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LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

As the summer wanes, we hope that you've had ample time to relax and enjoy time away with family and friends. September brings a return to school and, for the Alumnae/i Association, an expanded and invigorated Board of Directors. Due to the overwhelming interest, we've expanded the Board from 12 to 18 Directors. We're getting ready to roll up our sleeves and get to work!

I'm particularly looking forward to the Board's new, purpose-driven focus: The recruitment, development, and advancement of the gifted students and alumnae/i of Hunter College High School. With this framework, we feel we can more effectively make a difference in tackling some pretty big issues, such as diversity, by focusing our efforts and limited resources at those key intersections, whether we are making grants, developing programs, or organizing events. We need everyone to get involved, so stay tuned as we get rolling.

I want to congratulate the over 250 alumnae/i who came to the High School to celebrate their milestone reunion year (those classes who had graduated in years ending in "4" and "9.") Attendance at Reunion has been steadily growing, from 150 in 2009 to 272 in 2019, and we are pleased to share some of the highlights from the day in this summer issue. We are also deeply grateful for the generous contributions of HCHS Milestone classmates to their Class Gifts, and for the contributions of all other alumnae/i to the Annual Fund. The Milestone Class Gifts totaled \$130,517, which contributed to overall fiscal year gifts of \$347,000. On page 29, we have shared the tallies of class giving for milestone alums. We are looking ahead to welcoming our next milestone classes, those who have graduated in years ending in "0" or "5." It is only through the generosity of our alumnae/i that we are able to fund a number of grants in the areas of debate, robotics, and health and physical education. In particular, we are an important source of strategic and long-term funding, including funding for student, faculty, and administration priorities and for items that fall outside the limits of public funding.

Since the last issue of AlumNotes, the HCHSAA organized a number of programs by and for alumni. A very special exhibition tour in May at the Museum of Chinese in America included a food tasting of regional Chinese cuisine prepared by well-known local restaurants. We extend our thanks to MOCA President **Nancy YAO Maasbach '90** for welcoming us to her professional home. We also organized two group visits to theater productions during Reunion weekend thanks to **Elizabeth Kandel '99** of the Roundabout Theatre Company: *Kiss Me Kate* in May at Studio 54 and Arthur Miller's *All My Sons* in June at the American Airlines Theater. Coming up this fall, we once again host our annual Autumn Reception and in the works is a special gathering at the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture. Stay tuned for more information. We are also looking forward to working, in partnership with the high school, to roll out a bigger and better internship program for interested students and recent alumnae/i.

Hunter alumni are engaged in some of the most interesting professions and activities. If you know of an alumna/i who would make an interesting speaker or presenter, or if you want to recommend a topic for future events please let us know by emailing events@hchsaa.org. And do let us know if you would like to serve on one of the Board committees. It's a great way to stay involved with the Hunter community.

And finally, I urge you to make sure we have your current contact information by going to our website at www.hchsaa.org and updating your profiles. If 80% of success is showing up, we want to make sure you don't miss out on being there!

We look forward to connecting with you online, at one of our programs, or at Reunion. Enjoy these last few days of summer!

Raymond Tsao '84

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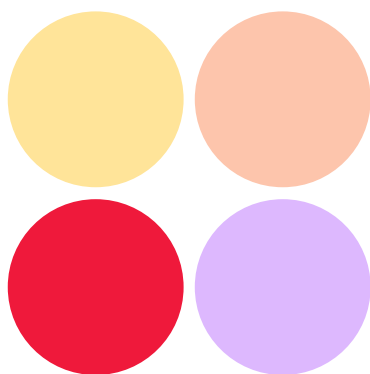
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SAVE THE DATE!

Reunion 2020
Saturday, June 6, 2020

CORRECTIONS

There were incorrect teachers' names in the Stern sisters' section (print version, unnumbered page 14): Hemdah Kreiser (not Krieser); and Francis Rexford Slauson (not Slaussen).

Our thanks go to **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61** for making those corrections.

In the Kaminskys' family profile, **Noah Kaminsky '09** was accidentally pictured twice. **Jesse Kaminsky '15** was not pictured.

In mentioning the Gilbert and Sullivan Society as part of the Ardais' family interview (pages 16 to 17), **Allon Percus '87** and **Orin Percus '86** were omitted from the group of founders. Allon was among the alumni who drafted the charter for the club.

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor,

Thank you for publishing the recent spring edition highlighting Hunter siblings. It was so interesting following their varied journeys.

I graduated a year after **Laura Drager '66** and like several others, joined the unsuccessful political campaign of Ted Weiss on the Upper West Side. We worked along Stuyvesant guys and besides interacting with Jerry Nadler, Richard Gottfried and the notorious Dick Morris, I ended up marrying a Stuyvesant alum working on the campaign and we have been together since 1971.

Elizabeth SCHIFF Banco '67

Letter to the Editor:

Siblings Issue

What a treat! This was a fabulous edition. Among everything else, I was thrilled to read how the students excel in the arts, sciences and even sports.

Thank you,

Phyllis LEKASHMAN Glantz, Jan '50

Dear Elyse,

Thanks to you and your team for a fascinating Spring 2019 issue of *AlumNotes*. I especially enjoyed the section on Hunter siblings and appreciate your including my sister and me in the list (**Diane BALK Palguta '76** and **Laraine BALK Hope '73**).

Here is an addition: there were twins in my class, **Helen Feit '73** and **Sheila Feit '73**. We all started in the class of 1973, but they elected to leave in 1972, the first year the ICY was introduced. (I stayed and graduated in 1973.) I think their brother, Norman Feit, also attended Hunter, but am not sure of his graduating class.

It has been a pleasure to see the professionalization of the Alumnae/i Association through the years – especially the outstanding efforts of the editorial team for *AlumNotes*, which has evolved from what I recall as a newsletter to an interesting and informative magazine.

Sincerely,

Laraine BALK Hope '73

P.S. The cover photo including Ms. (Miriam) Burstein and her family is really a treasure; fabulous choice!

NEWS FROM THE SCHOOL

APPOINTMENTS AND RETIREMENTS



LISA SIEGMANN

Setting a Course for Hunter's Future

We are excited to share that Lisa Siegmann, Acting Director of the Hunter College Campus Schools, has officially been named Director of the Campus Schools by Hunter College President **Jennifer Raab '73**. Siegmann has held a long tenure with the Campus Schools, serving as a teacher and administrator for nearly twenty years. Before taking on the role of Acting Director of the Campus Schools, which she held for two years, she was Acting Director of Campus Schools and Principal of the Elementary

School. She spent nearly a decade as Assistant Principal for Grades 10-12 in the High School and taught English for five years to students in grades 7, 9, 11, and 12.

Siegmann was selected for the position from among a highly qualified field of candidates, and **Gaurav Kapadia '99** was among the individuals on the search committee. She holds an M.S. in Teaching and Curriculum from the University of Rochester and an Honors B.A. in English and Theater from Drew University.

A Fond Farewell

We bid farewell to Roni Mistriel, who taught physical education at the High School for 32 years. He requested a small gathering with staff to celebrate his retirement. Accordingly, the group went on a hike as a send-off!

2019 also marks the retirement of Dr. John Loonam. He taught at the High School for ten years but had taught English in New York City schools, and worked as an Assistant Principal for HCHS and the Department of Education for close to thirty years.



RONI MISTRIEL



DR. JOHN LOONAM



Celebrating Diversity in the Arts

This year's Diversity in the Arts Program featured Ballet Hispanico, the nation's leading Latinx dance organization. HCCS faculty, parents, and students of all ages were invited to participate in dance workshops led by rehearsal director Joshua Winzeler.



Celebrating the Sciences

In May, HCHS hosted its Ninth Annual Science Research Symposium (SRS) with a program that celebrated research and discovery at the school. The emcee of the program, **Hannah A. '20**, introduced the keynote speaker, Dr. Nancy Greenbaum, Professor of Chemistry and Biochemistry at Hunter College. Student presenters **Ben S. '20**, **Sai Vishudhi Chandrasekhar '19**, and **Erta Kurti '19** gave a detailed overview of their work, and posters displaying student research projects were on view at the school. Congratulations go to the HCHS Science Department Faculty and SRS advisors, Ms. Reiss and Mr. Frankel.



Performance by the Asian Cultural Society

Congratulations to the Asian Cultural Society (ACS) for producing an inspirational show in May! The program featured a skit, spoken word, dance, film, and martial arts demonstrations. Special thanks go to faculty advisors Mr. Lim and Mr. Park.

Winners at Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)

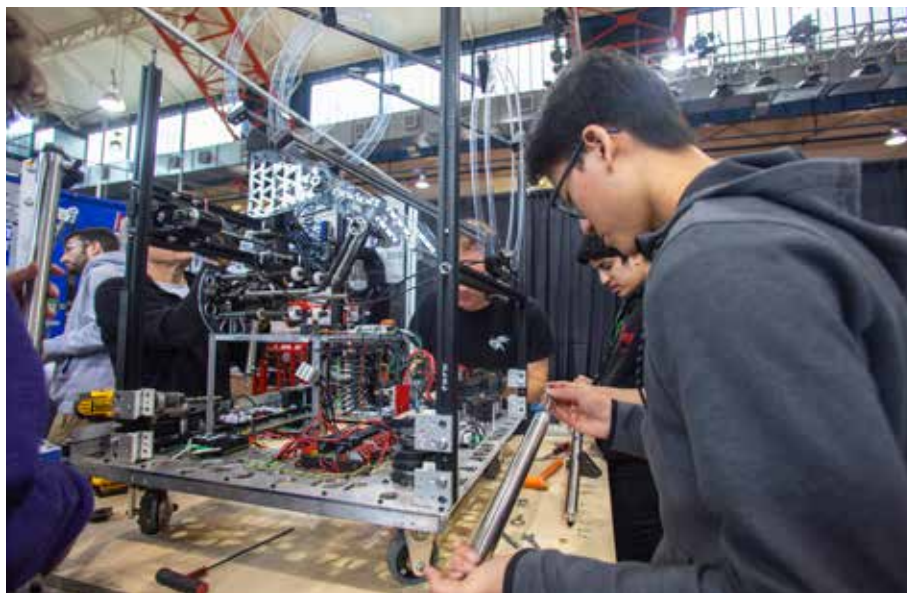
In May, HCHS students captured several prizes from the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF). The Intel ISEF is distinguished as the world's largest international pre-college science competition. This year's ISEF had over 1,400 projects – and over 1,800 students – competing from more than 80 countries.

Eleventh grader **Ari F. '20** won the first-place award from the IEEE Foundation and an honorable mention from NASA. His prize came with a \$10,000 scholarship.

Maria (Masha) G. '20, also in eleventh grade, won the King Abdulaziz & his Companions Foundation for Giftedness and Creativity Award and an honorable mention from the American Meteorological Society. Her prize came with a \$1,500 award.

Tenth grader **Paige S. '21**, won a fourth-place award in the Chemistry Category, and received a \$500 award.

Congratulations to all!



achievements were equally impressive.

For Varsity, Daniel placed third in the National History Bee, second in the US Division of the International Geography Bee, and second in the US Geography Olympiad. His finish in the Geography Olympiad earned him a spot on the four person US National Team for Geography for the second year in a row. He was also a quarter finalist in the US History Bee.

In Junior Varsity, Pedro was the national champion of the US History Bee, winning Hunter's first ever individual national championship in a history event. He also placed second in the Sports and Entertainment Bee and was a National History Bee semifinalist.

Junior Varsity team member Ian was a US History Bee Semifinalist and he, Cerulean and Jacob were all National History Bee Quarterfinalists. Hunter had four JV qualifiers for the National History Bee playoffs, the largest number of students from a single school.

Special thanks go to faculty advisor Ms. Fox for her dedication and guidance.

Hunter Students Shine at International Debate Competition

Hunter had three juniors – **Adithi A. '20**, **Sam A. '20**, and **Scott K. '20** – who competed in the 18th Annual Brewer Foundation/NYU International Public Policy Forum (IPFF) held at New York University in April. The HCHS team strongly represented the school and made it into the Elite Eight round after competing against more than 150 schools from around the world. While all of the earlier rounds involved writing papers to debate a resolution, oral debate was the format for the weekend. The final eight teams debated the topic "Resolved: U.S. Abdication of International Leadership Creates Dangerous Global Instability." Special thanks go to Ms. Lucash for her support and guidance.

