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President's Letter

Hello, fellow Hunterite!

I hope everyone had a splendid summer. Here at your Alumnae/i Association we have been and continue to be busy. Here are a few items of interest:

Our office has moved and is now contained within the same suite of offices as Hunter College's alumni association, thus fostering an even closer relationship with the college. Our mailing address, phone number and email address remain unchanged.

The search for a permanent principal of the high school and director of the campus schools continues. Some of you may have noticed the announcement of the search in *The New York Times* on Sunday, October 3, 1999, indicating that the search committee will review all applications received up to November 15, 1999. On November 3rd, the committee met with the College's Acting Provost, Evangelos

Gizis, prior to our formal deliberations regarding candidates. Marjorie Landsberg Goldsmith '61, who is Vice President of your Alumnae/i Association and Chair of the High School's Science Department, and I both serve on this committee.

We are pleased to present to you two new items of merchandise (in addition to our wonderful mugs and t-shirts), perfect for this upcoming gift-giving season for others or even for yourself: a beautiful purple full-size 2-pocket apron with white lettering of the school emblem and the words *Gifted Cook* and a

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Membership Dues

We mail *AlumNotes* to all alums regardless of their dues status. However, since we rely entirely on members' dues and contributions to produce and mail the newsletter, maintain our office, and make contributions to the High School, we encourage everyone who can to please pay dues. Your dues expiration date should be printed above your name and address on the mailing label. Dues are good for one year from the date on which they are received. If you have any questions about your dues status, please feel free to contact our office. Remember, dues and contributions to our association are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and we are also eligible for matching gifts from your employer. ☐

Brand New HCHS Merchandise Is Here!



Just in time for holiday shopping, the Alumnae/i Association is introducing two new items:

- ☐ a cute and cuddly 11" golden velvet plush teddy bear wearing a cream "Hunter High" turtleneck; and
- ☐ a large two-pocket purple apron embossed with our school crest and the slogan "Gifted Cook" (not shown)

In addition, we still have plenty of HCHS mugs and T-shirts available. The mugs are white, with our name and school crest printed in purple. The T-shirts are purple Beefy-Hanes, with our name and school crest printed in white on the upper left side (except kids' sizes, which are printed in the middle). All items are pictured above with the exception of the apron. To order, use the form on the back page. Keep in mind that quantities are limited, so place your order early! Remember, our prices are inclusive of sales tax and shipping and handling. ☐

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

A footnote to **Ms. HOOPER-Raspberry's** speech at Reunion '99, which was printed in the Summer '99 *AlumNotes*. Recalling that the theme of the June 1949 yearbook was the battle for freedom, she said, "We knew what war was; we were survivors of the Holocaust." Though not generally known, some child survivors of the Holocaust actually became Hunter High students. As far as I know, no record exists of their number, but I was one of them. A few short years after arriving in New York without family or any knowledge of English, I managed to pass the Hunter exam, confirming my Americanization. There were unique moments. I still remember the strange feeling in Dr. Witmer's history class when we covered Krystallnacht and the Nazi occupation of Paris. "That can't be history," I thought. "I was there; I saw it happening." Of course, I said nothing. Then, and for years afterwards, like most survivors, I kept my painful history to myself. Hunter classmates were shocked to learn my secret when it came out in my book *Shattered Crystals*, published just three years ago. I would like to hear from other Hunterites who are Holocaust survivors to get a sense of how many of us there are. Please email me at er.kugler@virgin.net.

Eva KANNER Rosenzweig Kugler '49

To the Editor:

In the Summer 1999 edition of *AlumNotes*, **Priscilla KERSHAW '58** asked, "Don't Hunterites sing *Sarah Maria Jones* any more?" She will be happy to know that at least three Hunterites were singing it at the top of their lungs this summer when they reunited in California for a long weekend. **Wileen JOHNSON Sweet-Dodge '60** from Redwood City, CA, **Justine PETRELLI Federici '60** from Lexington, MA, and **Marilyn CATALANOTTO Katcher '60** from Portland, OR, spent August 20-24 having fun up and down the coast of California, singing many school songs including almost the entire Senior Sing and *Sarah Maria Jones*. We sported the tee shirts Wileen made for us which featured the high school emblem on the front and the first two lines of *Sarah Maria Jones* on the back. I hope that this shameless display of loyalty puts Priscilla's mind at ease.

