giving (in connection with the 15th class reunion) with a very generous gift of \$90,000 to be split equally among the High School and Elementary School endowment funds and the Alumnae/i Assn. Lee is a reporter for *The New York Times* and published a book last year, entitled *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles*.
- The Alumnae/i Association has received a bequest of \$75,000 from the estate of Dr. Anne Domidion '40, who passed away last July, and very kindly remembered HCHSAA in her will.

Some other notable gifts include:

- Anita Springer '72 gave a gift of \$35,000 in June, 2007 which she earmarked for textbooks and curricular materials for the six academic departments. This gift was used to purchase more than 1,000 books, including novels like *Everything is Illuminated* and *As I Lay Dying*, Shakespeare plays and poetry, lab guides on dissection, AP Physics textbooks, AP Chemistry exam prep guides, 8th grade Integrated Algebra texts to replace ones from 1966, *Enjoyment of Music* for the Arts Department, and many others.
- Class of '61 Milestone Gift: In honor of the class's 45th reunion in 2006, the class of 1961 donated more than \$6,000 to enhance the lobby area of the school. Marge Goldsmith '61 happily reports that the money was well spent in the Spring of 2008—the lobby has been enhanced with a grouping of three upholstered and wood frame chairs plus cherry wood partitions and desk sections to enclose the security guard area. In

addition, there are two large triangular upholstered pillows which are placed in the niches of the wood mini-gym area (used by elementary school students). There have been many very positive comments about the new furniture. A brass plaque commemorates the gift: "45th Milestone year/Class of 1961." Marge Goldsmith says: "I hope some folks will see the improved lobby when attending an alum event or reunion. The refurbished entrance really looks nice and creates a much more professional appearance."

- Class of '70 Gift for Science Education: In support of continuing excellence in science education at Hunter, the class of 1970 is happy to announce that it has decided to dedicate its 2005 milestone class reunion gift of \$18,000 to providing individualized faculty mentorship for younger students. Students will receive aid with research and experimentation in the sciences and this will also serve to strengthen the number of students applying and qualifying for programs such as the Intel Science Talent Search. The class had their gift forwarded from Hunter College to the High School last summer.
- Legacy Gift from Joshua Lederberg for the Science Department: Nobel Laureate and former President of Rockefeller University, Joshua Lederberg, left \$50,000 to the HCHS Science Department upon his death in February 2008. Lederberg was a graduate of Stuyvesant, but both his first wife, Esther Zimmer, and his daughter by his second wife, Anne Lederberg '92, were graduates of Hunter. The gift must be spent within three years, and the

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Science Department has already used more than \$10,000 of it to purchase calibrating microscopes.

Hundreds of other alums and friends have made gifts and pledges ranging from \$10 to \$100,000 and we sincerely thank all of them. With nearly 11,000 living alums, there are few limits to what we can accomplish for HCHS if we dedicate ourselves to working together to help

our school. There are a broad variety of giving options available, including stocks, multi-year pledges, planned gifts, and bequests. The campaign is also eligible for matching gifts from employers. For more information on the campaign for Hunter and how you can help, please contact Matt Blumenfeld '83 at 212-727-1404 or matthew@financialdevelopmentagency.com.

First Distributions from HCHS Endowment Fund Support Several New Campus Schools Initiatives

The Campus Schools endowment funds now stand at more than \$1 million and in 2008, they delivered the first disbursements of \$40,000 to the Campus Schools. These first contributions went, along with funding from both Elementary School and High School PTAs and the Alumnae/i Association, to a much needed auditorium renovation and also to support for the 7th Grade Seminar, a one- or two-semester program to benefit all 7th graders by providing workshops on organizational and life skills and issues surrounding the transition to Hunter's rigorous academic program.

Funding is also going to support professional development in gifted education through which faculty from grades K-12 will benefit from workshops and presentations by Hunter faculty and invited speakers from the gifted teaching community of New York. This will allow for the exchange of ideas and best practices for teaching the gifted, and is intended to establish a foundation for ongoing professional development by Campus Schools' faculty.

A portion of funding has been designated to further develop outreach recruitment efforts to prospective students. In addition, funds are also designated each year to support the High School Library.

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HEALY PROFILE

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Ruth Lilienthal, advised that she might not fit in at Radcliffe. "In retrospect it was the right decision. I was a social geek," she related. After graduating *summa cum laude* from Vassar, she did, however, eventually accept a full scholarship to attend Harvard Medical School. As for her choice of profession, she half-jokingly explained that "I decided to become a physician after deciding I wouldn't be a good nun."

Her advice to current Hunter students: Don't aspire to prominence or external success. Do what you enjoy, what you think will make a difference and don't let anyone talk you out of it. "Life is not a narcissistic experience—I truly believe that every one of us is on this earth to do some good," she advises. "Don't be defined by your resume, but rather by what you have tangibly accomplished in a lasting way."

Preserve the Future & Join a Special Group

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

WHAT IT'S LIKE TAKING THE HCHS ENTRANCE EXAM IN 2009

by Marge Kolb '78

On Friday, January 9, I brought my son, Danny, and a neighbor's son to Hunter College at 8:00 a.m. so they could take the HCHS entrance exam—along with more than 1,400 other NYC 6th graders. On the way there, on the #6 train, a young woman asked us if that's where we were heading and told us she'd already seen a story about the test on NY1, the cable news network (www.ny1.com/Default.aspx?ArID=91968).

Current 6th grade students are invited to take the HCHS entrance exam based on their 5th grade scores on the NY State English Language Arts and Math exams (students not tested in 5th grade are administered a pre-qualifying exam in December). Students must score at or above the 90th percentile on each test (which for 2008 was 701 or greater on ELA and 744 or greater on Math). In addition to the 1,800 or so NYC-public school 6th graders who were invited this year, there were also about 200 parochial and independent school students. An article in the Manhattan weekly newspaper *West Side Spirit* from October 22, 2008, detailed how the number of 6th graders being invited and taking the entrance exam has been declining for the past few years—between 2005 and 2007, the number of test takers decreased by almost 15 percent. Director of Admissions Lindy Uehling was quoted as saying that where normally 2,000 to 2,200 students were taking the exam in the past, the number fell to 1,580 (out of 2,517 who were eligible) in 2008 and below 1,500 in 2009. Part of the reason for this comes from the shift a few years ago from city-wide testing in 5th grade to state-wide testing. The state exam, according to Uehling, is not as differentiated as the city test was, which makes it difficult to sort out differences on the upper end of the spectrum. She also has a suspicion

that some middle schools may not be informing eligible students because they don't want to lose their top performers.

Upon exiting the subway at 68th and Lexington, a security guard pointed us toward 67th St. and told us to join the back of the line—it turned out we had to walk across 67th, up Park, and half-way back down 68th to actually accomplish that! (The test was also given at the High School, where another crowd gathered.)

I have tried to remember taking the entrance exam myself in the early 1970s, but I can't. I do remember my mother tutoring me in math for several weeks beforehand—she felt my middle school had not adequately prepared me in fractions, decimals, and percentages—but I draw a complete blank on taking the actual test.

The kids were let into Hunter College at 8:30 a.m. and began the 3-hour test at 9:00. It consisted of 60 multiple choice English Language Arts (ELA) and 35 math questions, plus an essay (the essay is only read and scored if the student achieves a certain cut-off score on the multiple-choice section). The ELA had two sections: grammar and word usage and critical reading, which covered a variety of genres, disciplines, and levels of abstraction. The math section was designed to assess problem-solving abilities in the context of certain mathematical skills, with students expected to solve a variety of problems, including multi-step problems involving estimation; computations with fractions, decimals, percents, and whole numbers; rules of divisibility; simple probability; rate; average; ratio; time; money; area of shaded regions, etc. For the essay section, students had to write a spontaneous composition of not more than two pages which was assessed for creativity, clarity, relevancy, effectiveness, and use of detail.



Fionn and Danny

Parents were told to collect our kids in the Kaye Playhouse around noon. While we waited, HCCS Admissions Director Lindy Uehling tried to sooth our rattled nerves by assuring us that no child “fails” the entrance exam—children had already proven their merit just by qualifying to take the exam—and the High School can only accept 185 students each year, with additional slots going to Hunter Elementary students. (In fact, the letter we received from HCHS in advance of the test warned us that it would probably be the hardest test our kids have ever taken!)