Robotics Team Receives Awards for Innovation

The Hunter Robotics Team (RoHawks) put forth a significant effort this year and won awards at two regional competitions: the 2019 Innovation in Control award at the New York City Regional and the Creativity Award at the 2019 Hudson Valley Regional. The HCHS team showed well against rival schools Stuyvesant and Bronx High School of Science, making it to the semifinals of the New York City Regional competition.

The team expressed their gratitude to the HCHSAA for the donation to support their work through a video that featured statements from several RoHawks team members. The generous contributions of alumni have made their success at local and statewide meets possible. To see their video, please visit the following link: bit.ly/2TbdtC.



HCHS Takes National History Bee and Bowl with Multiple Wins

Congratulations to the Hunter History Bowl whose members won multiple awards at the National History Bee and Bowl National Championships held in April! Their performance at the National Bee concludes a spectacular year where HCHS teams had wins in every regional competition held throughout the season.

The Junior Varsity History Bowl team won their division of 96 teams, marking the school's second national championship! The team reclaimed the title following Hunter's last win in 2015 and came back from a narrow loss in 2017. They were led by the National Championship Team MVP **Pedro O. '21**, along with other team members **Cerulean O. '21**, **Ian L. '23**, and **Jacob H-B. '23**.

The Junior Varsity B Team finished in 14th place, with team members including **Andrew Z. '21**, **Michael B. '21**, and **Ella L. '21**.

The Varsity team came in 11th place in their division, led by Team Captain **Daniel Ma '19** and team members **Benjamin E. '20**, **Brian Lu '19**, and **Alexis Heng '19**.

Hunter's team members also had stellar performances in individual events, where their

ALUMNI NEWS

A Report from the Field

RUTH COBRINIK WILLIAMS '73

MY VERY EXCELLENT ADVENTURE AT THE SUPREME COURT

"Seize the day," the guard at 1501 K street cheerfully announced as he escorted me through the security turnstile to enter Sidley Austin's Washington DC offices. It seemed like a very auspicious beginning to a very important day – Monday, March 25, 2019. "*Carpe diem*," I replied. "Right back atcha," he said and we both giggled.

The guard could not have possibly known the significance of his words. Today was the day that a garden variety junk fax class action litigation against my company had found its way to oral argument at the Supreme Court of the United States. Today was the day that the incredible majesty and decorum of the Supreme Court would be revealed. Today was the day that a hot bench would generate rapid-fire questions and challenges for 60 minutes about the important constitutional issues of due process and separation of powers among the three branches of government.

Cue the music from *House of Cards* because a black Escalade with blacked-out windows was downstairs waiting to take the dream team and me from K Street to our date with destiny. The cherry trees had just bloomed, and it was a brilliant day as we drove past the corridors of power on our way to the Supreme Court. When we arrived, there was a line long enough to make one wonder if the newest Avengers movie had just opened. What a thrill to skip the line and walk up the imposing front steps and into a special entrance for counsel.

Once inside, what struck me was the friendliness and civility of everyone who worked at the Supreme Court. Their respect for the tradition they upheld was evident everywhere. When people share a responsibility to maintain the reputation of an institution of such importance, they behave differently. They were humble in the way that those who are truly proud of what they do can be humble.



Since I was being admitted to the Supreme Court Bar in open court that day, I went first to the Admissions Office to confirm that my paperwork was in order, before being escorted up to the lawyer's lounge. Once in the elevator, the clerk who escorted me asked me if he could give me some advice. With a twinkle in his eye, he said that next time I should hire more experienced counsel. Of course, we both knew he was joking because Carter Phillips would be arguing today before the Supreme Court for the 87th time.

The lawyer's lounge is reserved for the lawyers arguing cases that day, sort of a "green room" to relax in before the arguments. There are but one or two dozen

A PHOTO OF WILLIAMS WITH HER OUTSIDE COUNSEL TEAM ON THE COURTHOUSE STEPS. LEFT TO RIGHT, CARTER PHILLIPS AND KWAKU AKOWUAH FROM SIDLEY AUSTIN, THEN JEFF ROSENTHAL OF BLANK ROME.

lawyers who regularly argue cases before the Supreme Court. It's a tight-knit club and I enjoyed every minute of my guest privileges. Since the Supreme Court runs on time, at 9:45 the magistrate led me and the other attorneys who were being admitted to the Supreme Court Bar that day past the 44-foot high red velvet drapes and the marble entrance pillars into the courtroom.

I waved as subtly as possible to my best friend Debbie from elementary school and her husband Alan as I passed by en route to the front of the courtroom. Debbie and I had grown up together in New York City and attended P.S. 61 on East 12th Street. By chance, we reconnected last summer when my son Max and I visited colleges in Washington and Virginia. Debbie and Alan were excited to have reserved seats and I was just as excited to have them there.

Carter was up first to the podium: "Mr. Chief Justice and may it please the Court, my name is Carter Phillips and I am here to sponsor the application of Ruth Williams as a member of the Supreme Court Bar." There were 3 seconds of eye contact with Chief Justice Roberts as he confirmed that I was now admitted, and then I sat down. After everyone else had been admitted and taken the oath, I walked ten paces to take my seat at counsel table, the first row facing the justices. There were just four seats and four white quill pens - souvenirs of the accomplishment of just being there.

When you are at counsel table, you are looking up at the Justices because the massive mahogany bench behind which they sit is elevated. Justice Gorsuch was about ten feet away, and I was glad for the location of my seat because that man is very handsome - and appeared to be on the side of the good guys, meaning, our side. **Justice Elena Kagan '77**, a fellow alumna of Hunter College High School, and Justice Ginsburg (aka Notorious RBG), who was one of my professors at Columbia Law School, were laser-sharp in their questioning. I wasn't expecting the humor and the zany hypotheticals of Justices Gorsuch, Breyer and Alito, but enjoyed every minute.

What did it take to get here? Three years of lit-

igation, and then a wing and a prayer, otherwise known as a petition for certiorari, requesting the Supreme Court to hear our case. The odds are much better for any NFL football team to get to the Super Bowl than for certiorari to be granted by the Supreme Court. Each year 10,000 petitions for certiorari are filed and 75 are chosen. Despite the ridiculous odds, I thought our case was so fascinating and intellectually challenging that it would be catnip for the brilliant minds of the Supreme Court. The day we heard that certiorari had been granted, there was a lot of whooping and hollering going on.

The whole experience was fascinating. The captain and crew that I hired were not only brilliant, but great shipmates. They wrote briefs which were clear and easy to comprehend despite the complexities of the issues. I came along to a meeting with the Deputy Solicitor General of the United States and attorneys for six Federal agencies. We received *amicus curae* (friend of the court) briefs from six state attorneys general, as well as the State and Local Law Center and a University of Virginia professor of constitutional law. Altogether, the Justices and their law clerks read 12 briefs in advance of the oral argument.

When questions began, they really were questions. Not long speeches disguised as questions. The answers were real answers, not speeches disguised as answers. Watching a master at work was a breath-taking experience. Each side had 30 minutes to answer questions, and then Chief Justice Roberts announced "The case has been submitted." We left the courtroom and posed for photos at the top of the marble steps outside before getting back into our blacked-out Escalade to debrief at Sidley Austin's offices over lunch. Now we wait until a decision is announced before the Court breaks for summer.

When it was over, I walked back to The Hay-Adams Hotel to pick up my car for the drive home. My friend Debbie had asked the concierge to put a beautiful pink box of pink Ladurée French macaroons on the front seat of my car, and I confess that I ate half of them before reaching New Jersey. I couldn't stop smiling, and I couldn't stop singing lyrics from *The Sound of Music*: "Nothing comes from nothing, nothing ever could. So somewhere in my youth or childhood, I must have done something good". Win or lose, March 25th was a perfect day.

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Principal's Profile

BEN SAMUELS-KALOW '08

In August 2019, Creo College Prep in the South Bronx opened its doors for the first time to 104 eager fifth grade students. Leading the charter middle school for 5th through 8th graders is Founder & Head of School **Ben Samuels-Kalow '08**, whose trajectory towards education started at an early age and was pivotally shaped at Hunter.

Samuels-Kalow developed an affinity for teaching in childhood through his karate class, where he began teaching at age 15. As a senior at Hunter, he had the opportunity to serve as a Teacher's Assistant to Dr. Melman, who had been his tenth grade English teacher and had subsequently taught the subject to seventh graders. He recalls the day when Dr. Melman had been called out of the classroom because his first child was born. Samuels-Kalow was able to continue leading the class through the rest of the period and "keep the lesson going." From that point on, he knew that he wanted to become a teacher.

While at Hunter, he participated in the Debate team, Brick Prison theater, and the Washington Seminar in his junior and senior years. Through the Washington experience, he developed an interest in education policy. For college, Samuels-Kalow attended the University of Chicago that, ironically, does not have a school of education. He was able, however, to continue to gain experience in teaching by signing up for the Neighborhood Schools Program. He was



placed in a school called Hyde Park Academy on the South Side of Chicago, where he taught English classes within the International Baccalaureate program.

In his studies at the University of Chicago, Samuels-Kalow concentrated on public policy and urban education, with the goal of learning the history, context, and policy of teaching that falls outside of the classroom. Upon graduation, he applied to and was accepted by the New York City Teaching Residency program. He was placed at a top district public school in the Bronx – a school where only 40% of students were reading on grade level. This performance was twice as good as the next South Bronx middle school. After teaching for 5 years, he was selected for the Building Excellent Schools Fellowship that allowed him travel across the country and study high schools, with the goal of designing and opening one back in the Bronx.

After a year of travel, study, community engagement, and a hearing with the State Education Department, Creo College Prep was approved to open in August 2019. Samuels-Kalow feels that the public speaking oppor-

tunities he had at Hunter lent him confidence in describing the importance of the school to parents, students, and prospective teachers, all of whom left other jobs to be founders of Creo. He also credits the rigor of Hunter for developing foundational writing skills that, in part, provided the basis for him to write the Charter for Creo College Prep, “because I was writing long papers before I ever got to college.”

The core curriculum at Creo College Prep differs from that of traditional public schools. Although the school begins in fifth grade, Creo is founded on a middle school model. There are six core subjects that are taught every day by different teachers. Daily, students receive 100 minutes of instruction in English Language Arts and Math. They receive 50 minutes of instruction in science, social studies, computer science, and health and wellness. Portions of the curriculum are developed by Creo’s teachers, specifically computer science and health and wellness. The health and wellness program is formed from a combination of physical education and mindfulness work, and is a direct response to the health outcomes for children

in the South Bronx. The advisory curriculum is also tailor made for Creo, consisting of skill and character building that happens within the context of the school. As a charter school, Creo College Prep has the flexibility to choose its curriculum in exchange for accountability—the school will undergo a performance review by the State Education Department every five years for as long as it operates.

The school day at Creo is also longer than most public schools, beginning at 7:30 am and ending at 4:45 pm. Due to this extended school day, Creo College Prep students receive the equivalent of 75 additional days of instruction compared to New York City public schools, which allows for the broader curriculum and dedicated intervention and support time for every student.

Learn more about the school at creoprep.org

Creo’s student body is drawn from over 60 different elementary schools across the Bronx, and comes from schools where, on average, only one in four students are able to read on grade level. 20% of students come in with special needs, 15% are English Language Learners, and approximately 10% of students have some sort of speech disability that requires additional support and services. Samuels-Kalow and his team are committed to those students being prepared to thrive in college and graduate in 2031. As the years progress, they hope to expand the school to high school.

In referencing his time at Hunter, Samuels-Kalow feels that “young people were given the opportunity to really dive deep on topics... and we were empowered to ask tough questions to people who got to make those decisions. I haven’t felt that level of intellectual engagement in every place I’ve been and that should exist in every school. That motivates me in the kind of school that I want for my own students in the Bronx.”

ALUMNA ELECTED TO THE NATIONAL ACADEMY OF SCIENCES

Gloria Coruzzi '72, a professor in New York University's Department of Biology, is among this year's scientists elected to the National Academy of Sciences (NAS). A private, nonprofit society of distinguished scholars, members are elected to the NAS by their peers for outstanding contributions to research.

Coruzzi, who is the Carroll and Milton Petrie Professor at NYU, researches plant systems biology and evolutionary genomics, implementing a variety of approaches to identify gene networks that are the foundation of biological regulatory mechanisms that control nitrogen use and the evolution of seeds. She received a bachelor's degree from Fordham University and earned a doctorate in molecular and cell biology from the NYU School of Medicine.