All three of us plan to attend our 40th reunion next summer and once again, in fine voice, we will render Miss Hochman's beautiful song. Yours in lavender,

Marilyn CATALANOTTO Katcher '60

To the Editor:

Well, after lo these many years, I am sending you [money for dues]. How come? Because of Littleton and a new TV show called *Freaks and Geeks*, whose premiere I looked in on with a chill down my spine. No, m'dears, I have not slipped my moorings. Columbine, as far as I have heard, is a huge school where the jocks run amuck terrorizing lesser folk and the administration turned a blind eye until horrors happened. (Remember: No PC clichés apply—Columbine is a "privileged" school.) To what extent the rakehells "drove" the murderers to their deeds matters infinitely less than that such rakehells were tolerated! The aforementioned TV show focuses on another version of persecution. Nice, very smart boys—with thick glasses, with tardy puberty—are beaten up by sport-team toughs; intelligent girls are persecuted and rejected because of their brains. Ah, for the single sex school, without a sports team in sight! Ah, for the Hunter of my day!

My Hunter was a place where a fat girl with glasses, a flat-chested girl, an acned one, a busty one was SAFE. We thought about boys—well, most of us did—but did not define ourselves because of dates we could/could not get. We did not tiptoe around vying for the approval of muscle-bound, numbskulled athletes. More than that: At Hunter we learned what a glorious thing it is to have a brain! In and out of class we argued, debated, challenged each other. We tried for "A's" and high Regents scores. We did not gag and censor ourselves to please that cute guy in the third row! Many of us got great scholarships because of the education HCHS gave us. A friend of mine who went to an excellent all-girls Roman Catholic high school agrees with me that *we were taught nothing after high school*. College only expanded existing knowledge and filled in gaps—which in my case was done through reading—"independent study" in current jargon—as I got an AAS in

pottery, not a BA in humanities.

I am not blaming Conant and others who pioneered the huge centralized school. They could not foresee the social changes—from changed sexual mores to shopping malls to the Internet—that would make adolescence a hundred times more tumultuous than anything we encountered. And we grew up during the Depression and WWII. I do, however, blame those who stick to the tried-and-failed because once it was the tried-and-true. I blame those who reject single-sex schools, stiff entrance exams, vouchers and other ideas that would create diversity in the pursuit of excellence. If our public schools are to be restored—as they must be—to first-rate, world-class teaching institutions, we must foster experimentation and diversity, no matter who squawks. Which may mean a Hunter that will return to single-sex school where geeks, freaks, pimply, myopic, overweight and aggressively unfashionable girls can go from caterpillar to butterfly in lovely peace.

Lili HIRSCH Krakowski, Jan. '49

To the Editor:

I respectfully wish to add a few details to the write-up on the late Jane Lewis Greenspan (In Memoriam - Summer 1999 issue). I was a student of hers in the 11th grade (1979-1980). After what I assume was a divorce, she became "Miss Lewis" in the mid- to late-70s. She then went to New York Law School. I found her to be intellectually stimulating and of

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high moral caliber. She genuinely cared about her students. Once, when I was in her class, and she returned a paper, she announced that one in particular had impressed her greatly. She then read it to the class, and the author received a round of applause when she finished. It was a lovely gesture on her part.

By the way, I am married to a CPA and have two children. After graduating from Queens College, I received rabbinic ordination from Yeshiva University and I currently teach Talmud in a yeshiva high school. Like me, HCHS science teacher Robert Goodman embraced Jewish Orthodoxy later in life, and he and his wife Tobie Brandriss enrolled their son in my school last year. Imagine seeing teachers from high school at Parent-Teacher night—and you're a teacher!

Edward W. FERRELL '81 (email: ean-dafferrell@juno.com)

To the Editor:

I was very sad to read of the death of Jane Lewis Greenspan. Ms. Greenspan was my official class teacher in seventh grade (as a "Zero") and her grungy classroom on the 13th floor of 466 Lexington was my introduction to six intense and happy years at Hunter. In our first week, she took us on a tour of Grand Central, the Chrysler building and other nearby sites, trying to instill an appreciation of the architecture of the city into youngsters from the other boroughs and in my case from Pittsburgh, PA. She tried to civilize us, informing us one day as we all trooped in from gym that we were now old enough to use deodorant, and dealing with such adventures as someone throwing a cello down the air shaft and a Quaker boy (who shall be nameless) getting into a fistfight. That first year, she taught us English and guided us through *How Green was My Valley*, *Inherit the Wind*, *Richard III* and *The Good Earth*, among others. Ms. Greenspan also comfortably taught European and American history, political theory, and philosophy. She encouraged us to do real primary research for our term papers in history, a great opportunity for a high school student. I have an impression that she went through a bad time in about 1979, but I don't know the details. She had once been a Rockette, and eventually left Hunter to become a lawyer; she had gone through night school while teaching full time. I think of her often, and I hope that Hunter will

always have teachers like her: broadly educated, with an eye for important issues, and full of enthusiasm for her subjects and her students. I enclose a check for \$500 for library book purchases as a memorial gift and urge my classmates from Class 7-2 and others who studied with Ms. Greenspan to write in with their reminiscences.