Neither my son nor his friend took any formal prep classes, although apparently many kids did (see *New York Times* article from January 3, 2009 entitled “The Big Cram for Hunter High School”). However, the teacher of their Gifted & Talented class in Queens did work with the nine eligible kids during lunch hours to brush up their essay writing skills. HCHS doesn't release copies of past exams or endorse any prep programs and additionally, asks students to sign an agreement on the test day not to share questions with non-family members.

I tried hard not to stress out my 11-year-old in advance, but the night before the exam, he had trouble getting to sleep, and finally admitted to me, almost tear-

fully, that he knew I really wanted him to get in because I had gone there...(talk about laying a guilt trip on me!) I had to remind him that his older brother hadn't even qualified to take the exam, and I hadn't disinherited him! Thankfully, after the exam, when I took him and his friend out for lunch, they seemed fairly happy and relaxed. They both had to take another exam the next day (for the Baccalaureate School for Global Education, in Astoria, Queens, also a 7–12th grade school)—which they termed “much easier.”

We had been promised results by mid-February, and my son reported that in past years, kids he knew had gotten the letter over the February break week. Around that time, I started getting google alerts that parents posting to the website UrbanBaby.com were comparing notes about who had heard from the school. There were also comments like the following: “I know a teacher there who says that a lot of the students (not ALL so don't freak out!!!) are very odd. Asperger's-like.” This prompted replies including, “Wow. I went to Hunter for high school. I'm totally normal. Not even brilliant, just bright.” And one from the parent of a current student who wrote: “My child is at Hunter HS currently and...the majority of kids are totally normal—and very happy.” And another: “The three Hunter HS kids I know are astoundingly normal, especially by NYC standards.” (I was glad to see those defenders, though of course, in connection with my position with the Alumnae/i Association, I meet many current and recent grads, and can attest that they are happy and normal!)

The good news/bad news is that three of the nine kids from my son's school, including my neighbor's son, were accepted, and a fourth was wait-listed, but my son was not among them. I was gratified, however, to find out that he scored high enough on the multiple-choice section to have his essay read. Ah, well, I guess there's always Stuvesant!

HCHS WINS BLACKBOARD AWARD FOR MOST OUTSTANDING PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOL

On October 16, 2008, the annual Blackboard Awards ceremony, hosted by Frank McCourt, was held at Hunter College's Kaye Playhouse. Hunter College President Jennifer Raab '73, presented Hunter College High School with the award for “Outstanding Public High School” for 2008. New principal Eileen Coppola accepted on behalf of the faculty and students. The Blackboard Awards, now in their seventh year, are sponsored by Manhattan Media, the publishers of *Our Town*, *West Side Spirit*, *New York Family*, and *New York Family Brooklyn* to celebrate what works in city schools.

In an article telling why HCHS was selected for this award entitled “Ph.D.s and College Prep,” (<http://westsidespirit.com/?p=708#more-708>) the *West Side Spirit* wrote that HCHS employs Ph.D.



HCHS principal Eileen Coppola accepting award

faculty, published authors, accomplished composers, and award winners. Assistant Principal Tony Fisher, who has a Ph.D. in math, advises an independent study in abstract algebra (which is upper college level material). Hunter also offers electives in astrophysics, readings in philosophy and constitutional law, and Joyce's *Ulysses*.

Attention: Washington Seminar Alums

The Social Studies Department is planning an exhibit to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Washington Seminar in the fall of 2009. Alums are requested to submit brief notes about your experiences, statements of how WashSem impacted you professionally, and of course, pictures would be terrific. Please send to: Betty Braun Kleinfeld, Chair, Social Studies Department, Hunter College High School, 71 East 94th St., New York NY 10128, email: bkleinf@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu.

HCHS PTA Seeks Auction Donations

The HCHS PTA will hold its annual Spring Benefit & Auction on May 21 and is seeking “fabulous” donations. Suggestions include tickets to sporting events/concerts/theater; a week in a vacation home; special tours of museums, TV newsrooms, or TV tapings; language lessons; decorating services, etc. For more information on how to donate, please check the PTA's website: www.hunterpta.org or contact the Gala chair, Jim Essey, at 212-916-0859 or jessey@tempositions.com.

Andrew Schwartz

UPDATE ON SHOES FOR LIBERIA PROJECT



Last fall, the Alumnae/i Association emailed alums about a Hunter Campus Schools service project to collect gently-used shoes to be sent to Liberia. The following report comes from Megan Gross '03 who coordinated the AA's involvement and assisted with the project at the school:

In November, I attended a celebration at Hunter at the end of the shoe drive for Liberia. More than 5,000 pairs of shoes were collected!

I also spoke with the third grade teacher in the elementary school, who told me that more than 600 of those pairs came from her class. The students wrote a press release, excerpted below. Everyone is grateful for the way that alums mobilized to lend a hand in this effort. The faculty advisor for this effort was Asumana Randolph of the High School Science Department. From the press release:

"On November 5th, 2008, the I-HELP Liberia project at Hunter College High School displayed the shoes collected as part of a city-wide shoe drive for Liberia. Our school's courtyard was filled with approximately 5,000 pairs of shoes that our high school and elementary school students collected from various New York communities and will send to Liberia. In collaboration with the Liberian Mandingo Association of New York (LIMANY), we sent 700 pairs of shoes and several educational materials to Liberia in 2007. This year, we aimed to fill our courtyard, the size of three basketball courts. Our friends, family, and the entire Hunter community joined us to see the product of our 2008 efforts for Liberia.

The I-HELP LIBERIA PROJECT, a student-run project, was founded in 1994 to help support education in Liberia with the belief that education is the instrument through which peaceful co-existence among the Liberian people can be accomplished. Over the past twelve years, this project has solicited and sent educational materials to schools in Liberia. We believe that through education, the Liberian people can continue to learn and work together to build a foundation for mutual understanding and cooperation. Due to the critical situation in which Liberia finds itself, we believe that education is important to the healing and rehabilitation of the country's traumatized children. The shoe drive supports the efforts of the Liberian people by protecting them from threatening parasites that enter the body through bare feet."

NEWS FROM HCHS

The Junior High Chess Team took 1st place in the Greater New York Junior High School Chess Championships on January 31. Aaron Landesman was the individual first place winner, defeating a Master rated more than 300 points higher... The High School Chess Team won the Top High School Team at the World Amateur Team & U.S. Team East Chess Tournament held in Parsippany, NJ over the three-day President's Day weekend in February. In this event, teams of four players competed in six rounds with the round awarded based on the results of the team (i.e. to win a round, a team had to score 2.5 wins or better out of four). Teams had to have an average rating below master level of 2200 and had to play in rating order. The "Hunter Chess High School" Team included Michael Thaler, Alec Getz, Alex Ostrovskiy, and Aaron Landesman. They scored 5 points out of 6 which tied them for 3rd Place. They were awarded the Top High School Team based on tie breaks... The HCHS "Prison Bowl II Tournament" (a Quiz Bowl competition) received Platinum Certification from the Partnership for Academic Competition (PACE). This decision was based on the quality of the questions that the team wrote (in conjunction with the team from Walter Johnson High School in Bethesda, MD). This is only the second high school tournament to be platinum-certified, so it's a big honor for the team... The Concert & Chamber Choir held a concert of great choral works from the past 400 years on March 10 at St. Paul's Chapel, Columbia University... Musical Rep's production of *Urinetown* was performed from February 5-7... In what has become a yearly tradition, the PTA held its March meeting in Flushing, Queens. The purpose is to accommodate parents of the large percentage of Queens students (approaching 40%)... HUNS (Hunter United Nations Society) attended the 35th National High School Model United Nations conference in NYC on March 18-21. The delegation consisted of 34 students "representing" the UK or Kiribati on a wide range of issues... The boys' varsity basketball team finished their regular season undefeated (16-0); this after it was moved up from the "B" division to "A." They were also featured in an article in *The Jewish Week* entitled "Hunter's Jewish Brainiacs Have Game," which proudly announced that three of the starting five players were Jewish—Cole Garson, Matt Schoener, and Len Chenfield—and that Len averaged 23 points per game, leading his team and the PSAL (www.thejewishweek.com/viewArticle/c41_a14776/News/Short_takes.html).

