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"MEET THE MEMBERS," LECTURE PROGRAM INAUGURATED AT MEETINGS

By Joyce Hines '47

The expertise, skills, and experience of HCHS alumnae cut across innumerable occupations, interests, and avocations. To put this "data bank" to use for the benefit of all of us, the Association this year presented the first programs in its "Meet The Members" series. We heard three talks, by a social studies expert and student of India, by a balletomane, and by an anthropologist.

Carolyn Herbst '60, our first speaker, teaches social studies at Eli Whitney Vocational High School, and had a 1978 Fulbright-Hays grant to attend a traveling seminar in India to develop curriculum materials. At a fall meeting of the Association, Carolyn presented the four-part slide-show-with-audiocommentary she has developed from her photographs and observations during her trip. Her program, designed as a curriculum unit at the high school level, was titled "Faces of Traditional India; Faces of Religious Experience in India; Faces of India's Villages; and Faces of India's Cities." The presentation was beautiful visually and vivid and informative.

In January the Association heard Teddy Christon '42, who for many years has been a keen observer of the ballet world and acquainted with many of its best-known figures; she spoke of life backstage at the ballet and showed films of Baryshnikov, Nureyev, Makarova, Gelsey Kirkland, and Fernando Bujones. Our enjoyment in watching these films was enhanced by Teddy's commentary on the finesses of technique involved in executing specific maneuvers and sequences.

The final speaker in the series was Carole Vance, a post-doctoral fellow at the School of Public Health, Columbia University and a cultural anthropologist with both teaching and field research experience. Carole's topic was the anthropological perspective on gender roles. After a short resume of the aims and branches of anthropology, she outlined the difficulties, both subjective and objective, which the anthropologist faces in attempting to determine the true nature of gender roles

in a tribal society. Illustrating her points with reference in particular to the Mundurucu of South America and the !Kung of Africa, Carole raised many fascinating questions about the interpretation of such matters as allocation of tasks to men and women, and activities which are taboo to one sex or the other.

Animated question and answer sessions and continued discussions have followed each lecture. (Continued on Pg. 4)

#### REUNION: WHO'LL BE THERE?

Sunday, March 20, is almost here and we are once again prepared to get together. It isn't too late to start rounding up classmates to make sure you're well represented! Remember, every name and address leads to more, and more, and more!

Last year the class of '38 celebrated its 40th anniversay with 29 members and some husbands attending Reunion; and several who couldn't be there in person sent letters and contributions as well.

We have already heard from many of you asking about special groups from their classes. June Allnach Noble and Doris Bernstein are alerting the '59ers to watch their mailboxes and make plans to be with them on May 20. As June puts it, "'59 was sublime and after 20 years we should be better than ever!!!"

Of course Mildred Speiser expects a grand turnout from her January '49 class, and we hope to see Bunny Worman Hauser and her classmates of June '49 as well. From the class of '39 we've already heard from Ethel Steinberg Minkin and Louise Woodward, both of whom live in New Jersey, and Betty Saunders Foster who lives in Silver Spring, Md.

Elaine Postelneck Yamin, whose class of '54 will celebrate its 25th anniversary, has been in touch with us over the years; and we hope her classmates Pat Fresk and Fran Abeles will be able to join us at Reunion as well.

Teresa Gloster has been corresponding with many '29ers; and Carolyn Levy '69 writes

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### Editorial

Reunion is more than just a chance to get together with classmates and friends. It is the Annual Meeting of your Alumnae Association, and your chance to be heard. Your ideas of what you would like us to do, and what this Association should be, are vital to our continued and useful existence. So please-come to hear and be heard, as well as to see and be seen.

Our recent meetings have lacked the good cheer and counsel of Fanny Kaufman Casher '29, but we are happy to report that Fanny is recovering well after major surgery, and we hope to see her again very soon.

So many of your letters have told us how much you enjoy reading about each other in ALUMNOTES, and those compliments are extremely gratifying and have encouraged us to expand this paper. We want to be able to continue sending ALUMNOTES to each and every Hunter High graduate whose address we have, as well as to continue seeking out more names and addresses for our ever-growing mailing lists. But our ability to do these things depends on your financial support. Printing and mailing do cost money -- increasing amounts in these inflationary times, too. We are a frugal folk, seeing many of you at our 30th Anniversary and ALUMNOTES is our major extravagance. Please continue voluntarily to send in your dues and contributions so we can continue keeping in touch with all of you and you and you.