Sarah SCHNEEWIND '82

Editor's Note: We received many letters from alums who took issue with a letter from Suzanne MARYANOV Frankel '47 in the Summer issue which claimed that the High School never had a "Sing." A selection of these letters follows:

To the Editor:

I graduated from HCHS in 1928, my daughter, **Rita SEIDEN**, in 1959 and my grandson, **Joshua SEIDEN**, and my granddaughter-in-law, **Vick ALSON Seiden**, both in 1982. Please don't say that Hunter High never had a Sing. During the years that I attended, it was the big event of the year. Now, at 88, I am active in Quest (99 Hudson Street, 212-925-6625, ext. 229) where we oldsters (retired ladies and gentlemen 60 and over) give each other courses. I give the Shakespeare.

Edith WHITE Seiden '28

To the Editor:

In reply to **Suzanne MARYANOV Frankel '47**, I am member of the Class of '42. We did have a Sing then, and as far back as 1934. My older sister, **Jean Dorothy CARTON Bennett, June '37**, was active all four years in the High School Sing, and then at the College. My class' 1938 Sing (Freshman) was written by **Lorraine GOVERNMAN Wechsler** and **Eleanor SACHS French**. I still remember stanzas that describe our life at the 96th Street building. We spent six months there and a year at 32nd Street before the school was united at 68th Street and Lexington in our Junior year. I don't know how long after 1941 the Sing remained a major Spring activity. World War II may have stopped it at the High School, but not at the College.

Marian CARTON Gulack '42

To the Editor:

I am a 1938 graduate of the High School and I can assure **Suzanne MARYANOV Frankel** that the High School most certainly DID have a "Sing" for two years—in 1937 and 1938. **Margaret HOCHMAN May** was the leader in '37

and I was the leader in '38. Margie was the leader of the sophomore "Sing" for the class of '42 at the college, and I was freshman, junior and senior leader. All the letters about Charlotte Hochman reminded me that in 1988, while visiting **Esther DAVIDSON Hemsing '38** in Cape Cod, we were talking about Miss Hochman and a skit she wrote called *The Butcher Boy*. Esther was the lead and as if it had been only yesterday, we began to sing "I Love the Butcher Boy" – remembering every word.

Natasha KAHN Brenner '38

To the Editor:

In her letter in Summer *AlumNotes*, **Suzanne MARYANOV Frankel '47** asserts that the High School "NEVER had a 'Sing.'" As 1943 graduates of the High School, we must attest that she is wrong. In the spring of 1939, our freshman class took part in what was to be the last production of "Sing" (a mournful distinction indeed). Although we cannot say how many years this beloved HCHS tradition endured, the answer may surely be found in the copies of *Annals* available at the school for the use of open-minded and NEVER-minded alums alike.

Rita GLANZMAN Rubin '43 & Sara SPIRO Portnoy '43

To the Editor:

I was surprised to read in the Summer issue of *AlumNotes* a letter from **Suzanne MARYANOV Frankel '47** that HCHS never had a "Sing." Quite the contrary. "Sing" was a great annual event at the High School during my time. It was a wonderful competition among the four years. Freshmen through Seniors worked diligently, creatively, and secretly in selecting and developing a subject for their main theme, plus a miscellaneous theme. We also very carefully selected a Sing leader for the chorus. On the day of the great event, the panel of faculty judges based their decision in naming the "winner" on various criteria, including the subject matter, the cleverness of the words (set to the music of known popular songs), the costumes, and the performance of the Sing leader. I know the particulars because I was in the Sing chorus during my Junior year and I can vividly recall our whole presentation. Our main theme was radio—the Blue Network (there was

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Hunter High School On Line

Peggy BETZ Perrin '55

This year's Computer Advisory Committee seems blessed: membership is up, enthusiasm is high, ideas are flowing, the administration is supportive and students, parents and faculty are geared up for work. Buoyed by this spirit and by generous contributions from the Alumnae/i Association (\$11,000) and administration (\$12,500), the committee immediately began plans for a staff development symposium this fall.