Dr. Nanette KASS Wenger '47 was the subject of an article in *Emory Medicine* (Fall 2008), the journal of the Emory School of Medicine, entitled "Love Affair with the Heart." The article discusses Dr. Wenger's half-century of work testing long-held assumptions about cardiovascular disease among women and the elderly. You can hear Wenger discuss her 50-year career in medicine at www.pcsw.emory.edu/audio.htm#wenger.

Dr. Mildred SPIEWAK Dresselhaus, Jan. '48 was awarded the prestigious Vannevar Bush Award by The National Science Board in March. This award is presented each year to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to "the welfare of mankind and the nation" through public service in science and technology. Dresselhaus is a longtime MIT professor and a national expert in the multifaceted field of carbon science. She is known for her work on carbon nanostructures and is credited with helping to spark resurgence in thermoelectrics research 15 years ago. Her investigations into superconductivity, the electronic properties of carbon, and new physics at the nanometer scale have led to numerous scientific discoveries. She has won many awards and distinctive titles and worked to advance the role of women in the sciences.

Sarah Schulman '75 was featured in an October 25, 2008 article in *The New York Times* entitled "Charging Bias by Theaters, Female Playwrights to Hold Meeting." Schulman rallied female colleagues to attend a town hall meeting with representatives of NYC's leading Off-Broadway and nonprofit theaters to protest the difficulty in getting their work produced—in the current theater season, male playwrights were being produced at four times the rate of women.

Janine Craane '77 was 37th on *Barron's* list of the top 1,000 investment advisers in the U.S. which appeared in the February 9, 2009 issue. Craane works for Merrill Lynch, the company which had the highest number of advisers in the

top 1,000 with 239. Her mother, Valery Craane, was listed 38th.

Marge Kolb '78 was quoted in a February 4, 2009 article in *The New York Daily News* entitled "One Queens School at 20% Capacity as One Across Street Overflows." Kolb is the President of the Community School District 24 Presidents' Council (PTA presidents or designees from all D24 schools) in western Queens and alerted the reporter to this story about a brand new school which is being drastically underutilized. Kolb, an activist public school parent, has also testified recently at various public hearings about the problems surrounding mayoral control of the schools and the need to build a new high school in Maspeth (which is being fought by certain members of the community despite severe high school overcrowding in Queens).

Bruce Schneier '81 was featured in a February 9, 2009 article in the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* entitled "Schneier on Security: A Judge's Son Builds a Reputation of Cryptic Fame." Schneier is a security analyst and authored his first book *Applied Cryptography* in 1996. He is currently British Telecommunications' chief security technology officer (since his company, Counterpane Internet Security, Inc. was purchased by BT in 2006). He continues to write and has a column in *Wired* magazine and he is also frequently invited to speak at panels and forums on security technology. His father, Martin Schneier, is a Brooklyn Supreme Court judge.

Eli Attie '85 was featured in an October 30, 2008 article in *The New York Times* entitled "Following the Script: Obama, McCain and 'The West Wing.'" Attie was interviewed in connection with a story line he worked on in the last two years of the television show *The West Wing*, which involved the unlikely presidential bid of a younger Hispanic Democratic Congressman, played by Jimmy Smits, who was running against a white-haired Republican Senate stalwart, played by Alan Alda—eerily prescient of the Obama/McCain

campaign. When he was working on the story in 2004, Attie actually called David Axelrod to talk about Barack Obama. In another coincidence, the show also had the Philadelphia Phillies in the World Series during the election campaign—the Phillies won the Series in 2008!

Charles Ar dai '87 was featured in a January 11, 2009 article in *New York Magazine* about his "one man pulp spree." Ar dai's paperback publishing house, Hard Case Crime, recently published its fiftieth book, *Fifty-to-One*, authored by Ar dai himself. It's a screwball-noir set 50 years ago in the sooty postwar city of boxing broads, mobsters moored at sea, and graveyard horse races. Hard Case Crime was started five years ago in an effort to revive pulp fiction of the 1950s. It has printed lost classics by Lawrence Sanders and Donald E. Westlake, new titles by Domenic Stansberry, and even noir neophyte Stephen King.

Sara Clemence '92 was featured in a February 9, 2009 article in the Business section of *The New York Times* entitled "A Site Chronicles Ways to Adapt in the Downturn." Clemence previously worked as lifestyle editor for Portfolio's website; she teamed up with two other women to start recessionwire.com. The site provides links to economic articles and has regular features on adapting to the financial crisis.

David Bauer '05 was named a Rhodes Scholar in November, 2008 and was featured in a November 23 article in *The Daily News* entitled "City College Phenom Hits the Rhodes Scholarship." Bauer is a senior at CUNY's Honors College, majoring in chemistry (3.99 GPA!). He will receive two years of all-expenses-paid study at Oxford University in England, with the possibility of a third year. He plans to work at the Wellcome Trust Centre for Human Genetics at Oxford, where he already worked during his junior year abroad, investigating how to "fish out single DNA molecules of interest from the complex soup of an actual person's genetic material."

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Dr. Lorell FELDSTEIN Blass '45 was awarded the CYIR (Council of Young Israel Rabbis) Leadership Award on November 1, 2008 at the Ramada Hotel in Jerusalem. For 16 years, Dr. Blass has worked with thousands of clients, religious and secular, immigrant and sabra, at CYIR's Counseling Center offering them free short term counseling when they don't know where else to turn on matters of marriage, personal status, and klita (social and economic integration of immigrants).

Dorothy ALTMAN Solomon '57 was elected Carroll County (NH) Commissioner last fall. The three-person board oversees the running of county offices. Solomon became the first Democrat to hold the office in more than two decades. She has been active in Democratic politics in New Hampshire since she moved to the state in 1995. In addition to being a newly elected commissioner, she also holds the position of Secretary of the Democratic State Party. She is past chair of Carroll County, having held that post for six years.

Emily WALTER Mikulewicz '58 has published a book entitled *Carrying On: A Somewhat Geriatric Love Affair* (Iuniverse.com, Sept. 2008), a memoir about five years Mikulewicz spent with a man who was a long-time friend and then became a loving partner. There are many subjects touched on: age, rage, dyslexia, families, death and dying, and most of all, love.

Robbie (a/k/a Roberta) Pfeufer KAHN '59 recently published the book, *Milk Teeth, A Memoir of a Woman and Her Dog* (Rutgers University Press, December 2008). For more information, please visit www.robbypfeuferkahn.com. Kahn is currently an associate professor of sociology at the University of Vermont; she previously published the book *Bearing Meaning: The Language of Birth*

(University of Illinois Press, 1995), for which she was awarded The Jesse Bernard Award of the American Sociological Association.

Kim Fellner '66, a labor organizer, has published the book *Wrestling with Starbucks: Conscience, Capital, Cappuccino* about the love/hate relationship with Starbucks. In her research, she interviewed global justice and union activists, baristas, independent coffee shop owners, coffee farmers, and a dozen Starbucks executives, including CEO Howard Schultz. Along the way, she encountered some unexpected insights, not just about the Green Mermaid (the Starbucks logo), but about how the left chooses its fights and frame its issues. Her book invites us to reflect on how we define and practice our values in the global economy. Fellner spoke about her book and experiences writing it with a group of 20 HCHS alums at the January 25, 2009 meeting of the Washington, D.C. Metro alumni chapter.

Dr. Marjorie Greenfield '74 published her second book, *The Working Women's Pregnancy Book*, last May. She says it's a great resource for career women trying to figure out how to manage "having it all." A review in *Library Journal* states: "Greenfield's anecdotes about pregnancy and motherhood from women in a variety of careers result in a unique, practical resource for working women during their pregnancy." Greenfield's website: www.marjoriegreenfield.com contains a blog on pregnancy issues as well as other resources.

Valerie Haynes Perry '75 is pleased to announce the availability of her novel, *Tanner Blue*. The protagonist, Tanner Blue, is an African-American woman named after the black painter, Henry Ossawa Tanner (1859–1937). On her thirtieth birthday, Tanner Blue remembers being born and this event causes her

to pursue her own potential as an artist. Encouraged by her father, and blocked by her mother, Tanner Blue resorts to the artist's weapon of choice—imagination—to pursue her dream. Destiny leads Tanner Blue to a magical world that tests her creative abilities and alters her relationship to reality forever. Perry has won the National Best Books 2008 Award, sponsored by USA Book News, in the category of Fiction & Literature/African American Fiction for this book. Visit lulu.com/TannerBlue to preview or purchase *Tanner Blue*.