She is among 100 new members and 25 foreign associates to join the NAS this year. Past members of the NAS include Albert Einstein, Margaret Mead, Thomas Edison, Orville Wright, and Alexander Graham Bell. Fellow Hunterite **Linda Fried '66, M.D., MPH** is also a member of the NAS.

LINDA FRIED '66, M.D., MPH HONORED BY THE WOMEN IN MEDICINE LEGACY FOUNDATION

This year's recipient of the Alma Dei Morani Renaissance Woman Award is **Linda Fried '66**, Dean of Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health. The award, which is the highest honor bestowed by The Women in Medicine Legacy Foundation, was named for Alma Dei Morani, M.D., the first woman

admitted to the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons.

Fried has led a distinguished career as a scientist and clinician and is internationally recognized for her pioneering efforts in the fields of epidemiology and geriatrics. As Dean, she has founded programs that have ranked Mailman among the top five U.S. schools in public health. Fried has received numerous awards and is an elected member of the National Academy of Sciences' National Academy of Medicine, serving on its executive council. She is also co-chair of the World Economic Forum's Global Futures Council on the Future of Human Enhancement.

LAURA AURICCHIO '86 APPOINTED AS DEAN OF FORDHAM UNIVERSITY'S LINCOLN CENTER CAMPUS

Laura Auricchio '86 was appointed Dean of Fordham College at Lincoln Center, with her tenure at the school beginning in August 2019. She is the first woman to be named dean of Fordham's Manhattan campus, which was founded in 1968. She arrives at the college following a six-month, nationwide search and an executive transition that took over a year.

Previously, Auricchio spent seventeen years at The New School, initially as a professor and subsequently as vice provost for curriculum and learning. She holds a deep commitment to Fordham's mission, including the promotion of diversity on the campus. It is anticipated that she will further cultivate community between the University's Bronx and Manhattan campuses while retaining the unique character of the Lincoln Center school. Auricchio is also the author of *The Marquis: Lafayette Reconsidered* (Knopf

Doubleday Publishing Group 2015), which won the American Library in Paris Book Award in 2015 and was the presenter at an HCHSAA book talk in the same year.

HUNTER COLLEGE PRESIDENT RECOGNIZED BY NEW YORK LANDMARKS CONSERVANCY

President **Jennifer Raab '73** was among the recipients of the New York Landmarks Conservancy's Chairman Award. Now in its 31st year, the Chairman's Award is presented to a leader or company that has shown a significant commitment to the revitalization and preservation of the historic architecture of New York City. Raab was recognized for leading the renovation of Hunter College's Roosevelt House, in which the former residence of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt was transformed to serve as the Roosevelt House Public Policy Institute. The facility hosts an active roster of undergraduate programs designed to engage students and also has a schedule of public programs open to all. Before taking on the role of President at Hunter College, Raab

spent seven years in service of the New York Landmarks Conservancy as the organization's Chair.

A TEDx TALK ABOUT THE QUALITY OF FOOD

Larry Olmsted '84 gave a TEDx talk at the University of Nevada Reno, the nation's premiere TEDx venue, entitled "Rethinking Whole Foods." In his presentation, Olmsted delved into topics revealed in his bestselling 2016 book, *Real Food/Fake Food* (Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill 2016). He discussed how today's consumer culture actually encourages us to get *less* for more money and how, in many instances, the quality and authenticity of what we purchase in the supermarket and at restaurants is questionable. To see Olmsted's TEDx talk, visit <https://bit.ly/2Cu1QDq>.

A TONY-NOMINATED PRODUCTION GOES STRONG ON BROADWAY... AND IN FILM!

Jane Dubin '74, a co-producer of the hit Broadway musical *The Prom*, announced that the show was nominated for seven Tony





SEATED: SUE LEUNG EICHLER
(FORMER FACULTY), JEAN KWOK (RIGHT)

awards including Best Musical. The show is about Big Broadway Stars. A Small Town. And a Love that Unites them All. A group of alums joined Dubin at the show in November 2018. The show's Broadway run concluded in August 2019. Due to the success of the play, *The Prom* will be adapted to the screen by Netflix, with cast members including Meryl Streep, Nicole Kidman, and James Corden. The film is anticipated for release in 2020.

NEW YORK TIMES BESTSELLING AUTHOR RETURNS TO NEW YORK

Celebrated writer **Jean Kwok '86** returned to New York for a series of reading engagements for her latest novel, *Searching for Sylvie Lee* (William Morrow 2019). The book focuses on the lives of a Chinese-American immigrant family whose charismatic, independent eldest daughter has gone missing overseas. The text chronicles the search for Sylvie and the family secrets that are unearthed in that process.

Just released in June 2019, the book received advance acclaim from reviewers at publications including *Marie Claire*, *PopSugar*, and *Booklist*. *Shelf Awareness* described the novel as "A compelling story of how the unsaid can powerfully shape families

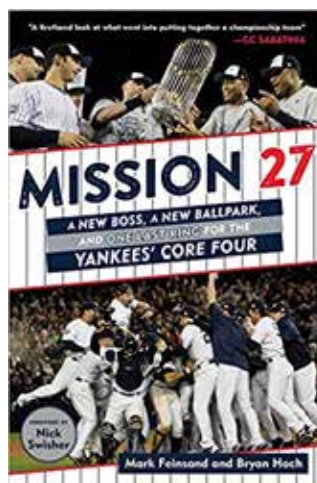
and lives." In addition to the recognition Kwok has received for her writings, she was also named a Hunter College High School Distinguished Graduate in 2012.

Kwok, who now lives in the Netherlands, also authored the books *Girl in Translation* (Penguin Publishing Group 2011) and *Mambo in Chinatown* (Penguin Publishing Group 2015). She gave a reading of *Searching for Sylvie Lee* at the Asian American Writers' Workshop in June, and was the featured speaker at the HCHSAA's Autumn Reception in 2011.

AN INSIDER'S LOOK AT THE NEW YORK YANKEES' CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON

Sports Writer **Mark Feinsand '92** just released his latest book, *Mission 27: A New Boss, A New Ballpark, and One Last Ring for The Yankees' Core Four* (Triumph Books 2019). *Mission 27* takes an in depth look at the 2009 World Series champion New York Yankees and their longstanding key players – Derek Jeter, Mariano Rivera, Jorge Posada, and Andy Pettitte – who led the franchise to capture baseball's ultimate prize for a league-leading twenty-seventh time.

The book is comprised of interviews with players, team executives, broadcasters, and other industry insiders and the Foreword



to *Mission 27* was written by retired Yankees first baseman Nick Swisher. Released at the beginning of June, the book has already become an Amazon Best Seller.

Feinsand, who also authored *The New York Yankees Fans' Bucket List*, has been a sports writer for over two decades, exclusively covering Major League Baseball since 2001. Since 2017, he has been Exclusive Reporter for MLB.com, writing about the entire league on a national level. He participated in a baseball roundtable in Manhattan in June.

CHRONICLING THE LIFE OF A PARALYMPIC ATHLETE

Pola Rapoport '73 was invited for a month-long Artist's Residency at

the Yaddo Artists' Colony in Saratoga Springs, New York. In her residency, Rapoport will be editing her new documentary film, *Marieke: Death and the Racer*.

The film is centered on the life of paralyzed Belgian athlete Marieke Vervoort, who is a Paralympic champion in the sport of women's wheelchair racing. Vervoort has medaled at two Paralympic games, winning Gold in the 100 meters and Silver in the 200 meters in London (2012) and Silver in the 400 meters and Bronze in the 100 meters in Rio (2016). She also won three World Championship Gold medals in Doha, Qatar (2015) in the 100, 200, and 400-meter races.

Vervoort suffers from a degenerative disease that has slowly and painfully robbed her of mobility from the legs upward. She has planned to take control of her decline by planning for medical aid-in-dying. In order to decide upon her date of death, Vervoort retained Dr. Wim Distelmans as her personal euthanasia doctor. In her film, Rapoport has captured a detailed portrait of Vervoort's life, including her relationships with her parents, friends, and partners.

Alumnae/i in Pictures...

A PHOTO FROM JUDITH SEGAL ZABAR, JAN. '50

January 1950 alums meet at Arizona State University (ASU). Left to right: **Judy SEGAL Zabar**, **Muriel GELLERT Magenta**, **Florence COHEN Sacks**. Professor Magenta teaches media arts at ASU.



A WINTER'S GATHERING FOR THE CLASS OF JAN. '53

Sunday brunch for six alums wintering or living in Sarasota and Venice, Florida from the class of January 1953. Seated left to right: **Nancy SCHNEIDER Robinson**, **Pat ELDER Ryan**, **Ruby KOENIGSBERG Vogelfanger**. Standing left to right: **Juliette COMPARTE Muscat '52**, **Irma JAFFE Becker**, **Elizabeth (Betty) BROOKS Balsam**



TAKING THE FILM WORLD BY STORM

Filmmaker **Kevin Chiu '13** made an appearance on the red carpet (far right of the photo) at the Cannes Film Festival in May. He was there as part of the team that made the Mexican/American short film *Non Citizens*, which was submitted for Cannes' Short Film Corner. Chiu was Director of Photography for the short and the piece marks his ongoing collaboration with Mexican director and choreographer Fernando Salazar.

Five years ago, Chiu made a reunion video for **Susan Spector '64** and the Class of 1964 that was presented at the General Assembly for their fiftieth reunion. He was recommended for the assignment by Dr. Tony Fisher, HCHS Principal. The video was a smashing success and his work received compliments in the years that followed.

THE ALUMNAE/I ASSOCIATION

HCHSAA Board Member Spotlight



After completing her studies at Hunter College High School **Christine Jung '01** graduated from Harvard College with a degree in History in 2005 and from the New York University School of Law in 2008. She then worked as a corporate lawyer at the law firms of Ropes & Gray LLP, Carter Ledyard & Milburn LLP and Garvey Schubert Barer, and currently serves as an Associate General Counsel at the New York Racing Association.

AN: Why were you inspired to apply for HCHSAA Board membership?

CJ: I was inspired to apply for HCHSAA Board membership because I've always been grateful for my education at HCHS and wanted to give back. Even from my earliest HCHS days as a seventh grader, I remember feeling distinctly impressed by how bright my classmates and the student body in general were, and how much there was both intellectual freedom and rigor. Over time, I also learned how demanding (in the best sense) and caring the faculty were, and how they always pushed me a little bit past my comfort zone. They challenged me to try things that I might not otherwise have been inclined to do, such as join the debate team and go to Camp Rising Sun.

AN: What aspects of your career do you feel

prepared you to sit on the HCHSAA Board?

CJ: The primary work of the HCHSAA Board takes place at the monthly meetings, any committee meetings and any preparatory work that you undertake to advance the agendas for the respective meetings. To be an effective board member, you have to do your due diligence and research and eventually advocate for a position, which I think are also critical skills for attorneys to have. At my law firms, I've also served on a plethora of committees, such as the Hiring Committee and the Associate Development Committee, which I think has familiarized me with the procedures for workflow and consensus building.

AN: What aspects of your education at HCHS do you feel prepared you for Board membership?

CJ: At HCHS, I think that having a questioning mindset was welcomed, in addition to never being afraid to express a minority opinion, so long as you had the proper evidentiary support. Also, I think that getting involved and participating were always emphasized, with the thought that if you want to contribute to improvements, you should roll up your sleeves and volunteer to help.

AN: What can you share with other HCHS alums to encourage them to apply for Board membership?

CJ: The Governance Committee really takes a thoughtful and thorough approach to the Board selection process, and carefully considers each applicant's personal statement, other written materials and interview. The takeaway is that you should not hesitate to apply for Board membership if you are eager to contribute to the HCHSAA – that's the key factor we look for.

AN: What do you feel is the most important contribution you've made?

CJ: When I served on the Programs

Committee, **Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61** and I inaugurated the Lunar New Year museum tours and corresponding dinners at the Museum of Chinese in America. This was the culmination of building on the contacts made and ideas percolated by prior Board members, and reaching out to **Nancy YAO Maasbach '90**, who is President of the Museum of Chinese in America. Also, through my work on the Grants Committee, it's been fulfilling to see how the student groups use the funds, such as demonstrating at the annual Reunion the workings of the robot they constructed from scratch.

AN: What has been your greatest satisfaction serving on the board? What is the biggest challenge?

CJ: It's been a great satisfaction to get to know alumni from a wide range of class years, working in a variety of professional fields, and see how dedicated they are to advancing HCHS' best interests. I also enjoy hearing about how Hunter has influenced their lives. In terms of the biggest challenge, it takes a tremendous amount of coordination to implement initiatives, as the Board must also (rightly so) communicate and align with various other stakeholders.