### Dear Members.

A funny thing happened on the way to an Alumnotes meeting. I met Hunter High alumna Jane Solomon '63 on the bus. She clarified an item printed about her in the last issue of Alumnotes, namely, that she has been a longtime activist in the reform Democratic movement. She is also co-chairing the Law Committee of the N.Y. County Democratic Committee by appointment of Miriam Levine Bockman '48.

This has been an exciting year of growth for the Alumnae: Our new Meet The Members series (see article by Joyce Hines on page 1); our luncheon at Jason's; the Opera Theatre Party; a travel program (see advertisement on page 6); and finally our ever-growing Alumnotes -- all have received the most enthusiastic reactions.

To continue these activities and expand into others, let me now speak as one remiss person to another -- about the crucial matter of dues and contributions. I promise to send mine to our treasurer, Clarice Mertzel, immediately. Why not do the same NOW?

It was a pleasure to greet so many of you at our luncheon in February -- and the good company, good food, and good cheer really made for a lovely Sunday. Three members of the class of '30 were there, Esther Lipschitz Cashman, Esther Diamond Sevush, and Minnie Klein Feltenstein, along with Estelle Popper Stewart '31 and her husband. It was also a pleasure to talk with Marcia Manson Friedman and Debbie Davidson Jacoby of the class of '40; to see Dr. Rosalind Perlow Kaplan '57 who came from Scarsdale, and Adela Davis Schwartz '57 who came from Greenwich, Conn.; and to greet Ina Friedlander Bloomberg '49 who came with her husband all the way from Silver Spring, Md. (I was marooned at the Bloomberg's house during the Great Washington's Birthday snowfall!) -- and to see all the rest of you there, too.

We look in on the High School frequently, and this year thoroughly enjoyed a student production of "You Can't Take It With You"; Anne Hoffman, Ruth Ulman, and Dillie Grunauer (who came from Chicago) joined me there.

A final P.S. to my classmates, the '49ers--I am especially looking forward to celebration at the Reunion!

mildred Spenser

# All about you eryou eryou ...

Ruth V. DANHEISER Schatteles '13, who came to last year's Reunion, was the youngest appointed elementary school principal in New York City at a school on 117th St. and 7th Avenue; before retiring, Ruth was principal of P.S. 9 on West End Avenue... The mother of Emily RASKIN '70, now living in California, was at our May '78 reunion... Cynthia PERL '62 is owner and art director of Canty Arts, Ltd. in New York City...Sheila RATNER Fisher '48 is substitute teaching in Dobbs Ferry, is on a local Board of Continuing Education, and is currently teaching calligraphy -- and her note to us was handsome enough to frame!...Ellen METZGER '70, Pennsylvania Law School '77, is a member of the Maryland Bar and is with a law firm in Baltimore...Nan WEISMAN '76 is majoring in European history and art history at Brown...Muriel GARFUNKEL Gillick '68 is at Harvard Medical School...Ronny COHEN '68 has a Ph.D. in Art History and is a published art critic; Ronny is back in N.Y.C. after a year on a Fulbright in Italy ... Zenaide NEWMAN Reiss '46 received her MFA in Fiber Arts (weaving, primarily) from Cranbrook Academy of Art in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan in '76 and is now Assistant Professor of Art at Georgia State University, Atlanta... Adeline GELLMAN Naron '36, M.A. Marshall College, Huntington, W.V. '42, teaches science at Fallstaff Middle School in Baltimore, Md. and was voted most outstanding Jr. H.S. Teacher in the area for the year 1977-78. She helped found the Baltimore chapter of the Hunter College Alumni Association, has written curriculum guides and related material, and taught handicapped children. among many activities. Adeline writes that her classmates, Alice ROSENTHAL Wellington '36 and Shirley ROSENTHAL Wellington '36, married twin brothers. Alice is a homemaker, mother, and gourmet cook. Shirley works for the Federal government in Washington, D.C.... We've heard of another set of Hunter High twins, too. Annette WINTER MacLinden '38 is teaching in Manhasset; her sister, Dr. Frances WINTER '38, is a pathologist at Rome State School, Rome, N.Y....Kathy LEVINE '74 graduated Muhlenberg College this year and was commissioned as a second Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve, Branch Unassigned; Kathy has begun graduate studies at the College of William and Mary in the School of Business Administration... Rosalind WEISS Rothman, a doctoral candidate in special education at Teachers College, is assistant professor of special education and Director of the Learning Center at the College of New