Michael A. Burstein '87 has published his first book, *I Remember the Future* (Apex Publications, 2008), a collection of award-winning science fiction stories. More information can be found at his website: bursteinbooks.com. A book launch party was held last November, of which Boston-area alums were notified by the Alumnae/i Association—several alums attended as did retired HCHS Social Studies teacher, Irving Steinfink, who had Burstein as a student in 11th grade.

Jonathan Hoefer '88 and his typography company Hoefer & Frere-Jones were commissioned last year by the Obama campaign to design a typographic poster for the Artists for Obama series. It sold out on the Obama for America website, in a numbered edition of 5,000. The poster was a depiction of an Obama quote: "For as long as I live, I will never forget that on no other country on earth is my story even possible."

Ian Lekus '88 has been elected chair of the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender History, an affiliated society of the American Historical Association. Lekus received his Ph.D. in history from Duke University in 2003 and then taught at North Carolina State University, the University of Georgia, and Tufts University before joining Harvard in 2008. He teaches history and literature

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at Harvard and continues to pursue research in postwar U.S. history; the history of sexuality, gender, race and class; and social movements and community organizing, among other topics.

Irulan Wilson '98 is pleased to announce the unveiling of her new brand, Aesthetic Collection. It is a fun and unique line of original, hand-crafted jewelry that specializes in contemporary designs made from eclectic vintage materials. The line is paired with a wonderful assortment of hand-picked vintage designer accessories for both men and women. The collection in its entirety has recently become available to view and purchase online at www.Aesthetic-Collection.com.

Adam Leon '99 and **Jack Pettibone Riccobono '99** premiered their short film *Killer* at the 2009 New Directors/ New Films Festival in NYC on April 4–5. *Killer* takes place in 1989 NYC and follows 17-year-old Jose Ortiz and his group of friends as they hunt each other across the five boroughs. Based on a real game still played in NYC today, the film is a glimpse into an urban rite of passage defined by all-night stakeouts, the gritty terrain of the city, and the recklessness of adolescence. Classmate **Asta Hostetter '99** was also involved with the film as the costume designer. For more information, check the film's website: killershort.com.

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.

Leona FEIFER Chanin '34, **Naomi BRONHEIM Levine '40**, **Martina Arroyo, Jan. '53**, **Joan HANSEN Grabe '56** and **Anshu Prasad '93** in the pages of the recent Winter issue of the Hunter College publication *At Hunter*. Chanin, Levine, and Arroyo attended the College's first-ever "Bridge to Achievement Awards" gala at The Plaza on October 23; Grabe has endowed a deanship at Hunter's School of Nursing; and Prasad is a member of the Hunter College Foundation's Board of Trustees. In the article, Prasad is quoted as saying: "I'm paying for that privilege of attending Hunter High School with my time and whatever resources I can bring to the board." He is currently working on building the endowment funds for the Campus Schools... **Rita Hauser '51** making introductory remarks at a Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute session entitled "The Universal Declaration of Human Rights at 60: Eleanor Roosevelt's Legacy and Human Rights Challenges for the Next 60 Years" on December 3 at Hunter College... **Dr. Fran Sharples '68** at the White House on March 9 for the signing of a new presidential executive order on stem cell research. Sharples has worked on stem cell research policy for the past eight years and was the lead National Academy of Sciences staffer during the formulation of the National Academies' Guidelines on Human Embryonic Stem Cell Research. The new Executive Order rescinds President Bush's restrictions on federal funding of embryonic stem cell research... The paintings of **Carol Steinberg '74** featured on the September 30, 2008 episode of the television show *House* (which, coincidentally, is co-written and co-produced by **Eli Attie '85**). Her website is www.carolsteinberg.com... **Kysha Harris '89** on *The Brian Lehrer Show* on WNYC public radio on February 25 offering ideas for tasty packable lunches. Harris runs her own personalized food service business called SCHOP! (ischop.com)

...**Amy Sohn '91** and **Dr. Leonore Tiefer '61** speaking at The Open Center on February 20 in an event called "Sex in America: Can the Conversation Change?" ...**Kenrick Ou '93** testifying for the NYC School Construction Authority at a March 31st City Council Land Use sub-committee hearing on a new high school proposed for Maspeth, Queens. Ou is the Director of Real Estate Services for the SCA... **Nick Confessore '94** on WNYC on January 22, 2009 speaking about an article he wrote for *The New York Times* about Caroline Kennedy's withdrawal from consideration as Senator from New York. Confessore is a reporter in the *Times*' Albany bureau... **Dave Kerpen '94** marching in Queens' St. Pat's Parade for All on Sunday, March 1. Kerpen has recently announced that he no longer plans to run for the New York City Council, but has instead formed an exploratory committee for Borough President... **Jennifer 8. Lee '94** making turkey dumplings with Martha and talking about her recent book *The Fortune Cookie Chronicles* on *The Martha Stewart Show* on February 25. Lee was also a guest on *The Takeaway* on WNYC on March 6 where she discussed an auction of Mahatma Gandhi memorabilia... **Lin-Manuel Miranda '98** performing with the cast of his Broadway show *In the Heights* at the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. Video of the performance is available at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuWRz z216SQ>. BroadwayWorld.com also carried a heart-warming story about Miranda's meeting with one of his biggest fans, Nicholas Dayton, a youngster from New Orleans (http://www.broadwayworld.com/article/BWW_TV_When_LinManuel_Met_Nicholas_IN_THE_HEIGHTS_20081205). Miranda left day-to-day performances of his show in mid-February, but is looking forward to the start of production of the movie version. He also contributed Spanish lyrics to the new Broadway production of *West Side Story* which opened on March 19. Then, in the March 30,

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1940s

Ruth NATHAN Norden, Jan. '47 is currently supervising and teaching student-teachers at Manhattanville College.

Her husband, Peter, is on the faculty at Columbia Engineering; her daughter is the director of the James Gallery at the Graduate Center of CUNY; and her two grandsons are respectively a senior at the University of Chicago and a high school junior.

1960s

Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61 has been “concertizing” all over the place, and in the process managed to spend time with classmates **Shelly IMBER Kinzel** (in Florida) and **Francine Haber** (in Denver).

• **Daniele FOURNIER Dupuis '67** is living in Paris and invites alums visiting France to call her if they want city information or just to meet for a coffee. • **Catherine J. Ross '67**, a law professor at George Washington University, is spending the 2008–2009 academic year as a member of the Institute for Advanced Study in Princeton, NJ.

1970s

Claire Marcus '70 is an Artist in Education for the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. She has conducted residencies this year for the Allentown Art Museum, Everhart Museum, Philadelphia Arts in Education Partnership, and United Way. Her students include at-risk and adjudicated youth who have created exhibits and installations for their communities. Marcus' work has been exhibited recently at Marywood University in Scranton, Peters Valley Arts Education Center in New Jersey, and the Textile Center in Minneapolis. • **Amy Farber '71** wishes to congratulate classmate **Corinne Kahn**, on her marriage, to Sorin Ghelbar on September 28, 2008, at the Bellagio, in Las Vegas. In honor of the wedding a donation was made to the HCHSAA. • **Winnie WELLMAN Zimmerman '72** and

a group of fellow classmates gather in Manhattan twice per year and are looking for others to join. Call Winnie at 860-659-1719 or email wzimmerlin@lawyer.com. • **Dr. Marjorie Greenfield '74** lives in Cleveland where she practices and teaches medicine as an OB/GYN. Her second book, *The Working Women's Pregnancy Book*, came out last May (see Alum Announcements). She traveled to Italy with classmate **Melissa Green '74** last fall and has recently seen **Ruth KEVESS-Cohen '74**, **Fran Messina '75**, **Margaret WAGNER Bary '74** and **Andrea Rudner '75**. She also launched her only child off to college last fall. • **Maureen Gonzalez-Campbell '77** has been named as principal of the new NYC charter school, the Hebrew Language Academy, which is opening in September, 2009 in the Rockaways. A blog article entitled “An Unorthodox Choice” can be accessed at: <http://coveringeducation.org/schoolstories09/?p=242>. • **Marjorie FLACKS Wittner '77** has been appointed chair of the Commonwealth Employment Relations Board (a Massachusetts regulatory agency). Marjorie also reports that her son is a freshman at Bard College and her daughter is a freshman at the Pingree (High) School.