AN: Do you serve on the board of other schools or organizations?

CJ: No, but I volunteer as an alumna interviewer for my college Schools Committee.

AN: Have you made any interesting connections being on the board?

CJ: If anything, being on the board has allowed to reconnect with old classmates. For example, at the inaugural Purple Society reception, held in March 2019, I was able to reconnect with some Hunter classmates I had not spoken to in years, and it was great to catch up.



The Multicultural Visit Program (MVP)

In May, Hunter hosted its MVP, the Multicultural Visit Program, designed to introduce families from under-represented groups to the high school. This year, the school welcomed nearly eighty families to learn about HCHS from its most knowledgeable members, the student body. The Saturday morning program was sponsored in part by the HCHSAA.

Student panelists responded to questions posed by HCHS Principal, Dr. Tony Fisher, on subjects including time management, academic support, and involvement in extracurricular clubs and sports. The panelists – **Madison Ambrose '19**, **Cheyenne Willis '19**, **Abigail R. '23**, and **Jada M. '24** – were all from African-American or Latinx communities. Their responses to questions included finding solidarity in cultural clubs including AACS, the African-American Cultural Society; and HOLA, Hunter's Organization of Latin Americans.

When asked about a key moment that sparked a passion for learning, Madison replied that she had written an eleventh-grade independent

paper on the Black Power movement. Abigail stated that, through HOLA, she had found solidarity, "[as] there are not a lot of students who look like me." Cheyenne indicated that, as AACS Co-President, some of her closest friends were from that club. Jada found a close community of friends through running track.

In relation to time management, some of the students shared that they took time to complete homework assignments during free periods or on their way to sports meets. They also described the benefit of gatherings where the entire student body came together, such as Spirit Day at Bear Mountain.

MOCA Food Tour

The HCHSAA organized an exclusive evening group visit to the Museum of Chinese in America in Lower Manhattan in May. HCHS alumna and MOCA President **Nancy YAO Maasbach '90** and her staff welcomed our group to the museum. The event started with a brief, after-hours exploration of the new temporary exhibit, *The Moon Represents My Heart: Music, Memory and Belonging* that had just opened.

Then Stephanie Zank, Museum Educator, led us on a food tour. We sampled dishes representing several regions in China paired with some wine. We had baked roast pork bun from Mei Li Wah (<https://meiliwah.com/>) representing Southern China; next, we sampled spicy cumin lamb burger and Chang'an spicy tofu from Xi'an Famous Foods (<https://www.xianfoods.com/>) representing Western China. Then we tasted the night market crispy chicken from Taiwan Bear House (<http://www.taiwanbearhouse.com/>) representing Taiwan, and its diverse Chinese heritage. Finally, we finished our meal with the original flavor sponge cake from the long-established Kam Hing Coffee Shop. Following the wonderful food tasting, Nancy led us on an overview of the Museum's permanent exhibit. We had 21 attendees, covering a wide range of graduation years. All who gathered had a great time. —Eniko Horvath



SPOTLIGHT ON GIVING

What are corporate matching gift programs?

Employee matching gift programs are a type of corporate philanthropy set up to encourage employees to give back to their communities. These companies encourage community outreach by making donations to the same nonprofits that their employees have donated to.

Matching gift programs have become quite widespread, but many donors have not heard of them or aren't aware of their own match-eligibility. \$4-7 billion in matching gift revenue is left on the table each year because donors are not aware that their company, or their spouse's, participates.

The specifics of these programs vary from company to company, but the elements that shape these guidelines are always the same:

MATCH RATIO

This defines what kind of donation the company will make in relation to the employee's initial contribution. A 1:1 ratio indicates that the company will donate the exact same amount, doubling the contribution to the employee's chosen nonprofit.

MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM

The minimum refers to the amount an employee must donate to qualify for a matching gift. The maximum is the total amount that a company will donate in matching contributions per employee annually.

EMPLOYEE STATUS

Sometimes, the employee's role at the company can affect the match that they qualify for. For example, Gap Inc. offers a \$1,000 maximum to part-time employees and a \$10,000 maximum to Senior VP's.

NONPROFIT ELIGIBILITY

Some programs offer different matches based on the nonprofit being donated to. ExxonMobil offers a higher match for donations made to educational institutions than for donations made to cultural organizations.

DEADLINE

Every program identifies a deadline when the matching gift request must be submitted by the employee. This deadline can be either a firm date (December 31st is common) or a threshold based on the date of the initial donation (90 days after donation is made). Thousands of companies offer matching gift programs. A few examples include:

- Johnson & Johnson — Triples donations with a 2:1 match for current employees while also doubling donations (a 1:1 match) for retirees.
- Bank of America — Matches donations 1:1 up to \$5,000 annually per employee.
- Home Depot — Matches donations 1:1 up to \$3,000 annually per employee.

To learn more contact: giving@hchsaa.org

In Fiscal Year 2019, the Alumnae/i Association gave a total of \$159,595 in grants to the high school and to student awards. The programs that the HCHSAA supported are as follows:

Ten Real Care Babies,* which give tenth grade students an opportunity to reflect on the experience of caring for a child

Health books for middle school classes on topics that include gender identity, self-esteem, bullying, etc.

Funds to subsidize tournament participation costs for the Debate Team

New furniture for the library

Funds to subsidize tournament costs for the Robotics Club

Continuing support for the Visiting Artists Series

Funds to allow teachers and students to attend Diversity Conferences – the National Association of Independent Schools People of Color Conference, the NY State Association of Independent Schools Diversity Conference and the NY City Diversity Awareness Initiative for Students. These important diversity conferences are dedicated to helping schools deal with issues of diversity, and faculty members continue to come back with important professional development activities for the entire faculty.

Funding for Hallways, a program of the Freedom Institute, a not-for-profit organization that provides educational programming for groups of students. These include self-esteem sessions for early high school grades and social leadership sessions (with an eye toward responsible behavior in college) for later high school grades.

A new Peer Leadership Program for ninth grade students. Workshops covered a wide range of topics from coping with stress and anxiety to how to make good, healthy decisions in new and challenging social situations.

Weight Room Equipment for the Health & PE department.

The tenth-grade Field Trip to Philadelphia, one of the crucial hubs of the American Revolution, to visit the Museum of the American Revolution, Liberty Bell and other sites.

*NY Times article: <https://www.nytimes.com/2019/06/14/nyregion/real-care-baby-infant-simulator.html>

The impact of these programs can be substantial. Microsoft has been known to match over \$48 million worth of employee donations to schools and 501(c)(3) nonprofits in a single year. More than 18 million employees work for companies with matching gift programs. You might be one of them.

If you want to help Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association and support Hunter High, we encourage you to check with your employer to see if your company offers matching gifts. Last year we received 78 matching gift pledges and payments, which helped us raise an additional \$19,000. We've set a goal of raising an additional \$5,000 from matching gifts this year and if we meet that goal, we'll be able to better fulfill our mission to sustain a social and professional network for alumnae/i and to provide support to the high school and its students. With your support we can do that.

A partial listing of companies with matching gift programs can be found on our website at www.hchsaa.org/file/matching-gift-companies-new.pdf. You can find up-to-date, company-specific program guidelines and links to the online matching gift request forms offered by contacting your HR Department. Our Tax ID is below.

We wish we could submit the required form for you, but unfortunately the employee must submit the matching gift request to their employer directly. We appreciate you taking a few minutes to double your donation.

Our Tax ID: 13-3953396



P E R S P E C T I V E S O N

Then... a





nd Now

On Saturday June 1, Hunter opened its doors to its milestone classes, welcoming them (and welcoming them back, in some cases) to the high school. For those alumnae/i graduating in years ending in “4” and “9,” it was a weekend filled with celebrations.

Some classes held their parties on Friday evening, before the Alumnae/i Association’s event the next morning. Others held their gatherings on Saturday night or on Sunday afternoon. Regardless of meeting time, the get togethers were convivial and laced with memories.

The morning kicked off with class meetups held in the classrooms of the school. Thirty alumnae represented the class of 1959 for their sixtieth reunion, and more than fifty alumnae were present from the class of 1969, for their fiftieth. Additionally, the second annual Black and Latinx Meetup was held for alums of all classes, irrespective of milestone year.

Events proceeded with the General Assembly. Following introductions by HCHSAA board president **Lawrence Chan '99**, and board members **Claudia Justy '66** and **Claire Friedman '03**, Lisa Siegmann, Director of the Hunter College Campus Schools welcomed all alumnae/i to the school. She shared some of the high school students’ achievements during the year including in the sciences, History Bowl, and on the Debate team. Siegmann also spoke briefly about an innovative capital campaign at the school, The Glass Box, where a two-story, windowed addition will be built to bring light into the building.

A stirring performance by **Abe Gold '19** followed and alumnae/i were treated to a video of Hunter’s Robotics team, which had won awards at two regional competitions this year.

At the General Assembly, alumni took to the stage to speak – and sing (like the Class of '59 did) – of the school’s praises. The roster of speakers for the day began with **Margaret Dawson '44**. She and her classmates marked the 75th anniversary of their graduation from the high school!

A recurring theme at the Assembly was *Then... and Now*. We listened to the recollections of alumnae who had attended Hunter during the years of the Great Depression and World War II, and who told of classmates who had fled Nazi Germany.

Class presenters continued through the years and brought up highlights of their class’ Hunter experience. While the varied aspects of their learning had changed between the decades, the dedication of the school’s teachers remained constant and was a crucial factor in alumnae/i’s experience at the school. In this special Reunion issue, we share some of their comments and the weekend’s activities with you.

JUNE 1944

Class Coordinator: Margaret Dawson

I want to remind my fellow classmates that when we were six years old and entered the first grade, Franklin Roosevelt was President. And when we graduated Hunter College High School, in '44, Franklin Roosevelt was still president! ... I won't go through the history, but I do know that these gals of June '44, we had come through quite a number of adventures. First of all, our childhood was through the Great Depression. And we knew, some of us, how it was to be hungry sometimes.

—Margaret Dawson

JANUARY 1949

Class Coordinators: Mildred Speiser, Harriet KONSTADT Sherman, and Rhea Plottel

I wanted to say something about "then" and "now." Then means seventy years ago. Did you know that seventy years ago there were six entrance exams to get into Hunter High? To get into seventh grade, ninth grade, tenth grade. And it was done twice a year. And then eventually it was changed to what we have now – one exam a year. At that time when I was preparing to enter Hunter High, believe it or not, I must have been about eleven years old, I wrote and asked for a copy of the exam. I want you to know it was sent to me. I guess after that they decided they'd better say no...

It [is] important for the alumnae/i in the audience to know it was the January '49 class that founded the Alumnae Association when it had an all-female student body.

Oh, yes, we attended the old High School building on 68th Street. There was no lunchroom so we ate in the classrooms or attended

all kinds of meetings that met in the classrooms.

HCHS was all female, as was the faculty, and the principal – one exception, Jimmy, the elevator operator. One last short commentary: the classes were identified as A, B, C, D, AG, S, JA, JB, JC. That identified what language you were taking, when you entered, etc.

—Mildred Speiser

CLASS PARTY
JANUARY
1949

It was our 70th year! Yes, there were a few representatives from our class for Saturday's reunion at the high school and that was terrific. Rhea Plottel invited our class to her home on Sunday. So our classmates attended both days.

Cecelia VIGUIE Nunez came the longest distance from Maryland. Harriet KONSTADT Sherman came all the way from Brooklyn. It was great seeing and catching up with those that came.

—Mildred Speiser

JUNE 1949

Class Coordinators: Bernice (Bunny) WORMAN Hauser and Florence (Flo) REIF Richman

In 1945, I fitted into the mold of the compliant female when around the opposite sex... Demonstrating my "opinions" and "smarts", I surmised, would distance the boys from me and make them uncomfortable with a studious, high achieving young lady -- but these covert and not fully formed impressions propelled me toward Hunter – I chose HCHS to let my voice soar, to give me confidence, to have a chance to excel in academics, to fulfill my passions for the theatre and for community service and to embrace the diverse female student body that then made up HCHS... So fast forward – is anyone minding the store to ensure gender equity in all the classrooms, in all after school activities, in each and every activity that permeates and ensures success?