Rochelle...Hannah ELLENBERG Strong '50 is a guidance counselor and is also involved in Democratic party politics in N.Y.C....Jane WOLF Eldridge '64 is a Clinical Professor of Law at U.S.C. and Loyola/L.A. and an attorney for the Boston Legal Assistance Project (poverty agency), legal clinic of Jacoby and Meyers...Anna STEIN Kadish, M.D. '59 is an Associate Professor at Albert Eistein College of Medicine, Department of Pathology...And her classmate Francine AXELROD Tansey is also at Einstein, on a postdoctoral fellowship in immunology and immuno-oncology...And Joan HELLER Brumett '59 is a Captain in the U.S. Army, serving in Berlin. (Continued on Pg. 7)

#### CONSULT VERA GORDON, NEEDLEPOINT EXPERT

Alumna Vera Gordon, needlepoint expert, will teach basic skills of this fascinating stitchery art on September 15 at 12 noon, prior to the regular Alumnae Association meeting. She will have beginner's kits, including all materials to get you started, available at the modest charge of only fifty cents. In addition, Vera will conduct a needlepoint clinic at the same time. Bring that problem canvas on which you started and stopped working, and your stitchery problems will be solved.

PHON-A-THON TO BE HELD: WE'LL BE CALLING YOU

By Debra Rothman '73

On May 2 and 3, from 4:30 to 7:30 P.M., the Alumnae Association will hold a Phon-A-Thon at the High School, Park Avenue and 94th Street in New York City. Hunter High alumnae throughout the city will receive personal telephone invitations to attend the Reunion, to answer their questions about Association activities, to encourage them to attend regular meetings, and to send in dues and/or contributions.

You don't have to wait for our call, though. You can join us in this new venture in communication and fund-raising. Bring friends, husbands, or obliging strangers to the First Alumnae Association Phon-A-Thon. A light supper will be served and prizes will be awarded. To volunteer, telephone Corinne Straehle at (516) 747-6511, or Judy Shapiro at (212) 428-2476.

#### BY-LAWS REVISED

#### Sara Robbins Schoenwetter

Four years' experience under our By-Laws have demonstrated that the structure we set up works better in some respects than others. To improve the functioning of the Alumnae Association, a number of amendments to the By-Laws have been suggested, dealing with two separate areas.

- 1. The present By-Laws do not specify a means for the Association to keep fully up-to-date with events at the High School. Therefore, the position of Liaison has been proposed. A new amendment provides for Association members appointed to attend meetings of the High School PTA to meet with the Director of Campus Schools, the Principal of the High School, and our faculty liaison, and to report back to the Association.
- 2. It has also been proposed that all business of the Association be conducted at general meetings to which all members of the Association are invited. This provision eliminates the former Executive Board, and greatly simplifies our working organization.

Members of the committee revising the By-Laws included Mildred Speiser, Joyce Hines, Ruth Ulman, and Sara Robbins Schoenwetter.

We believe that these changes, along with minor alterations to conform the rest of the By-Laws to these amendments, will provide the Association with the structure it needs to fulfill its goals in the years ahead. These amendments will be brought to the floor of the Annual Meeting on May 20. We urge you to give them your thoughtful consideration and approval.

#### MEET THE MEMBERS . . . (Cont'd from Pg. 1)

Programs for next year's Meet The Members series are now being planned. Anna Ehrhardt Tomecek '38, who has been working to promote women's rights in the Lutheran Church of America and is setting up a workshop program to expand women's role in the church will be the first speaker in the fall, on October 13 (see Dates to Remember, this page).

Your suggestions for future alumnae speakers and topics are welcomed. Don't be modest: include yourself, if you would like to speak! And do join us in the audience! (A reminder: Our Meet The Members lectures follow our regular meetings, which begin at 2 P.M. Come for both parts of our full afternoon; bring your lunch.)