1980s

Nicole King '82 is currently living in London with her husband and nearly 7-year-old son. She has a research post at Royal Holloway, University of London where she specializes in contemporary literature and pedagogy. • **Mimi Eng '84** and her husband, Vincent, welcomed their first child, Nina Nicoletta Eng Benedetto, on February 10, 2009. Mimi is a former president of the HCHSAA Board of Directors. • **Daniel Israel '89** recently became a Technical Staff Member at Los Alamos National Laboratory, after spending the past three years there as a post-doc. He was married three years ago and now has a 10-month old daughter, Leah. Daniel is also involved in organizing a local Jewish outreach

organization—www.jewishsantafe.org. • **John (J.J.) Scotch II '89** was promoted to Captain in the Fire Department of NY's EMS Command last October. He is currently working as a Duty Captain in Division 4 (Queens), and lives in Massapequa with his wife, Kim, 5-year-old son, Jacob, and 10-month old daughter, Sarah.

1990s

Bobby Michaud '91 and **Christina KASTROS Michaud '93** have been married for ten years and are living in Boston. They are thrilled to announce the mid-wife-attended home birth of their first child in August, 2008. Bobby is a partner in a small finance company in downtown Boston; Christina teaches English and writing at Boston University. • **Macauley Peterson '97** was voted “Chess Journalist of the Year” last year by the Chess Journalists of America, for his work covering international tournaments for the Internet Chess Club. Highlights can be found at www.macauleypeterson.com. • In addition to the launch of her accessories line (see Alum Announcements), **Irulan Wilson '98** with **Michael Budabin Mcquown '99** welcomed their new baby, Audrey Violet Budabin, on September 21, 2008.

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2009 issue of *Crain's New York*, Miranda was included on the list of “40 Under Forty: The Next Class of New York's Rising Stars.”...**Alex Kohen '05** featured in the Hunter College publication, “This is Hunter,” an informational brochure for prospective donors. Kohen is currently enrolled as a triple-major in political science, urban studies, and Latin American and Caribbean studies and plans to attend law school with the goal of public policy service at the city or federal level.

AUTUMN 2008 ALUM EVENTS

Alum Author Reading

On September 25, about 20 alums attended a reading and book signing by Judith Matloff '76, organized by the Alumnae/i Association and held at HCHS. Judith's book *Home Girl: Building a Dream House on a Lawless Block* is an often-funny memoir of her return to NYC after 20 years abroad as a foreign correspondent, and her purchase, with her husband, John, of a fixer-upper brownstone in West Harlem. The couple soon discover that their dream house was once a crack den and that "fixer-upper" is an understatement. The building is a total wreck: the beams have been chewed to dust by termites, the staircase is separating from the wall, and the windows are smashed thanks to a recent break-in. Plus, the neighborhood—crowded with throngs of brazen drug dealers—forms the bustling epicenter of the cocaine trade in the Northeast, and heavily armed police regularly appear outside their door in pursuit of the thugs and crackheads who loiter there. Judith and John begin an odyssey to

win over the neighbors, including Salami, the menacing addict who threatens to take over their house; MacKenzie, the literary homeless man who quotes Latin over



morning coffee; Mrs. LaDuke, the salty octogenarian and neighborhood watchdog; and Miguel, the smooth lieutenant of the local drug crew, with whom the couple must negotiate safe passage. It's a far cry from utopia, but it's a start, and they do all they can to carve out a comfortable life. And by the time they experience the birth of their son, Judith and John have even come to appreciate the neighborhood's rough charms.

Judith grew up in Auburndale, Queens and attended Hunter when it was all-girls and located in two leased floors of an office building on Lexington Avenue. She especially remembers English teacher Rosemarie Laster and Social Studies teacher Ira Marienhoff as being her favorites. After Hunter, she attended Harvard, where she earned a B.A.; she subsequently went to work as a foreign correspondent for 20 years, ending up as the bureau chief of *The Christian Science Monitor* in Africa and Moscow. Her stories have appeared in numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Economist* and *Newsweek* and she is the recipient of various awards including a MacArthur Foundation grant to write a book about the Angolan Civil War (*Fragments of a Forgotten War*, Penguin, 1997). She is currently a contributing editor of the *Columbia Journalism Review* and teaches at Columbia University's Graduate School of Journalism.

HCHSAA Annual Autumn Reception

On October 15, 40+ alums from a wide range of classes attended the Alumnae/i Association's annual Autumn Reception at the High School. A couple of alums were already at the school attending an Open House for Hunter Elementary admissions, and they stopped by as well. Everyone enjoyed the entertainment by a group of student musicians and appreciated the chance to meet the new High School principal, Eileen Coppola, who just joined the school in August. Ms. Coppola stated that HCHS is an "easy" place to be—the students are high-performing and there is a lot of support

from the PTA and the Alumnae/i Association. She shared the news that 60—about one-third—of the members of the class of 2010 have been named as National Merit semi-finalists based on their PSAT scores in 10th grade. Campus Schools' Director Randy Collins added that he hopes all alums visiting the school will stop in the auditorium—which underwent extensive renovations during the summer of 2008—thanks in part to donations from the Alumnae/i Association and the Campus Schools' endowment funds.

Don't Miss Out!

If you're not on our email list, you're not receiving invitations to great alum events like theater parties, happy hours, and other special events! Email is the only way we advertise Young Alums events as well as get-togethers of the Social/Networking Group (for alums from 1980–1993). We also send notification of events at HCHS, as well as performances of interest (alum concerts, comedy shows, speaking engagements, etc.). Email is the best way to hear about the latest alum events! To be added to our email notification list, send an email to hchsalums@yahoo.com with the subject line: "Add Me to Blast Email." You can opt out of email at any time by following the instructions in any bulk email you receive from us. We generally send email no more than once or twice per month and we never give your email address to outside parties.

In Memoriam

Dola Ben Yehuda '18 died in early 2005 at the age of 103. She was the daughter of Eliezer Ben Yehuda, who was a key figure in the revival of the Hebrew language. Dola once recalled that as a child, she was only allowed to play with the few children who could speak Hebrew—but, thanks to her father and a few fellow fanatics, Hebrew became the first language of millions.

Hortense Calisher '28 died on January 13, 2009 at the age of 97. She was a novelist and short-story writer who was a National Book Award finalist three times and won an O. Henry Award (for “The Night Club in the Woods”) and the Janet Heidinger Kafka Prize (for “The Bobby Soxer”), as well as being awarded Guggenheim Fellowships in 1952 and 1955. She was a past president of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and of PEN, the worldwide association of writers. Hortense was the daughter of a young German immigrant and an older father from a Southern family—which she learned late in her life had been slave-owners. This inspired her 2004 book *Tattoo for a Slave*. In a 1983 *New York Times* book review of *Mysteries of Motion*, Joyce Carol Oates wrote of her, “So radically do her novels differ from one another (the spareness of *Standard Dreaming*, for instance, set beside the baroque complexities of *The New Yorkers*), it has been impossible to assign her to the sort of ready-made category that literary journalism seems too often to insist upon.” After HCHS, Hortense earned a Bachelor’s degree from Barnard College, worked at various jobs and then married and had two children. She didn’t publish her first work until 1951, a book of short stories entitled *In the Absence of Angels*. Many more novels and short stories followed, including an ambitious novel she wrote in her 80s, *In the Palace of the Movie King* (1993). Still writing in her 90s, Hortense

published her last novel, *Sunday Jews* in 2002. She also lectured on literature and taught creative writing at several colleges and universities in America, Japan, the Philippines, and Thailand. Hortense was the 1970 HCHS Distinguished Graduate.

Elizabeth Bachelis '29, a retired microbiologist, died in July 2008. She was featured in a 1997 article in New York City’s *Daily News* about the retirement of the Art Deco luxury liner, The Rotterdam, on which she had taken 11 world cruises.

Edith WEISNER Williams '30 passed away on November 11, 2007. She earned a B.A. from Hunter College and an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University. She was a retired teacher from the Bronx High School of Science.

Sylvia DYM Cole '32 passed away on August 27, 2008. She graduated with honors from Hunter College and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Then, she mesmerized generations of English students at Bayside High (in Queens) and went on to host a radio talk show on WNYC with her husband, Abraham Lass. She authored an autobiography entitled *Remembering the Bough of Summer and the Winter Branch* as well as two books on literary allusions; she also contributed to the *Family of Man* photographic collections.