—Bunny WORMAN Hauser

CLASS PARTY
JUNE
1949

A group of 14 "49-ers" (June class) gathered at the home of Florence REIF Richman to share a lunch along with lots of wonderful memories, laughs, and good times. Years seem to evaporate when we talk with one-another about events of long ago. With but a few walking sticks visible, the group was spry and full of enthusiasm. We shared notes from a few classmates who couldn't be there in person - and many hugs as we bade each other goodbye - til next time!

—Flo REIF Richman

1954

Class Coordinators: Barbara MCCALL Corkey and Ina ROSEN Rubenstein

We were among the classes that first faced the incursion of male teachers – Mr. Haley, Mr.





Harvey, Mr. O'Neill, Mr. Slauson, Mr. Bergerson, and Mr. Raphael – a diversity imposed by Dr. Cyril Woolcock, the new principal from Ohio. Some folks were horrified, others overjoyed, but the new teachers had to get used to us, not the other way around.

One day I was walking down the first-floor hall after class and I heard the most gorgeous sounds coming out of room – 111, I guess it was. The door was closed, and the president of the Glee Club was having her private practice session. It was miraculous to me that a girl just a year older than I could produce that music. And if anyone tells you that you can be whatever you want to be, you can't be **Martina Arroyo, Jan. '53**, who went on to a very successful career in the Metropolitan Opera, and even though we didn't know each other, she will always be the president of the Glee Club to me.

—Katharine DAVIS Fishman

1959

Class Coordinator: Deborah HARTLEY Forchielli

My name is Debbie, and I'm here with thirty of my closest friends.

Sixty years ago, we delighted in being seniors. Today, we're 76, 77. We're seniors; we may not be so delighted any more. Looking back at 1959, a little of the history. Our income average was about \$5,000 dollars. A house cost about \$12,400. A car cost about \$2,200. Think of that if you're only on a five-year track here. That's payment, right, a month. Gas was 25 cents a gallon.

I think I filled up yesterday for close to \$40 something dollars. And bread was 20 cents...

CLASS PARTY 1959

The Class of 1959 held two events for classmates and guests.

On Saturday evening we had a dinner at Sarabeth's in the Hotel Wales. We thought since the Hotel was the selection of the HCHSAA to accommodate Sabbath Observant attendees it would be a good location for the dinner.

On Sunday we held a Brunch at Orsay French Restaurant on 75th and Lexington. On their recommendation, we used Park East Kosher to handle Kosher meals. The guests who had them were pleased with the selections made to match the Orsay menu for the other

guests. Everyone was quite pleased with the Orsay menu.

Both restaurants were recommended by classmates as venues they had been pleased with for personal events. In both cases the contacts from each location were very good to work with.

— Debbie HARTLEY Forchielli

1964

Class Coordinators: Peppy Dubno and Susan Spector

CLASS PARTY 1964

Thursday night, May 30th, Susan Spector and I planned and organized a dinner for our class. Eighteen women were able to come. The dinner was held at Nice Matin at 79th and Amsterdam Avenue in Manhattan. We had a little cocktail hour before the dinner where we all got reacquainted. Many of us had not met since our 50th reunion or even longer, though there were several women who were in regular contact with each other. Most who attended are living in the New York area, but we had attendees from Berkeley, CA and Washington DC.

There was much chattering at dinner and then in order for us all to share our stories - we went around the table telling everyone about our lives since high school. Many have retired from their varied careers. Fewer are still working either full or part time. Several women had changes in career paths through their working lives, some totally changed from their initial focus. Those who are grandparents emphasized how much that has enriched their lives.

All in all, a good time was had by all and we are looking forward to our 60th milestone year!

—Peppy Dubno

The Class of '64 continued reunion celebrations in July in Princeton, NJ. We had a grand time in the college town and shared in a sense of warmth and satisfaction in spending time with one another. We are such a vibrant, chatty, opinionated, self-actualized group! Thanks to Jill KOGAN Blake and others for taking photos.

—Gareth MANN Sitz

1969*

Class Coordinators: Jane Elkoﬀ and Diane Tabakman

Class Speaker: Laura GLICK Enav-Farhi

Hello, I am Laura. At school I was Laura Glick. I am not a celebrity nor well-known for anything.

I am honored to stand here today and represent the smart little 11-year-olds who more than 50 years ago took, and passed, the prestigious Hunter Test – without Test Prep.

In our Senior year we had a program called Humanities. It was an interdisciplinary program – English, Social Studies, the Arts, Music, Dance. The topic was Man, Mankind. No grades. We had to write papers. If your paper came back and on the last page it said, “Very nice work”, you went home and cried. “Very nice work!” How dull. What was considered a good paper? A paper that came back with different color ink all over it, in different handwriting, comments and criticism in the margins, it meant that your paper had been read by more than one teacher, that it had sparked interest and controversy. That was the paper you aspired to write.

—Laura GLICK Enav-Farhi

*Note: Eunice Reddick, a '69 alumna and U.S.

Ambassador with a lengthy track record of service for the Department of State, was this year's Distinguished Graduate speaker at the HCCHS Commencement.

CLASS PARTY 1969

On Friday, May 31st, we embraced reunion spirit through the gracious hospitality of Susan PEREZ Sarant, an HCCHS '69 classmate who opened her house to the entire class - inviting us to arrive as early as red eye flight arrival times into the evening. What a warm and hospitable environment for us to catch up with each other, as we changed to a different couch or chair to break into another conversation and learn about the last fifty years of other old friends!

Saturday was more formal at the current campus schools, with touching presentations by the milestone classes, followed by a lovely luncheon buffet in the courtyard. Several of the presentations brought tears to our eyes – tears of joy, memory, sadness, and recognition





of the Hunter experience. Laura GLICK Enav-Farhi represented our class very touchingly. It was a wonderful morning! The lunch was followed by some further options, including visits to the Castle on 68th Street and a tour of the Conservatory Garden in Central Park.

On Sunday, the Class of '69 had its reunion luncheon at Bottino's, a Tuscan restaurant in West Chelsea. In an indoor/outdoor setting, seventy-five of us couldn't stop reveling in being together. We came from many corners of the world and from all over the U.S. to be there. And the restaurant had a hard time chasing us out when it came time to leave! We are all looking forward to our next reunion!

—Denise FRANK Battat

1974

Class Coordinators: Adrienne MULLER Camesas, Joy Hecht, and Maria PARAY LaMalfa

Class Speaker: Audrey Roth

We started in The Castle in the heat of the Vietnam protests. I remember mace wafting through the corridors as we walked from lunch in the College cafeteria back to The Castle, where we got dismissed. We began relationships that have lasted over fifty years. For me, it was about being around others like me: who thought deeply, and weirdly. We were smart and we were smart-alecs. The best teachers loved that about us.

—Audrey Roth (video)

CLASS PARTY 1974

The combined class of those who entered in 1968 and 1969 and graduated in 1973, 74, and 75 held a spirited reception in the 8th floor faculty dining room at Hunter College West, thanks to the generous support of classmate (and Hunter College president) Jennifer Raab '73. Approximately 50 women attended, and we had a grand time talking, taking photos, "singing to our school," and partaking in a lavish repast. We all looked marvelous and not a day over 50!! We are looking forward to a much larger gathering for our 50th and encourage everyone to keep in touch with each other and the Alumnae/i Association.

—Adrienne MULLER Camesas, Joy Hecht, and Maria PARAY LaMalfa

1979

Class Coordinators: Janine Cirincione and Odella Woodson

Class Speakers: Katharine Schmidt (video), Lisa Jones (live speech)

The most important thing to know about the Class of 79, some of whom graduated early in 78, is that we were the last all-female entering class. I think that all of us from the Class of 79 hope that the girls and women of Hunter today have the same opportunities at the school that we did. Our social studies teacher, Ira Marienhoff, rest his soul, a favorite of mine and my friend Mindy Giberstone's, used to call us "Women of the World, Femmes Fatales" ...

—Katharine Schmidt (video)

I still have the little piece of paper that says, "Your daughter will be entered into the pre-school class of 1965." But, more importantly, I am a black girl from Harlem. My mother worked for Shell Corporation. We got on the bus on Fifth Avenue and 112 Street and came into a totally different world. I went to Hunter in the original building on 69th Street, and my mother worked at One Rockefeller Plaza. Then, to come back home to a totally different experience is at the foundation of my being.

—Lisa Jones (live speech)

CLASS PARTY 1979

The class of '79 -- the last all-female class! -- celebrated for nearly 36 hours on reunion weekend. About 10 members filled a row and a half in the auditorium at the high school, including Katharine Schmidt, who had spoken of the vibrant diversity in the class of '79 in her video message, and Lisa Jones, who delivered an impassioned on-the-spot speech recounting her experience as a Black Hunterite from Harlem, and urged the audience to help make it possible for more Black and Latino students to



find their way to Hunter again.

Towards the evening on Saturday, a crowd eventually numbering close to 50 gathered at a party in the West 90s that was planned by Odella Woodson. Attendees came from the neighborhood, from California; Vancouver, Canada; Florida; Germany; and Taiwan; among other places. Former classmates fell into each other's arms, traded photos and Twitter handles, and shared countless rounds of laughter to a sound track of hits from the '70s and a set by a jazz guitarist, and a performance by a stand-up comic. Many of those who stayed on through the evening came back for brunch the next day, taking the party all the way to cocktail hour. We are looking forward to doing it again in five years and hope to see some of our classmates who couldn't make it this time! Go class of '79!

—Katharine Schmidt

1984

Class Coordinators: Emma Kerins, Howard Shiau, and Raymond Tsao

Class Speakers: Andrew Cheu (video), Mari HOASHI Franklin (live speech)

One of the most profound lessons I learned was surprisingly from [my] least favorite class; ninth grade social studies with Richard Plass. He always made sure that we had critical thinking in mind. Look at the source. What information are you getting? In this challenging time of ours, critical thinking is the most important thing we need to have. This is what binds us all together as Hunterites: the ability to have critical thinking.

—Andrew Cheu (video)

This is a women's group and we have successfully raised men who love women. Who love women who are strong and smart, who expect us to be independent, who expect us to be leaders, who expect us to stand up for ourselves, and who expect to stand up for us.

—Mari HOASHI Franklin (live speech)

CLASS PARTY 1984

We had an incredible class event on Saturday evening with 97 attendees including plus ones totaling over 43 % of our class, including quite a few first timers (who I think will now be reunion regulars...!) We had attendees from Canada, the Bahamas, California, Wisconsin, Texas and North Carolina to name a few places. We gathered in a funky loft space with a speakeasy theme in midtown and had a great dinner, some lovely wine and pounds and pounds of Veniero's pastries for the out of towners craving old school food! After midnight,

a group of about 35 diehards went out until 3am—not bad for a bunch of old fogies :). The warmth and love in the room was palpable – just sitting back and watching how everyone interacted was incredibly moving. This class is as close as ever and for those who did not come, you were truly missed and we can't wait to see you at our 40th!

—Emma Kerins

1989

Class Coordinator: Jessica Liberman

Class Speaker: Kysha Harris

I think my favorite thing about Hunter is just my friends – then, and now – they've really fed my spirit and helped to make me who I am.

—Kysha Harris

CLASS PARTY 1989

Approximately 60 classmates (plus a few brave significant others) from the Class of 1989 celebrated our 30th Reunion on June 1st at Juniper Bar. We ate, drank, listened to some '80s music, and got caught up on the last 30 years. While most of the attendees live in the New York area, we had some dedicated classmates who came in from out of town — Los Angeles, Chicago, St. Louis and Philadelphia just to name a few. But the prize for farthest travel goes to Paul Sheehan who came all the way from Hong Kong. Everyone was having such a good time that the celebration continued on past 1am (even though it was officially supposed to end at 11pm). For those who couldn't make it this time, you were missed, and we look forward to seeing you at our 35th reunion in 2024.

—Jessica Liberman jblnyc2002@yahoo.com

**1994**

Class Coordinators: Seanna-Kaye Denham, Dave Kerpen, and Orna KLEIMAN Regen

Class Speaker: Dave Kerpen

So, January of 1994, newly elected US President Bill Clinton delivered his first State of the Union Address. In February, Celine Dion and Ace of Base duked it out for the number one hit in the top 40 pop songs in the country. Though

the class of '94 always knew that Red Red Wine was always the number one song at Hunter dances...

In looking back over what happened at our time at Hunter, without the internet back then, I had to rely on the newspaper. And well, since I couldn't find any copies of *What's What* or *The Observer*, I turned to Hunter's short-lived tabloid newspaper that I got to work on with a bunch of

friends, *Witness*.