#### DATES TO REMEMBER IN '79

- April 28--Hunter College Birthday Luncheon, Sheraton Centre (formerly The Americana), 163 West 52nd Street, N.Y.C. Ask to sit at the Hunter High Alumnae Table!
- May 20--\*Hunter High Reunion! 2:00 P.M. See
- September 15--\*(What, September already?) First
  Alumnae Association Meeting of the 19791980 year. Consult needlepoint expert Vera
  Gordon, 12:00 noon. Meeting at 12:30. All
  welcome.
- October 13--\*Alumnae Association Meeting; all welcome. Meeting at 12:30. Meet The Members: Anna Ehrhardt Tomecek '39, speaking on the new role of women in Christian churches. 2:00 P.M.
- November 17--\*Alumnae Association Meeting.

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  P.M. All welcome.
- \*All Alumnae Association Meetings and Reunion take place at Hunter College High School, 94th Street and Park Avenue, New York City.

#### HELP! HELP!! HELP!!!

Your Alumnae Association and its newsletter are calling on you!

- 1. We need access to a computer twice a year. Our mailing list (approximately 4000 names, and growing) is keypunched on data cards, in a Fortran program. We have lost our former computer, and are looking for an alumna to run off labels and update the mailing list semi-annually. If you can help, write to Rose Wiessen Reiss, c/o Hunter College High School, 94th St. and Park Ave., New York, N.Y. 10028.
- 2. We always welcome new talent for the staff of ALUMNOTES. If you can WRITE, EDIT, TYPE (preferably with access to an IBM Selectric) or LAYOUT COPY, please write to Marjorie Pearle Weiser, Editor, at the above address.
- 3. ALUMNOTES will consider articles contributed by alumnae for publication. We are looking for Hunter reminiscences, stories, or anecdotes; reports on current research (not just an announcement, but a brief report); and opinions about current issues, especially relating to women's lives and education. Type, double-spaced, 45 characters (spaces) per line. Articles should be from 250 to 750 words. We cannot return manuscripts so please keep your own copies. No fee is paid, but you can see your name in print! Send articles to Editor, ALUMNOTES, at the above address.

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... Alice NAGEL '73 was graduated from Queens College magna cum laude with a B.A. in computer science with departmental honors and is now a programmer/analyst with Southern New England Telephone...Edith SCHLEISSNER Nathan '48, who received her M.S. in rehabilitation counseling from Hunter College in 1971, is a vocational rehabilitation counselor for the Bronx Psychiatric and Developmental Centers and was appointed by the Rockland County Legislature to its Disabilities Advisory Council... Heather M. KANCY '66 is living in Berkeley; she received her M.S.W. in psychiatric social work at the University of California in '76 and is currently at California State at Hayward working toward certification as a school psychologist and serves as a consultant for the Alameda Unified School District ... Elain BRAND '65 graduated Fordham Law School and is on the Fordham Law Review...Rachel STUHLMAN '68 is a reference librarian at the Boston Atheneum ... Ann FAINBERG Sapir '68 is a banker in France...Andrea JOSEPHY Leiman '68 is completing her Ph.D. in psychology, plans to work with children...Muriel GARFINKEL '68 is at Harvard Medical School...Betty OMMERMAN is a fashion editor at Newsday ... Marianne TOMECEK '69, daughter of Anna EHRHARDT Tomecek '38, is mow a practicing attorney in Houston, Texas... Anna's classmate Thelma SHER Hankin '38 reminisces, "I remember so vividly the 33rd Street Annex--96th Street Building--Miss Webster-all those years of Latin -- I loved it all in looking back." Thelma has just retired as a teacher of early childhood classes in New York City and is enjoying her leisure... Rosalind PERLOW Kaplan '57, having noticed that her class was noticeably absent from our columns, writes to remedy the situation, and joined us in person at our February luncheon, too. Rosalind, the mother of two boys, is an ophthalmologist in private practice in Scarsdale. She also informs us about her classmates: Fran SHAPIRO Isker '57, mother of three children, is in OB-GYN residency in Louisiana, and Hazel SAMILOWITZ Weissman '57, who has two daughters, is a psychoanalyst in Pittsburgh ... Also joining us at the luncheon in February was Lorraine RICHARDSON Harper '39, an elementary school principal in Queens...Bella PACE '66, who was also at the luncheon, is a pediatrician at Beth Israel Hospital in New York. (It was really good to talk to you all then!) ... Evelyn Schaefer '38, recently retired, was for the last ten years Guidance Coordinator for District 26 in Queens, N.Y.C. Schools... Elizabeth M. HASTINGS '68, daughter of Jean

ACKERMAN Hastings '44, is among other things, rehearsal pianist for the Bronx Opera Company, whose production of "Orpheus in the Underworld" was our January theatre party..."Founding (Continued on Pg. 8)

"FRESH WOODS AND PASTURES NEW"

By Joyce Hines '47

We have received letters from and talked with numerous alumnae who have taken up new careers in midlife, and we hear also from many who look for new directions.