Jan NEUHAUS Solet '34 died in August 2006. She spent most of her life working for peace and social justice at a number of progressive organizations, including the National Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, the National Lawyers Guild Massachusetts Chapter, Urban Planning Aid (in Cambridge, MA), Cambridge & Somerville Legal Services, the Haymarket People’s Fund, and the Cambridge Eviction Free Zone, which she helped found. She was honored by the Cambridge Peace Commission for her anti-war work and by the National

Lawyers Guild Massachusetts Chapter, which awarded her its first lifetime achievement award. She was also passionate about writing and had fiction and poetry published in magazines such as *Essence*, *Ploughshares*, *Key West Review* and *Sojourner*. She is survived by five children, eleven grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren.

Edith DREISPIEL Toepfer '34 died recently. She earned a B.A. from Hunter College and an M.A. from Teachers College, Columbia University and was a retired NYC schoolteacher.

Mary T. DERMODY Cichanowicz '35, a retired attorney and teacher who loved to read, died January 22, 2009, at her home in Staten Island. After graduating from HCHS, she studied business at Hunter College. She then obtained her law degree from Fordham University Law School, and in 1946, she joined the firm of Kirlin, Campbell and Keating, where she practiced admiralty and maritime law. “She liked to use her mind,” said her daughter, Celia Goyette. “She had a good mind.” It was while working at the firm that she met her future husband, Victor S. Cichanowicz, and from 1948 until 1959, she stayed at home to raise her three children. She then worked as a teacher at Notre Dame Academy for three years before joining her husband’s firm, Cichanowicz and Callan. In 1966, she began teaching at P.S. 29, but served as of counsel for the firm until 1986. She retired from her teaching job in 1983. She was a longstanding member and former president and vice president of the Seamen’s Society for Children and Families, as well as a member of the Richmond County Country Club. She also was a supporter of the Greenbelt Conservancy and PBS. “She was a great lady, probably in that sense of the word for her generation,” her daughter said.

"Manners were important, decorum was important and it was very important for us to get a good education." Mrs. Cichanowicz's husband of 41 years, Victor, died in 1989. Along with her daughter, Celia, surviving are her son, Lawrence, her daughter, Mimi Hazell, and three grandchildren.

Constance "Connie" Knowles EBERHARDT Cook, Esq., '37 died on January 20, 2009 in Ithaca, NY after watching Barack Obama's inauguration and discussing her hopes for the new administration. She was a lawyer, NYS Assemblywoman, Congressional candidate, pilot, and Cornell's first woman vice president. She received her bachelor's and law degrees from Cornell and worked for the prominent Wall Street firm of Shearman and Sterling until becoming the first woman to serve on the legal staff of then-Governor Thomas E. Dewey. In 1951, Connie was awarded a Fulbright scholarship and traveled to Norway to study International Law at the Nobel Institute in Oslo and the Hague Academy of International Law. She was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1962 as a Republican, just weeks after giving birth to her son, John. She served 12 years and became the first female chair of a major committee, the powerful Assembly Education Committee. In 1970, she authored and sponsored the Assembly version of a bill to decriminalize abortion in New York State; she has been called "the guiding legislative force behind the political maneuvering for this reproductive rights victory." During the mid-1970s, Connie served as legal representative to the Rev. Betty Bone Schiess, who had been ordained as an Episcopal priest by "renegade" bishops in Philadelphia. She helped Schiess sue her bishop on grounds of gender-based employment discrimination and the case forced the church to revise its canon law in 1977 to allow the ordination of women. In 1976, Connie became Cornell's first woman vice president (for land grant affairs). She also served as a trustee and as a member

of Cornell's Advisory Committee on the Status of Women (ACSW). That group now annually confers the Constance E. Cook and Alice H. Cook (no relation) Recognition Award on members of the Cornell community who have made positive contributions to women or women's issues. Connie was also inducted into Cornell's Athletic Hall of Fame in 1986 for her undergraduate participation in fencing and field hockey. Her papers are held in the Cornell Library's Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections. She is survived by two children and three grandchildren. Constance was the 1971 HCHS Distinguished Graduate.

Marie DeVIRGILIS Anzovino '39 died on June 7, 2006. She was retired from the Yonkers School District, where she had been a longtime Math teacher. She was survived by her husband, two children, and three grandchildren.

Joy SCHECHTER Roy-Kofkin, Ph.D., Jan. '41 died on October 15, 2008. She was a psychologist who earned her B.A. at Hunter College, her M.S. at City College, and her Ph.D. at NYU. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Murray Kofkin, and three daughters: Glenna Benjamin, and HCHS alums Mandy Ganz '78 and Jennifer Rudkin '80.

Rita GLANZAN Rubin '43 died on August 10, 2008. Her friend Billie (a/k/a Shirley) WILLINGER Bramhall '43 writes that they were friends in high school and became closer friends at Hunter College. After earning her B.A. at Hunter, Rita went on to earn an M.A. from California State University. Billie adds that Rita was a brilliant and thoughtful person who was an English major in college, but unfortunately, living in the pre-Women's Liberation period was unable to find a path to professional use of her skills in English writing and literature. She raised three sons, maintained a long, successful marriage and found a useful, satisfying career for herself at Johns Manville as an insurance manager. She was a wonderful cook and a brilliant conversationalist,

keeping up with current political and cultural events until her death. Rita was an interesting and exciting friend to have, but was a very private person and as her sons stated in her obituary, she led an "understated" life. Rita and Billie reconnected with each other at their 50th HCHS reunion in 1993 and discovered that they were among very few Hunter graduates in the state of Colorado (and coincidentally, they had both grown up in the Bronx). The two women and their husbands enjoyed a reinvigorated and delightful friendship until her death.

Shirley STREIT Klauber, Jan. '44 passed away on January 23, 2009 at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, MD of an aggressive brain tumor. Her son, Gary, writes, "I always knew how important her high school days at Hunter were to her. HCHS opened her eyes to what is out there in the world. That background helped instill in my sister and me a love of culture and education. In addition, as a member of the D.C. area HCHS alumni chapter, she took advantage of the many opportunities to meet interesting people and listen to enlightening speakers." The family requests contributions to HCHSAA in her memory.

Kay (Katie) HIZA Medvecky '44 passed away on November 20, 2008. After graduating from Hunter, she attended Queens College and then moved to Scranton, PA with her husband, Pete, where he attended school and was a player-coach of the men's basketball team. Kay became the devoted mother of six children and for 52 years lived in the beautiful valley of Drums, PA. A widow for the past 21 years, Kay devoted her life to her children, nine grandchildren, and her church.

Maxine SALZMAN Margolin '48 died in November 2008. She earned her A.B. from Vassar and her MSLS from Drexel University and worked as an educational media specialist at the Mountainview School in Mendham, NJ prior to retiring. She resided in North Carolina with her

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husband, Joseph, and was the mother of three: Nancy, James, and Sally. Her oldest friend, Barbara KLAUSNER Weinstein '48, attended her memorial service.

Rita SIEGEL Kann, Jan. '49 died in February 2007. She studied Mathematics at Queens College, where she met her husband, Dr. Edgar D. Kann. Rita was a lifelong student of Zen Buddhism and achieved the honor of ordination as a Buddhist nun. She is survived by her husband, three children, and six grandchildren, as well as her sister, a fellow HCHS alum, Elly SIEGEL Herman '50.

Hannelore ROSENBERG Weinstein '51 died on May 26, 2006. She earned a B.A. from Hunter College and an M.A. from NYU and was a long-time teacher at P.S. 117 in Queens. In a 2007 ceremony, Queens Borough President Helen Marshall joined members of Hannelore's family when a new wing at P.S. 117 was dedicated to her. She was survived by her husband, five children, and six grandchildren.