Here are a few key headlines from *Witness* that year.

Madison Avenue Slashing Leaves Trail of Blood.

Opinion: Legalize Drugs Now (Took 25 years, but it happened, right?)

The Cold Lunch. Mmm. Chocolate Milk.

And my personal favorite: A two page spread on the **Pigeons of Doom**. (Dangerous pigeons, apparently)

—Dave Kerpen

CLASS PARTY 1994

Class of '94 had a strong turnout for our event at Reif's Bar, close to the school campus. People were happily reunited, caught up on old times and made new memories. Some of the "new generation" were in tow. Many thanks to those who flew in, drove in, rode in and strode in, to keep the party going. At least one member of the class has a child who will be starting HCHS in the fall! How exciting! West Coasters can look forward to a splinter event, the new West Coast Reunion, scheduled for May 30, 2020 in San Francisco. Please contact Zoe Cohen (zoe_cohen@yahoo.com) for additional information. That being said, we hope everyone from far and near will make the effort to join forces for Reunion 2024! Puma Rocks!

—Orna KLEIMAN Regen

1999

Class Coordinator: Anri WHEELER Brennkmeier

Class Speaker: Jack Pettibone Riccobono (video)

I guess the thing that I liked most about Hunter is that years can go by, and then I'll run into someone who I haven't seen in a while and you can just pick up where you left off with them.
—Jack Pettibone Riccobono (video)



The class of '99 had a lively gathering over dinner at Golden Unicorn restaurant in Chinatown. Over 80 attendees, including partners, littles, and special guest "Coach" Asumana Randolph ate, drank, and reminisced. During a short speaking portion, we were welcomed by HCHSAA Board President and classmate **Lawrence Chan**, heard a heartfelt tribute to late classmate **Anthony Roque** by **Andrew Obus** and **James Schiavone**, then Coach closed out the program with some of his reminiscences of the class that was in 7th grade his very first year at HCHS. As classmates continued to trickle in, and the volume in the room reached a fever pitch, snippets of overheard conversation included deeply personal updates from the past decades, political analyses of the upcoming election, parents trading tips on sleep training and nights away from the kids, and the inevitable roaring laughter that comes from being around people with whom you don't have to explain anything. After dinner, classmate **Sam Soghor** had arranged a backroom for us at a nearby bar and the party continued well into the early hours, where unexpectedly large bar tabs were incurred, and many promised to not let another five years pass before getting together again.

—Anri WHEELER Brenninkmeyer

2004

Class Coordinator: Stephanie Kwok
Class Speaker: Ryder Kessler

Our favorite thing about Hunter was all the ways students were empowered to create and lead on their own. For me, the Brick Prison playhouse was the perfect exemplar of that, with students writing, directing, producing all aspects of the theatrical experience. We, as a class, have tried to take all of those values into our adult careers.

—Ryder Kessler (video)



More than 30 members of the Class of 2004 descended on Cask Bar & Kitchen on Friday night. We had a great time meeting partners, learning about new kids (**Greg Beaton**, **Jessica LEONARD Holmes**, and **Jess Laird**), new gigs (**Greg Beaton** has started a new job at the NBA and **Irene Chung** has started her own company, StellarEmploy), and all the ways our classmates have stayed in touch over the years (**Kevin Kim** and **Stephanie Kwok** work

together at FanDuel, and **Lily Rothman** and **Jess Laird** live down the stretch from each other). Special shout out to **Nicole Bell**, **Nora Gross**, and **Jessica LEONARD Holmes** who made special trips back to NYC to join us, and **Ryder Kessler**, **Jennifer Wong**, and **Kara Kaufman** for helping to plan a successful reunion event!

—Stephanie Kwok

2009

Class Coordinator: Noah Kaminsky
Class Speaker: Gabe Yanez

I wasn't really the "give a speech" type in my six years as a student here. But those six years I spent commuting from Woodhaven, Queens to the Upper East Side of Manhattan set me to grow up into a completely different person 10 years later. Diversity is a word that has been thrown around a lot lately when discussing the admissions process for our school... I was one of a handful of Hispanic students in our grade. Some say that is a problem. Some point to that as a lack of diversity. A broken system that needs to be fixed. To me diversity means something else, and it is something I think we had plenty of at the Brick Prison. We had an incredible diversity of upbringings, diversity of interests, diversity of opinions, diversity in faculty and yes – even diversity of cultures. Did our student body reflect the demographic breakdown of the city? No. But it did bring together some of the brightest young minds in the city and then encouraged us to pursue our interests, no matter how diverse those interests were.

—Gabe Yanez





CLASS PARTY 2009

It really didn't feel like 10 years since we were last together. On Friday night, I was the first to arrive at our casual meet-up. I sat at that empty table wondering what it would feel like to see so many of my classmates after the last reunion 5 years ago. Soon after, **Molly Colman** and **Zach Gale** walked in, whom I remained close with throughout the years. Then, **Harry Huang** walked in! He's an engineer down in Jacksonville, Florida. **Abby HOFFMAN Orshefsky** and her husband joined us too. They live down in Washington D.C. because, like so many of us, they fell in love with the city where they went to college. Then, **Blayne DeGiovanni**, **Polly Faust**, **Julia Xu**, **Alex Bores**, **Robby Wittner**, and **Arthur Warner-Kamsler** arrived! There was so much joy in the room. And this was just Friday!

At school the next day, a good number of us returned for the General Assembly. At our last reunion 5 years ago, there were only a few who showed up to represent our class. This year, the 10-year milestone speaker, **Gabe Yanez**, delivered a speech about Hunter's inclusive

community and the diverse pursuits of its student body – driving factors which he says continue to inspire him today. Thank you, Gabe! Good luck with your CrossFit gym and podcast in the Bay Area!

We parted Saturday afternoon, invigorated by the other class speakers and eager to see each other later that evening for the Class of OH NINE party in Williamsburg. With food, drinks, friends and memories, what more could anybody want from a milestone reunion?! A whole third of our class showed up!

—Noah Kaminsky

2014

Class Coordinators: Daphne Asteriadis and Lilly Barany

This is our first milestone reunion, which has prompted fond memories of our time at Hunter High. Teachers assigning too much homework. Kids complaining about such homework. But these experiences prepared us for college and the world beyond, and also left us with lifelong

friends. We signed up to be class coordinators not knowing that the other had signed up as well.

—Daphne Asteriadis and Lilly Barany

CLASS PARTY 2014

The Class of 2014 held their reunion party at Fool's Gold, on the Lower East Side. The back space of the bar was reserved for the event. Guests started trickling in around 9:15pm, and by 10:00, the party was in full swing! Class coordinators Lilly Barany and Daphne Asteriadis attempted to give a speech to thank everyone for coming and donating but couldn't manage to quiet everyone down — they were so busy catching up! A great time was had by all.

—Lilly Barany



Softball Game

The 12th Annual Joe Kubat Invitational Alumnae/i Softball Game enjoyed sunny skies, terrific turnout, friendly competition and true Hunter sportsmanship. A crowd of about sixty alums, families and kids came together on beautiful field #4 on Central Park's Great Lawn for a two hour, see-sawing slug fest that saw frequent lead changes, spectacular fielding, constant bantering, and aggressive base running. The teams were once again divided along class lines – with odd years on one side and even years on the other. The outcome was in doubt until the last inning, when the “Odds” struck gold, with a bases loaded, three-run double launched off the bat of Milo Mora, son of '83 alum, **Michael**.

There was a strong showing by the Class of '84 who were celebrating their 35th milestone and, as always, the Class of '86 came out in force. Former HCHS baseball coach, Joe Kubat, was in attendance along with his son Charles and daughter Mary.

“We dedicate this hard-fought victory to our classmate **Matt Sirovich '83**,” said Odd Team co-captain **Muzzy Rosenblatt '83**, “and we salute the opponents for their valiant effort today.”

After the game, libations were enjoyed by many, and plans are now underway for the 13th Annual next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Blumenfeld '83



JOE KUBAT AND MATT BLUMENFELD '83



Class Gifts

We are pleased to announce the results of class giving campaigns and recognize the hard work of Class Coordinators. We thank all donors who made Class Gifts!

| Class | Amount Raised | # Donors | Total in Class | % of class who gave |
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| 1944 Jan | \$875 | 6 | 34 | 18% |
| 1944 | \$725 | 5 | 57 | 9% |
| 1949 Jan | \$1,050 | 13 | 81 | 16% |
| 1949 | \$3,322 | 17 | 77 | 22% |
| 1954 | \$4,375 | 19 | 123 | 15% |
| 1959 | \$5,214 | 23 | 144 | 16% |
| 1964 | \$3,745 | 23 | 206 | 11% |
| 1969 | \$6,069 | 31 | 113 | 27% |
| 1974 | \$8,122 | 26 | 140 | 19% |
| 1979 | \$3,041 | 12 | 116 | 10% |
| 1984 | \$52,932 | 84 | 164 | 51% |
| 1989 | \$6,707 | 22 | 163 | 13% |
| 1994 | \$19,278 | 26 | 140 | 19% |
| 1999 | \$7,584 | 23 | 168 | 14% |
| 2004 | \$5,213 | 19 | 161 | 12% |
| 2009 | \$1,035 | 10 | 166 | 6% |
| 2014 | \$1,230 | 83 | 179 | 46% |

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IN MEMORIAM

Anastasia PAPALEXIS Kangos '41, died on May 8, 2017, at 92 years of age, following a brief battle with metastatic bone cancer. Kangos was born to Greek immigrant parents, raised in Manhattan, and attended Hunter College. She often spoke of how challenging the coursework was at Hunter High, and that high school was actually more difficult than her subsequent college studies. Her goal of becoming a teacher changed when the "new" field of dietetics caught her interest in college. After graduating from Hunter College in 1945, Kangos worked at St. Luke's Hospital as a dietician until moving to New Jersey in 1951 with her husband. She was always proud of her work as a dietician



and maintained her license until her retirement years, although never returning to dietetics. She became a housewife, mother of three, and excellent manager of her home and her husband's pediatric cardiology practice.

Kangos always held a high standard for herself and those around her because she cared deeply for others. She treasured her high school and college friendships. Through Christmas cards and regular phone calls, Kangos kept in touch with many of her Hunter friends her entire life. Many looked to her for advice and insight, both family and friends. She is truly missed and her impact on all who knew her will be dearly remembered.

Rosemary MOONEY de Freitas '41, passed away peacefully in her Staten Island home on May 30, 2019. She was 95. A native of the Bronx, de Freitas was preceded in death by her husband, John "Lefty" de Freitas; her parents; and her sisters. Mr. and Mrs. de Freitas took up residence in New Dorp upon their marriage in 1956.

de Freitas' first venture into business was with H. Newton Whittlesey and Company, a naval architect firm in lower Manhattan, where she met her future husband, John. She later worked as an executive assistant to the principal at The Francis School, Todt Hill, and for 20 years as the executive assistant to the principal at St. Joseph Hill Academy in Arrochar.

A longtime parishioner of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, de Freitas possessed a deep faith, which guided her life and provided comfort to her. She was also involved with the Girl Scouts of America; first, as a young troop leader in the Bronx, and later as a leader with the New York City Girl Scout Council, as she was passionate about mentoring young women in preparation for a life of service.

In this issue we mark the passing of retired faculty member Louise Pauly, who died on 3/2/2019.

Pauly taught Latin in the Foreign Language department and also worked in the high school's Library and as an Audio-Visual Coordinator.



de Freitas is survived by her three children, five granddaughters, and cherished nieces and nephews. **Anne Reingold '76** is her niece through marriage.

Anita SCHWARTZ Campanella '42, passed away on April 14, 2019. Born in Brooklyn in 1925, Campanella received a B.A. in Sociology

from Hunter College and an M.A. in Education from Hofstra University. She was a dedicated elementary school teacher at Village School in Syosset, NY for 22 years. In retirement she served as President of the Board at Literacy Volunteers of America - Nassau County, as Chairperson of the Town of Somers Affordable Housing Board, and as an Admissions Committee member for A-Home, an organization dedicated to housing for the indigent.

Campanella is survived by her sister, two children and their spouses, three grandchildren, and two great-granddaughters. Memorial donations may go to Literacy Nassau: www.literacynassau.org/donate.

Renee Barbara PINES Luberoff '42, who grew up in the Great Depression, married a soldier during World War II, was a teacher in New York and New Jersey, raised a tight-knit family, and had an active retirement in New Jersey, California, New Zealand, and North Carolina, died on March 30, 2019 in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the age of 93.