As a service organization for its membership, the Association is therefore planning to hold a Change of Career Conference to provide practical information for alumnae who are interested in new careers at any age.

Your comments and suggestions, sent to us by the coupon on page 6, will help us direct our plans to your needs and interests. We would also appreciate suggestions from anyone willing to share personal experiences in changing careers, or with expertise in a particular area.

Watch for details of our Change of Career Conference in the Fall '79 issue of ALUMNOTES.

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from Minneapolis to ask about her class's 10year reunion so she can make plans to come. We hope to see many '69ers there.

Doris Loshak Bull and Jean Ackerman Hastings, whom we saw at our Opera Theatre Party in January, will celebrate the 35th anniversary of the class of '44. The class of '64 held a class reunion in December 1977; we hope they'll get together again with all of us this May. Ellen Pomerantz, whom we saw at our luncheon at Jason's, and Ellen Shaw Agress are in touch with many of their classmates. And Helen Ellen Johnson Sweet '60 is inquiring well in advance about plans for a 20-year reunion for her class.

So--get in touch with everyone whose current address you know; and come to Reunion to
meet other classmates. Even if it isn't a milestone year for your class, come to get a head
start on planning a major reunion for that
special anniversary.

(We are speaking from happy experience; it is always a pleasure to greet more and more members of our own class of '51 every year, and we look forward to seeing you all, along with some long-absent friends, again. Ed.)

## All about your your you

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Mother" Lillian Scheuer writes to say: "Hunter girls do stick together! On Sunday, March 25, Carol GROSS '73 and Jill SCHEUER '72 will act as bridesmaids for Susan ZOTKOW '73 who will marry Jeffrey Holik, George Washington University Law School '78, from where Susan will graduate in May. Jill is graduating from the School of Law of New York University and will join the law firm of Reavis & McGrath as an associate in the fall. Carol has another year at the Law School of Boston College. The girls are in touch with Madeline FLEISCHER '72 who will graduate from Harvard Law School this spring and join Paul Weiss Rifkind as an associate in September."... Eleanor PRUGER Seepes '55 is manager, North American Sales Dept. for the Hotel Atalaya Park of Spain, Inc...Rose Mary HAASE Lancaster '50 has her own travel agency, Cyclops Group Travel Service, in the Bronx. Kay SPERLING Skala '42 is very active in PONY-U (Parents of New York--United) which deals with problems facing education, and Kay writes that "My 'C' at Hunter would be considered an A+ in many high schools today." -- We agree !... Phyllis BREINDEL Siegelman '47, C.W. Post '65 summa cum laude, M.A. St. John's

'68 and Ph.D. St. John's '78, now teaching French, Spanish, and Latin at Long Beach High School, N.Y. Phyllis, in her thesis, acknowledges the inspiration of Dr. Dorothy Brodin, who was, along with Joyce Hines '47, present to encourage her when she defended her dissertation last year...Jeannette AARONS Goldberg '32 writes to say, "The best news item in ALUMNOTES was that essays will now be required for entrance into Hunter College High School. I have been teaching since 1942 'from the cradle to the grave', and I am often driven to a frenzy by the lack of language, written and spoken, evinced by my students. I am heartened by the news that at least 300 students in New York City will be expected to have learned to read and write by the sixth grade. Perhaps these requirements will even spread across the river to New Jersey...Myra PUCHKOFF Barrer '43 died of cancer on September 17, 1978. Myra was head of Today News Service in Washington, D.C., and publisher of Women Today and the Women's Organizations and Leaders Directory. The Women's Institute/The American University, on whose Advisory Board Myra served, established a journalism award in her honor, "to motivate the student...to maintain interest in women's issues".

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