Barbara Filner '58, former President of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS) and Senior Program Officer at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute (HHMI), died of cancer on February 24, 2009 at her home in Bethesda, MD. After HCHS, she attended Queens College (B.S., biology, 1962), and Brandeis University (Ph.D., biology, 1967), and taught at Columbia University and Kalamazoo College. Dr. Filner then became Director of Health Sciences Policy at the Institute of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences, where she directed studies on a wide range of topics including mandatory retirement for airline pilots, alcoholism, and medical education. In 2001, she retired from HHMI where for thirteen years she was responsible for graduate fellowships, research resources, and international research programs. Her programs at HHMI supported more than 500 fellows each year. Throughout her career,

Dr. Filner was a tireless and effective advocate for women scientists. She served as National President of AWIS and, for nine years, headed the AWIS Educational Foundation. The Foundation has provided hundreds of scholarships to women high school students and graduate students aspiring to careers in science. In an interview, Dr. Filner advised young women seeking an academic career to be flexible and open to opportunities: "(As an academic) there were some doors that were closed to me, but at the same time, new doors were open....You should just be very open to the opportunities that present themselves. There are a lot of different things out of which you could get a lot of satisfaction." Among her publications, Dr. Filner authored several essays in *A Hand Up, Women Mentoring Women in Science* (AWIS, 2003). An award in her name has been established at AWIS for women in science who support and serve as mentors for young women in the field. With her husband, Dr. Harry Rosenberg, she was active as a board member of Burning Tree Village, Inc., the first "aging-in-place" initiative in Montgomery County, and she also worked with the League of Women Voters and Montgomery County Board of Elections in the Polling Place Support Program, and as a volunteer at Temple Sinai in Washington, D.C. Dr. Filner's many interests included cross-stitching, bird watching, reading mysteries, playing Scrabble, gardening, and cooking. She and her husband also traveled widely, always taking their binoculars. Contributions in Barbara Filner's memory may be made to AWIS Educational Foundation, Association for Women in Science, 1200 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 650, Washington, D.C. 20005. Condolences may be sent to her husband at 7008 Richard Dr., Bethesda, MD, 20817; harrymrosenberg@aol.com.

Harriet HALPERIN Gershon, Ph.D., '58 died on August 19, 2008. She earned her B.A. from Cornell and her Ph.D. from the Weizmann Institute of Science

in Rehovot, Israel. She retired several years ago as a Chair of the Dept. of Immunology at the Rappaport Faculty of Medicine at the Israel Institute of Technology in Haifa, Israel.

Ella DOBKIN Russell '59 passed away on December 31, 2008. Rabbi Margaret of the Mendocino County Jewish Center said, "Her death was peaceful and gentle like her soul. She was surrounded by her family and friends and left this life to the chant of Shema Yisrael—'God is One.' Ella's spirit was and is suffused with love and graciousness. She was a teacher, a healer, a mother, a friend, a spiritual companion, a neighbor, a nourisher, an explorer and a hero. This past year of her illness gave many of us a chance to offer back to Ella some small measure of the generosity that she has shown to us. And we in turn learned from her new wisdom about grace in receiving love as well as in giving it. We are all honored to have been in life and community with Ella. Zichronah livrachah—her memory is a blessing." Jane Falk '59 adds: "Ella left four sons: Jesse, Rio, Tatanka, and Gulliver (whose autism was the primary focus of her energies); two grandchildren; and a brother, David, of Berkeley. She had graduated from Bennington College in 1963, spent some years in Europe with her then-husband, an artist, afterwards joining the Rainbow commune in CA, and then moved to the waterfront town of Elk, near Mendocino, where she had a beautiful death. She worked as a Traeger massage therapist. Ella had remained close also with Shelley Rifkin '59, and flew to New York to be at her side during Shelley's final days a couple of years ago."

Deborah RUBIN Berniker '62 died on March 23, 2008 after a 10-year battle with Lou Gehrig's disease (ALS). She is survived by her husband, Neil Berniker, two sons, and grandchildren. The Horace Mann School, where her husband was a coach and faculty member for 44 years, noted that Debby inspired hundreds in their school community and beyond as

she faced her illness with courage and without complaint, and lived as fully as possible for the joy of being with her family and friends, and watching her grandchildren grow.

Alice BRAVERMAN Haemmerli '63 died on October 25, 2008. She was a lawyer, scholar, and teacher who took great delight in both legal argument and in her writing on intellectual properties. Her articles were published in numerous law reviews and she was cited by the Supreme Court on a variety of intellectual property issues. In 2006, she retired as Assistant Dean of International Programs and Graduate Legal Studies at the Columbia University School of Law, where her job had been to guide many foreign post-graduate students through the rigors of the American system. Before her time at Columbia, Alice worked for Debevoise and Plimpton and Chase Manhattan Bank. Most recently, she worked for Barack Obama's election in Pennsylvania, where she had a country home. After Hunter, she attended Vassar College where she graduated *summa cum laude* and Phi Beta Kappa. She won both a Woodrow Wilson Scholarship and a Fulbright Fellowship which took her to the London School of Economics for her first M.A. At Harvard, she earned a second M.A. in International Relations as well as a Ph.D. in International Law. She earned her J.D. at Columbia. Alice took pleasure in family, friends and her pastimes, especially riding her horse, French, as well as travel, reading, and music. She is survived by her daughter, Justine, who is a dedicated teacher.

Gloria HARPER Dickinson '64 died on January 18, 2009. She was the only child born of Clifford Harper, a merchant seaman, and Martha Louis Sinton Harper Hasell, a registered nurse, and was raised in Jamaica, Queens. After Hunter, Gloria attended CCNY where she received her Baccalaureate degree, and later earned her Masters and Ph.D. from Howard University. She was the immediate past

chair of the Department of African-American Studies at the College of New Jersey in Ewing, NJ. Her spheres of academic expertise included Africana religion and food ways, black popular culture, women writers of the African Diaspora, and infusing New Media Technologies into Africana Studies. Since patenting "Sisters at the Spa," Gloria had also planned numerous African spa trips for organizations and individuals. Her love of travel around the world must have been "a genetic imprint from her father," her mother stated on many occasions. Her extensive globetrotting took her to five of the seven continents where she met and connected with many people. Gloria was a multi-tasker before that term was coined. During her life she was a wife, friend, neighbor, professor, mentor, confidante, advisor, sponsor, presenter, matchmaker, organizer, photographer, ultimate shopper, therapist, historian, collector of Black memorabilia, Black Art, and Angels. She was the consummate mass communicator via snail mail, the telephone, fax, and the Internet. In 1966 as a member of Lambda Chapter in New York City, Gloria began her commitment to her beloved Sorority. She was a Silver Star Life member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. and has held a myriad of key leadership positions on the local, regional, national, and international levels. Gloria is survived by her devoted husband of 38 years, Lt. Col. (Ret.) Arthur C. Dickinson, several cousins, a nephew, grandniece, and godsons. She will be sorely missed and always cherished by a host of other relatives, friends, colleagues, and sorority sisters.

Anne FRYDMAN Dixon '65 died recently of multiple sclerosis, against which she courageously fought for decades. Her friend Lynn Visson '62 writes that Anne was very active on the HCHS literary magazine, *Argus*, for which she wrote and which she edited. She was a gifted writer, poet, teacher and translator, and for years taught literature at Johns Hopkins

University. Her translations of the Russian writer Sergei Dovlatov made his reputation in the U.S.; she also did research on Anton Chekhov and Isaac Babel. Her kindness, grace and intelligence will long be remembered by her colleagues and friends. She leaves behind her husband, Stephen Dixon, and her daughters, Antonia and Sophia.

The Alumnae/i Association has also been advised of the deaths of the following alums: **Mary Wegener '31, Doris LeBOYER Machles '36, Clara MEDICI Gable '38, Gertrude SHAPIRO Bloom '41, Lela SCHLANGER Cohn '41, Eleanor HARROW Feingersh '42, Mary CALMBACHER Fletcher, Jan. '45, Sophia VOSKERCHIAN Boyajian, Jan. '46, Natalie YUSIM McManus, Jan. '49, Joan BERGMAN Yarkin, Jan. '49, Rhoda Altman '49, and Stephanie LEWENSOHN Sacker '57.**

Retired HCHS Principal **Maria Aguilera LoFrumento** passed away on January 26, 2009, at the age of 84. Born in Spain, she emigrated with her family when she was six years old. She earned her bachelor's degree from Hunter College and her master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. Mrs. LoFrumento began her almost 40-year career with HCHS as a Spanish and French teacher in 1945. She eventually became chair of the Foreign Languages department and subsequently became assistant principal in 1970 and principal in 1971, a position from which she retired in 1984. She led the school during its move from temporary, leased office space on Lexington Avenue between 45-46th Streets to its current location on 94th St., as well as in its transformation from all-girls to co-ed. A funeral mass was held on Saturday, February 1 at Assumption Church in Morristown, NJ. Mrs. LoFrumento is survived by her husband, Anthony, her children Mary Ann, Suzanne, and Anthony, and six grandchildren. Her family requests those who wish to memorialize

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her to make donations to the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association.