Born in New York City on October 18, 1925, Luberoff was the oldest of three daughters. After moving several times during her childhood, her extended family settled in an apartment in the Bronx that not only housed her parents and sisters but also her grandparents and an aunt. A strong student and talented pianist, she attended Hunter College and also gave piano lessons in her family's apartment, sold war bonds at the Roxy Theater in Times Square, and was a USO junior hostess at Temple Emanu-El in Manhattan.

In August 1944, she married Benjamin Luberoff, a soldier from Philadelphia whom she had met at a New Year's Eve party seven months earlier. After his return from Europe at the end of World War II, the couple lived with her family in the Bronx while both finished college. She graduated from Hunter College in 1946, went on to get her Master's in Education, and completed all the coursework for a PhD from the City College of New York. Luberoff worked as an elementary school teacher in New York City until the birth of her son in 1952. She had two more children and their growing family lived in the Bronx; Queens; Stamford, CT; and Monsey, NY before moving in 1963 to Summit, NJ where Renee lived until 2002.

In 1964, after her youngest started elementary school, Luberoff returned to teaching at Summit's Jefferson School, where she taught until her retirement in 1985 at the age of 60. In 2002, a year after her husband died, she moved to Farrington Village near Chapel Hill, North Carolina where they had bought a house in 1997. In 2012, she moved to Carolina

Meadows, where she lived independently until her death.

In retirement, Luberoff took up needlepoint and took courses on a host of subjects. She was an active volunteer throughout her retirement, serving as a court-appointed child advocate in California, New Jersey, and North Carolina; as a volunteer docent at the University of North Carolina's Ackland Art Museum; as a teacher with the Arthritis Foundation; and as a board member at the Chapel Hill Kehillah Synagogue.

Luberoff is survived by her daughter and her husband; by her son and his wife; by her daughter-in-law, who was married to her late eldest son; and by her sister. She is also survived by seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren, as well as six nieces and nephews.

The family asks that donations be made in her memory to the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, the Ben Luberoff Memorial Library at the Chapel Hill Kehillah, or to a charity of your choice.

Shirley (Billie) WILLINGER Bramhall, Jan. '43 died peacefully in her sleep on May 9th, 2019, after a short bout with pneumonia. Her life was dedicated to city planning, social activism, family, and friends.

Bramhall was born in 1926 to first generation Americans Isadore Willinger and Kate Willinger (née Gluck) in the Bronx, New York. After attending three years at Hunter College, she headed out west to complete her degree in Economics at the University of Colorado, Boulder where she met and later married David Bramhall. They had four children as they moved for school and work from Boulder to New York, to Denver, to Philadelphia, to Baltimore, to Pittsburgh, and finally back to Denver where she lived and worked since 1975.

Along the way Bramhall earned her master's degree from the Graduate School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Pittsburgh. She worked as Deputy Director of city planning for Pittsburgh in the early '70s, leaving that job to return to Denver and become the Division Chief of Neighborhood Planning in Denver under Mayor McNichols. In 1981 she left the city to become a Program Officer at The Piton Foundation and also established Bramhall & Associates, a consulting firm. In 1983 she was wooed back to the city by Mayor Pena to become Deputy Director of Neighborhood Planning and Director of Community Development. She was appointed to the Denver Housing Authority in 1984. After briefly working under the Webb Administration she retired from the city in 1996 at the age of 65.

Retiring did not slow her down. Bramhall

served on many boards and committees and continued her consulting work for the rest of her life. Among many other things, she was a Trustee of Family and Children's Services, chaired the Urban Design Committee and was honored for her years as a board member of Jewish Family Housing and Kavod Senior life. In 2016 she was honored with a Lifetime Achievement Award from Denver INC, the Denver Inter-Neighborhood Cooperation group, for her "Commitment and Dedication to Denver Neighborhoods".

For the past several years, until the time of her death, Bramhall worked tirelessly with Denver Homeless Out Loud (DHOL) working for the rights of those without homes. She used



her many city and community contacts to amplify DHOL's voices to city officials, helping to write a Colorado Bill of Rights for people experiencing homelessness, joining protests on the streets of Denver, and much more. Known for decades as a community leader, and recently as an effective advocate for Denver's homeless population, Mayor Hancock appointed her to sit on the Advisory Committee for Housing People Experiencing Homelessness in April 2018. She was 91.

Bramhall lived a long and a good life, bringing people together, mentoring countless young people, and finding ways to help when those around her had problems in need of solutions. She enjoyed theatre, baseball, gardening, travel, books, newspapers, learning new things, and people. She was outgoing and loved nothing more than having long, thoughtful conversations about almost anything with almost anyone.

She is survived by her beloved husband of over 70 years, David Bramhall. He was her partner intellectually and politically in their life-long work for social justice from the '40s through 2019, including raising their voices during the McCarthy era, fighting for Desegregation and Civil Rights, working to end the Vietnam War, and protesting the danger of Nuclear power plants.

She leaves behind four children, eight grandchildren, and two great grandchildren. Donations may be made to Denver Homeless Out Loud or The Delores Project in her name.

Anne LANGHAUS Weinerman, Jan. '44 passed away on December 6, 2018 at home at 92 years of age.

Born and raised in New York City, Weinerman earned her undergraduate and master's degrees from Hunter College, where she was a member of the Delta Phi Epsilon Sorority. After marrying Gerald Weinerman, they moved to North White Plains, NY. At that time, she taught high school in Staten Island. The family then moved to Edison, NJ, and Weinerman taught business writing, shorthand and English at the Katharine Gibbs School in Montclair. From 1969 until 1980, they lived in Franklin Lakes before spending the next 36 years in Farragut, Tennessee. Anne and Gerald returned to New Jersey in 2017, settling in Pompton Plains.

Weinerman was an avid reader. She enjoyed accompanying her husband sailing, skiing, playing tennis and hiking the Smokey Mountains. They were world travelers; Israel, Kenya and Scandinavia being some of their most memorable destinations. She also loved the arts, having a fondness for the symphony and the opera.

She is survived by her husband of 70 years, her son and his wife, her granddaughter and her husband, her grandson and his husband, two great grandchildren, and her brother.

Those who wish to make a contribution in memory of Weinerman may do so to the Knoxville Symphony Orchestra or to the Knoxville Jewish Alliance.

Nancy Stein Zeldes, Jan. '47 passed away on May 14, 2019 in Northampton, MA after a long decline due to dementia.

The daughter of Nathaniel and Helen (Hecht) Stein, Zeldes was born and raised in New York City with her younger brother. She attended Olivet College in Michigan and the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

A student activist, she met her future husband, Jacob Zeldes, while protesting the presence of Navy recruiters on campus. Jack, a future Naval officer, was covering the story for the school's newspaper, the Daily Cardinal. Despite their political differences, they fell in love. Post-graduation, Zeldes returned to New York to attend graduate school in social work while Jack served in the Navy. After their engagement, they spent 6 months hitchhiking throughout Europe -- a somewhat scandalous adventure for a not-yet-married couple!

Back in the United States, they settled in Fairfield, CT, where they lived for the next 50 years and raised their three children. While the couple was young, Zeldes volunteered in the public schools and community mental health organizations; when they were older, she returned to school at the University of Bridgeport and earned a master's in counseling. After graduation, she stayed at the University, working for many years as the practicum coordinator for the counseling department. Later she worked at the Child Guidance Center of Greater Bridgeport, coordinating in-service trainings for the staff.

She is survived by her children, her son and his wife, her daughter and her wife, and five grandchildren

Donations in her honor can be sent to any of the following: Planned Parenthood, the ACLU, or the Democratic presidential candidate of your choice.

Diana TAYLOR Grubbs '49 was born on October 18, 1931, the only child of two Australian immigrants, Jane (Violet) Minty and Norman Taylor, who eked out a living during the Depression as a maid at the Waldorf Hotel and a freelance photographer for Fortune magazine, respectively. Grubbs' passion for learning quickly revealed itself, and at Hunter, she won several local, state, and national academic awards in Physics, Social Studies, general scholarship, and character. After her mother overheard a wealthy woman at the Waldorf extolling the virtues of

Smith College, she set her sights on attending. Admitted to Smith with a full academic scholarship, she graduated Phi Beta Kappa in 1953, with a bachelor's degree in Sociology. A few years later, she received a Master's in Social Work from New York University, and later still an Advanced Certificate in Counseling from the University of Bridgeport.



DIANA TAYLOR GRUBBS

While still in college, Grubbs married Hillary Waugh, an aspiring mystery writer just beginning his career. Together they raised three children. As Waugh worked to build his body of work and reputation, Diana helped support their growing family through a variety of jobs, including public relations for the National Council of the Episcopal Church, reporter and photographer for the New Haven Journal Courier, High School English and Social Studies teacher, and Guidance Counselor. In addition, she served on numerous town committees, including the School Board, the Library Building Committee, and the Democratic Town Committee.

Divorcing in 1980 after 28 years, she met and married Kenneth Grubbs two years later. In Ken, she found a loving kindred spirit and life partner, and the two shared fifteen wonderful years together, traveling, working, and volunteering until Ken passed away unexpectedly in

1997. She grieved for him for the rest of her life.

A voracious reader, she loved the arts, opera, and horses – though back problems forced her to give up riding in her thirties. Her career was as varied as her interests. After her children were grown, she continued to work in business and academia, as Personnel Director for Applied Data Processing, and Program Manager for Literacy Volunteers of America. She spent twelve years at Yale University, serving as the Assistant Secretary of the University for Administrative Affairs. In that role, she managed Yale's intellectual property and trademarks, and hosted visiting academics and dignitaries, including then-President George H.W. Bush. She was a social activist in her younger years, volunteering for Adlai Stevenson's presidential campaign, and was involved in local politics. In later years, she volunteered wherever she saw a need for her abilities. She was Co-Chair of the Connecticut chapter of the National Cathedral Association, Weekend Manager with the Yale-New Haven Hospital's Ronald McDonald House, a docent at the Yale Center for British Art, and spent weekends maintaining the Westwood Trail System.

Grubbs was a remarkable force of nature – her intellect, varied interests, and indomitable spirit permeated her life. A breast cancer survivor for the last 25 years of her life, she would not be deterred. She loved the history that the world had to offer and was an avid traveler – regularly embarking on trips, cruises, and educational excursions. Greek history and civilization were her particular passions, and she made close to a dozen trips to that country as both a tourist, and as a worker on various archaeological digs. She loved immersing herself in the culture – in her late 70s, she spent a month alone in a small cabin on a Greek hilltop, hiking down into town every day to draw drinking and bathing water from the town well. She always credited an archaeology course at Smith with igniting her passion for Greece. Her professor, Phyllis Williams Lehmann, had unearthed the third Winged Victory/Nike discovered on Samothrace, and later found fragments of the missing hand of the first, that is now on exhibit at the Louvre. Grubbs had wanted to visit the site of the find ever since college, and sixty years later, just a few years before her death, she was finally able to fulfill that lifelong dream.

Grubbs is survived by her three children and her stepdaughter, as well as seven grandchildren.

Marie ABDALLAH Tashji, Jan. '51 On April 11, 2019, Marie Louise Abdallah Tashji, daugh-

ter of Thomas and Linda Abdallah and wife of Terrence Tashji, passed away at home in her sleep surrounded by family. Tashji had been undergoing cancer treatment before succumbing.

Tashji was born on April 8, 1933, in Binghamton, New York, where her parents settled after emigrating from Lebanon. Shortly thereafter, the family moved to Manhattan where her father owned a luncheonette in Greenwich Village. Her mother, a graduate of the American University of Beirut, worked as an assistant to the editor of the Caravan, an Arab-American newspaper and later as an assistant to the ambassador of the Lebanese Mission to the United Nations.

She postponed her post-secondary education when her family moved to Brooklyn where she raised four daughters. She returned to Hunter, graduating from Hunter College in 1978 alongside her eldest daughter Laura, who also earned a bachelor's degree.

Over the course of her career, Tashji worked in Manhattan at Shell Oil, St James Church, Solomon Brothers, Prudential Insurance, and Solomon Smith Barney. After retiring from Solomon, she worked as a librarian in both public and private schools and as a proofreader for The Spectator/Home Reporter.

Tashji's love of family was rivaled only by her love for St. Mary's Antiochian Orthodox Church. A member of this parish for decades, she served as assistant to the late Very Rev. Father Paul Schneirla. She became the first female president of the Parish Council, she was voted president of the Ladies of St. Mary's, and as a member of the Saints and Sinners Committee she helped raise more than \$800,000 for the church. She was also a proud member of the St. Mary's choir where she sang alongside her four daughters and other family members for more than 50 years.