Dr. Bernard S. Miller, former Director of the Hunter College Campus Schools, passed away in mid-March, 2009 at the age of 88 from complications of Parkinson's disease. Dr. Miller was born in the Bronx and raised in Queens, the only child of Russian immigrants. He majored in U.S. history at Queens College, graduating in 1942. He then served in the Army during WW II, landing on the beach at Normandy four days after the D-day invasion. He commanded an anti-aircraft unit during the Battle of the Bulge and later helped liberate the Dachau concentration camp, where he used his knowledge of Yiddish to translate for freed prisoners. He also wrote down names of hundreds of survivors and forwarded the list to his family in NYC, who saw that it was published in a Jewish newspaper, giving some people their first inkling of relatives who'd survived. After his Army service, he attended Teachers College, Columbia University, where he received a master's and a doctorate. While serving as the principal of Peekskill High School, he was invited by Harvard president James B. Conant to work with him on "The American High School Today," an influential 1959 study, for which Dr. Miller spent three years doing research. He joined Hunter in September 1965 and left in 1982, to spend three years as director of the International School of Belgrade. Upon Dr. Miller's departure from Hunter, then-president of Hunter College, Donna Shalala, called him "a man of many gifts, an innovative educator, a scholar, and an idealist. His legacy to the Hunter College Campus Schools is a sustaining vision borne of his excellence and grace." He is survived by his wife, two sons, a daughter, and eight grandchildren. His wife, Betty Miller, would love to hear stories from his former Hunter students. She can be contacted at: 280 Newtonville Avenue, Newton, MA 02460 (or email our office at hchsalums@yahoo.com and we'll forward your notes).

ALUMS VISIT HCHS

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From left to right: Cathy Kaplan '70, PTA co-president Julia Whitehead, and Nancy Yao '90

Mr. Boyle remarked that the events of the past year have been unprecedented—illustrating the complex interaction of markets, banks, and households—and have brought to the fore the key role of the government in making economic policy. While many Hunter students have been reading about the issues involved, the Social Studies Department felt it would be useful to invite people currently working in the financial sector to try to explain these events.

Cathy Kaplan explained that it's important to realize that the way capital markets operate has completely changed in the last 35–40 years—what used to be a one-to-one relationship between a borrower and a bank has become very complex due to the securitization of debt. This started with an effort by the government to increase the secondary mortgage market and encourage home ownership. Securitization of mortgage debt morphed into a way to deal with all kinds of debt including credit cards, auto loans, etc. David Bowie even securitized future royalties for his music. Julia Whitehead added that the securitization of debt started for good reasons and brought a lot of cash into the market, but our current economic

problems stem from sub-prime lending and the over-rating of securities by supposedly independent rating agencies. Still, we probably could have dealt with the 2004 and prior loans, but in 2005, things really went off track when refinancing slowed down and lenders put a big effort into the sub-prime market—that's when we started to see 110% financing, no documentation loans, very low teaser rates, etc. Nancy Yao said that as a former Goldman Sachs employee, she engaged more in practice than theory. She pegs part of the economic problems to people in the financial industry losing sight of the big picture as they focused only on the completion of transactions.

Students were able to ask questions of the panel members, though in a student newspaper article in *The Observer*, reporter Julian Ricardo stated that the speakers' explanations involved sophisticated jargon and thus students not familiar with the terms had some difficulty understanding. Overall, the speakers were judged by the students to be insightful, thought-provoking, and non-partisan and Mr. Boyle deemed the forum "a rousing success."

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EAST END (LI) ALUMS GATHER

by Betty Fox '50

Seventeen alums met last August on the Hampton Bays lawn of Jean Binnie, Jan. '42, a former HCHS physical education teacher, to refresh old memories and make new connections.

Betty Fox and Margot STRAUS Petrow, both from the class of 1950, had lunch with Jean earlier in the month and thought it might be rewarding and fun to have a reunion of Hunter grads who live on eastern Long Island and who would be interested in meeting with each other, regardless of when they graduated.

There were a number of enthusiastic and excited responses to our inquiries and our initial group of 17, of various ages, from their 40s to 70+, met and talked about our years at Hunter and what those years meant to us in our lives. We also shared our life stories, including our subsequent post-Hunter education and vocational endeavors and, of course, for many, our children and grandchildren. Some of us were retired and some were still working; one of us even went to law school at 73 years of age and is now a practicing attorney.

How wonderful it was to see and be with women who measured success in terms of what they had accomplished in life. We hope to meet again soon and perhaps add more Long Islanders who are looking to connect with their fellow Hunterites for good conversation, good food, and a discussion of further goals. Anyone living on the East End, or who has a second home there, is invited to join the mailing list for this chapter. Please contact Betty Fox at 631-324-0526, email bdf@foxwhitby.com or Margot Petrow at 631-283-3430, email peconic1@aol.com.

YOUNG ALUMS ENJOY THANKSGIVING HAPPY HOUR

More than 100 young alums attended the annual Thanksgiving happy hour on the Saturday of the holiday weekend. This year the event was held at the Manchester Pub on 2nd Avenue and 49th Street in NYC. Young Alums coordinator Errol Bakal '99 hosted and reported that although it was quite a crush, a great time was had by all.

ITHACA-SYRACUSE-ROCHESTER AREA ALUMNAE/I LUNCHEON PLANNED

This chapter is planning a luncheon get-together in Ithaca on a Saturday in June or September. **Your current contact information is needed so the coordinators can send you details about this event.** If you are interested in attending this event, please send your email address or regular address to: Barbara Nosanchuk '57, bnosan@twcny.rr.com, 607-277-2927 or Ellen Rosten, Jan. '48, Innrt@verizon.net, 607-272-2663.

Reunion 2009

2009 REUNION COORDINATORS

HCHSAA-sponsored Activities

Friday, June 5, 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m.

Reception at HCHS for Classes of 1977 and later

HCHS Library, 71 E. 94th St. (E. 94th St. and Park Ave.)

Saturday, June 6, 11:00 a.m. (meet at 10:45 a.m., Hunter College West lobby), Tour of Hunter at 68th & Lexington, Reception to follow at Hunter West 8th Floor Terrace, 12:00–2:00 p.m.

Hunter College (E. 68th St. and Lexington Ave.)

This event is open to alums who attended HCHS at 68th St.

Saturday, June 6, 1:00 p.m. start, Family softball game and picnic

Central Park Great Lawn (Field #8)

This event is open to alums of the classes of the '80s and '90s.

The above activities are FREE and open to the classes designated for each event—they are not restricted to milestone classes. To reserve space for these events, RSVP to hchsalums@yahoo.com or 212-772-4079.

Sunday, June 7, 10:30 a.m. start (9:30 a.m. if your class requests)

General Reunion (Continental Breakfast, General Assembly, and Buffet Luncheon)

HCHS, 71 E. 94th St. (E. 94th St. and Park Ave.)

This event is open to all alums, with a particular focus on milestone classes (those ending in 4 or 9).

Please use the form on the next page to register for the General Reunion. You may also register online at www.hchsaa.org.

In addition to the HCHSAA-sponsored activities at left, most milestone classes hold their own class-only events. Please contact your class coordinator for more details about your class events.

1949 Jan.

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Bernice (Bunny) WORMAN Hauser,
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1959

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Facebook group: "Hunter College High School Class of 1959"

1964

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1969

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1974

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1979

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1984

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1989

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Yahoo! group: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hchs1989/>

Facebook group: "Hunter College High School, Class of '89"

1994

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Facebook group: "Hunter College High School, Class of '94"

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hunter94/>

1999

Errol Bakal, errol.bakal@gmail.com

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Lucy HOWARD Cohen '62 would like to hear from anyone interested in a home swap - she has a beautiful big Victorian in a great San Francisco neighborhood and would love to trade time for a place in Manhattan. Contact her at 415-867-4025 (preferred) or by email to: lucynyc212@gmail.com.

Brynn Rosen '88 is looking for a teacher to run a p/t home-based playgroup/school for 3-year-olds in Lefferts Gardens, Brooklyn from Sept. '09 to May '10. Please send cover letter and resume to plgcoop@gmail.com.

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