Predeceased by her parents and her brother, she is survived by her husband of 64 years, Terrence Tashji, her four daughters, eight grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. She is also survived by her sister-in-law, nieces and nephew.

Tashji loved music, dance and all things French. In addition to French she spoke Arabic and Turkish. She cared deeply for her family and church and will be lovingly remembered for her kindness and the goodness she brought out in others.

Madeleine ZIMMERMAN McGuinness, Jan. '51, died peacefully at her home June 25, 2019 at age 86. Born on March 1, 1933 in Gerritsen Beach, Brooklyn, she married William T. McGuin-

We have also been notified of the passing of:

Elaine GEDULD Rosenberg '39, on 3/4/2019

Nora LEVITAS Howell '41, on 5/16/2012

Jacinth PATERSON Orridge '41, on 12/6/2015

Roslyn WEINBERG Ruthman, Jan. '44, on 4/9/2019

Josephine SUPCOFF Wasserman '44, on 11/24/2017

Blossom EDELSTEIN Aronson '47, on 11/22/2018

Janice KAREN Wittman, Jan. '49, on 11/3/2018

Virginia BIRKENMAYER Svane '58, on 2/27/2019

Maxine MEHLMAN Forman '58, on 12/21/2017

Helene FLICHER Craner '59, in July 2019

Elsbet BREREN Wallace '58, on 12/30/2018

Susan LEVY Rosen '70, on 3/4/2017

Vivian LUGO Berkman '70, on 3/16/2017

Eugenia PARNASSA Carroll '74, M.D., on 1/5/2014

April Thomas '85, on 7/20/2017

Stella Simic '18, in April 2019

ness in 1957 (deceased in 2003) and lived in Ridgewood, New Jersey and Colchester, Essex, UK, before retiring to Matthews, North Carolina. She was a member of St. Luke Catholic Church in Mint Hill, where she served in various parish ministries and was especially active in HOPE.

McGuinness was a graduate of Hunter College, taught junior high school in New York, and later worked as a legal secretary. Her love of teaching continued her whole life and over the years she taught Faith Formation and English as a Second Language and was a literacy volunteer.

She is survived by her sister, her cousin, three daughters, three sons, and ten grandchildren.

Gabriele BERNHARD Jackson '51, Ph.D., passed away on June 10, 2019. After escaping from Germany in 1939, Jackson attended Bard College and Oxford University, receiving her Ph.D. in English from Yale University and spending more than 30 years as part of the English department at Temple University in Philadelphia. Pioneering academic feminist, significant Renaissance scholar, valued colleague, skilled teacher, successful university dean, selfless mother and wife, loving sister, aunt, and cousin. Loyal to her family and repository of their history, she was a fierce intellect, a gifted wit, a skilled storyteller, and a lover of cats, generous to a fault and with her arms always open in welcome and love. A gracious lady in all senses of the word, she leaves a space that cannot be filled.

Tatiana "Tania" OSADCA Demchuk '58, 77, of Cary, NC, passed away on July 26, 2018 at her residence. A native of Lviv, Ukraine, she was born on August 29, 1940 to Apollinaire and Tatiana Osadca. In addition to her parents, her husband of 40 years, Wolodymyr "Walter" Demchuk, and her sister preceded her in death.

Demchuk was the daughter of an architect and an artist. During World War II her family escaped war-ravaged Ukraine. They lived for several years in a displaced persons camp in Bayreuth, Germany. The Osadca family eventually immigrated to the United States and, while in high school, Demchuk wrote for the school magazine. She received her undergraduate degree from Barnard College and a Master of Science from Columbia School of Journalism.

Demchuk went on to become an award-winning journalist writing for *Newsday*, *The Washington Post*, and *The Orlando Sentinel Star*. She later worked as a public relations specialist on Capitol Hill and for The National Association of Independent Insurers.

With her husband, Walter, she raised two daughters. After moving to Washington D.C.,

the Demchuk family became very involved in the Washington D.C. Ukrainian Community and Ukrainian Catholic church. Upon retirement Tatiana and Walter moved to Cary, NC to be close to their grandchildren.

She will be forever remembered for her sweet, melancholy nature and her devilish sense of humor. Her passions were entertaining, travel, going to the movies, hunting for treasures at garage sales, and reading the newspaper. Because one of her favorite newspaper sections was the Obituaries, we hope this one makes her smile and that she would agree that she had a well-lived and interesting life.

Surviving are her sister, two daughters, their husbands, and two grandchildren. For those who wish, memorial contributions may be made to Special Theatre Arts of Raleigh (S.T.A.R), c/o Carolyn Esbenshade, 4009 Bankshire Lane, Raleigh, NC 27603.

Jane Falk '59, Ph.D., passed away on June 28, 2019 at 76 years of age. She was a linguist who was proud of her direct New Yorker style of discussion. Remembered for the intensity of her spirit and love of life, and for her perseverance through the challenges of health – she succeeded in softening her heart before it finally failed her.



JANE FALK

Born in Brooklyn, Falk attended P.S. 215, Winthrop Jr. High, and received her Bachelor of Arts from Brooklyn College. She received her Ph.D. from Princeton University. Insightful about bridging cultural differences, she taught English as a Second Language in the US and English at Hebrew University, and served as a consultant to US companies engaged in international business. She was a major force in the City of Berkeley's annual Holocaust Memorial observances.

Although she found happiness and community in California, she was at times ambivalent about whether she should have stayed in Israel with the spirited friends and family she'd discovered when she was a starry-eyed young dreamer in her twenties (and with whom she

remained close ever since).

Previously married to Stuart Margolis, Falk was a longtime resident of an apartment building in Berkeley that became a source of daily support and affectionate friendships that grew stronger over the years. She loved and was loved by her Jewish community at Congregation Beth Israel in Berkeley. Her correspondence with family and friends stretched out from her local community across the world, and she offered quiet assistance to many in times of difficulty.

Falk had a lasting impact on all who knew her well and will be greatly missed. May her memory be a blessing.

Barbara STOLZ Cooney '64 passed away on April 20, 2019, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in the Bronx on December 3, 1948, to Francis Raymond Stolz and Margaret Theresa Stolz (Murphy). An extremely gifted young woman, she was accepted to Hunter College High School at age 12 and began college at age 15. At 16, she met her lifelong love, Michael Joseph Cooney, on a sidewalk in the Bronx. Three years later they were married and were together for the next fifty years, raising three daughters and enjoying eight grandchildren. Cooney earned a bachelor's degree in anthropology and a master's degree in special education from Hunter College and devoted her professional life to the children of the Bellevue Hospital School in Manhattan, where she worked first as a teacher and then as an assistant principal. She was adored by students and staff alike and changed the lives of countless of the most vulnerable of the city's children. In 2005, she retired and moved to Valatie, NY, where many happy years were spent traveling and enjoying the Hudson Valley with her children and grandchildren. Cooney is survived by her husband, her three children, eight grandchildren, and her brother. Memorial donations may be made to UNICEF, a charity she was always proud to support.

Janet "Jan" DeMarinis '71 died on July 6, 2017. She was born in Brooklyn on January 7, 1955, the daughter of Leo and Virginia DeMarinis. She was preceded in death by her parents, her soulmate Christi, and her beloved son. She is survived by her younger sister, her niece, and many adoring and loving friends.

DeMarinis was many things in her life. She wore so many hats it is hard to believe that all her amazing energy fit into one person's life. Her resume, after her supreme job of mother, included taxi driver, photographer, black belt

karate instructor, coke dealer, marriage and family therapist, tax accountant, gay rights activist, motorcycle rider, online backgammon player, whale watcher, seagull feeder (only to Phil and Barb), dahlia gardener extraordinaire, artist, and author.

The common thread in all of DeMarinis' life was that she put her heart and soul into whatever she did. Anyone who had the privilege of knowing her could attest to her bountiful love and caring she had for her friends and her ideals. She made everyone feel special. And, she could tell stories! You would wait for the cliffhanger ending and then laugh together until you cried.

She was an incredible and brilliant woman. DeMarinis loved to learn and loved to tell you about it. No one ever had to guess her opinion. She was one of a kind that has touched many. May she finally be at peace, resting with the ones she loved.

Inez Alexander '77 was born March 2, 1960 to Thomas Lee Alexander and Hortense Gordon Alexander. She began her life as the youngest of four children residing on the Lower East Side of Manhattan.

Alexander graduated from HCHS in the 11th grade in 1977. She attended Vassar College and studied abroad in Colombia, South America through the Junior Year Exchange Program resulting in her fluency in reading, writing, and speaking Spanish. She earned a Bachelor of Arts degree, graduating from Vassar in 1981.

She worked as a Business Development Coordinator, coordinating Spanish language candidates. Alexander later worked at Teachers College, Columbia University, as an Assistant Director of Community Relations and at JP Morgan working as a Corporate Relations Communications Manager. She also served as a Vice President at Citibank. Her career days at TWA airlines were the springboard for her extensive travels abroad to Africa, the Caribbean, Central America, and Europe. Her sense of advocacy and commitment to the youth motivated her. She was a member of the HCHSAA and was a volunteer for the Community Upreach through Perseverance (CUP) college preparation program for teenage students.

Alexander's great passions were her love for music and traveling. She was an active member of The Abyssinian Baptist Church and was very dedicated to her missionary work there. In her final days, she continued to touch the lives of others.

Alexander was granted her wings on February 6, 2019 at Mount Sinai Hospital. She

was predeceased by her parents and brother. She is survived by her husband, brother and sister, nieces and nephews, and many friends.

Anna MAMATOS Axiomakaros '79, 56, of River Edge, NJ died May 8, 2018. Beloved wife of 35 years to Mike Axiomakaros. Devoted mother of two daughters and a dear sister.

Axiomakaros was born in New York City to Helen (née Alatsas) and George Mamatoss. She was employed as a member support specialist for New Jersey Multiple Listing Service, Inc. of Haworth, NJ, and a board member of the River Edge Public Library. Anna was a loving wife, mother and sister, and will be deeply missed.

Jane Dembner '79, the Columbia Association's director of Planning & Community Affairs, died of parotid gland cancer June 11, 2019 at Gilchrist Hospice Care of Howard County. She was 58.

Previously, Dembner worked in Washington, D.C., and managed the revitalization effort along the Anacostia waterfront and a 20-mile riverwalk from Kenilworth Avenue to the 14th Street Bridge. In addition, she helped create master plans for Frederick and Queen Anne's County.

She was the project manager for a 2000 comprehensive plan for Washington, D.C., and guided its passage through the City Council.

Born and raised in New York City, Dembner was the daughter of Red Dembner, a book publisher, and his wife, Anna Levi. She earned a bachelor's degree at Oberlin College. She had a master's degree in planning from the University of Pennsylvania.



JANE DEMBNER

Her husband, Michael Osborne, said they met through friends when she was a Library of Congress intern in the early 1980s.

In addition to her work in Washington, she also did plans for the Route 1 corridor in Maine as well as planning studies in Chicago and other locations. She worked in land use, transportation, development and revitalization.

Dembner had been director of Planning & Community Affairs for the Columbia Association since 2010 and was a member of the executive team.

Milton W. Matthews, president of the Columbia Association, said she was a founder of a Columbia speakers' series that addressed the social concepts that underpinned the founding of Columbia.

According to a biography prepared by her sister, Dembner oversaw Columbia's capital development, planning, parks and open space, watershed management and landscape services.

She founded and served as president of the board of the Columbia Housing Center, an organization that works to ensure that the community is welcoming to people of all races, ethnicities and religions.

She and her husband bicycled long distances — one trip took them from Vancouver to Seattle. She was a Howard County bicycle advocate and had studied bike planning and paths in Copenhagen, Denmark.

Before her work with the Columbia Association, Dembner was associate vice president of HNTB, an engineering, architecture and planning firm. She had earlier been a principal at LDR, a Columbia-based urban design, planning and landscape architecture firm. She was previously a consultant for BDM International.

After her husband was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2008, she assisted him in the Breathe Deep Columbia Walk & Fun Run from 2013 to 2017. The 5K walk in Lake Front Plaza raised more than \$200,000 for the LUNgevity Foundation, a group that provides cancer research funding.

In addition to her husband, a rare book dealer, and her sister, survivors include a son, her mother, a brother, four cousins, and two nieces.

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