Friday, November 19th, has been set aside as a staff development day. Half the day will be used to introduce and orient all staff to the ways computer applications simplify and expedite administrative tasks like record keeping, attendance, reports, statistics and the like. The second half of the day will focus on particular subject areas and will demonstrate how to implement computer technology in the classroom—that is, how to incorporate it into the learning process. Teachers will organize in departmental groups to discuss particular ways their subjects can be enhanced: effective research approaches on the Internet, developing departmental home pages for resource materials, and so on. Departments have been asked to submit topics teachers would like to learn more about. Subject specialists will be resources and experienced teachers will illustrate techniques and programs they've developed themselves. The symposium has generated a great deal of excitement.

This year parents have volunteered to oversee the computer laboratories while students do homework, research and other independent work, freeing up faculty who are teaching class or fulfilling other responsibilities. At present, volunteer time is the only way such access to the labs can be provided for students.

No special knowledge is required, just an adult's presence. (Interested alums may also call Carolyn Mayadas at 212-860-1314 for information.)

The High School home page is now in the hands of a webteam of students and teachers. Each subject department has been assigned a student team member who will help the department work up a design and make suggestions for content layout. Several teachers already have their own pages and are resources for their colleagues. The work is overseen by a member of the Art Department. A parent volunteer is webmaster and has been updating the home page. She expects to add course of study information soon. An attractive and informative home page will be a major resource for High School parents, allowing them to check homework assignments, class notices - all the kinds of valuable data that seem to disappear on a student's way home. Alums will find it a fascinating insight into today's Hunter High and a perfect place to hotlink to the Alumnae/i Association's page and browse through alum news.

An ongoing project coordinated with the Counseling Department is the distribution of older computers to students who lack one. Help is available, too: a student has volunteered as a support for new users.

Finally, the new term will be highlighted by a work day for committee members and other volunteers. Saturday, November 13th, at 10 a.m., the group will meet in the computer labs to help organize and set up the remaining lab.

Call me for more information about the Computer Advisory Committee or to make suggestions (718-426-1341, mperrin@nyls.edu.) ☐

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Special note to chapter leaders: If you have any news or notices of meetings or get-togethers that you'd like us to publish, please let us know by Dec. 15, 1999. ☐



FROM THE HCHS ALUMNAE/I ARCHIVES

Change After a Century: Male Students Flock to an All-Female School

Based on articles in *What's What* and alumnae/i recollections

**Editor's Note: The following article was originally contained in a magazine entitled *That's What's Special* which was published by the Alumnae/i Association in the Summer of 1991.*

A few years after Hunter's 100th birthday, the parents of 24 boys (18 of them students at Hunter College Elementary School) sought to have their sons take the Hunter High entrance examination. In 1974 they brought a class-action suit against the Board of Higher Education to gain this right. A judge in Federal District Court ruled in their favor; three years earlier he had ruled similarly in a reverse discrimination case that resulted in the admission of female students to the previously all-male Stuyvesant High School.

The male applicants to Hunter became media celebrities for a while. Because this ruling was handed down only a few days before the date of the entrance exam, only the original male plaintiffs were there with thousands of 6th grade qualified females. One of the participants recalls that only six of the 24 were accepted for 7th grade at Hunter High on the basis of their test scores. Protests from parents of the Hunter Elementary students who had not been accepted led to a compromise: they would be able to join the incoming class if they

attended summer school to improve their skills.

In September, 1975, 18 boys entered the class of '80. Ten years later, *What's What* reported that "After the first year, several were expelled due to bad academics and unacceptable behavior. By the time eighth grade was over, there were only twelve boys left." Students, faculty and alumnae were divided. Some feminists in the Hunter family had to confront their own double standards regarding coeducation: If it was important for young women to be admitted on equal terms to formerly male schools, how could we at the same time justify keeping young men out of traditionally women's schools? Hunter College had, in fact, made the transition from an all-women's to a coeducational school less than a quarter century earlier, having opened its doors to male and female returning military personnel under the G.I. Bill of Rights in the late 1940s and admitting men right out of high school in the fall of 1951.

Many now accepted that change to coeducation was inevitable; others felt that a few single-sex schools should remain to provide choices; still others just plain disapproved. People holding every perspective were shocked when the results of the first fully open entrance exam were announced, and more boys than girls had been accepted. Some students

filed depositions with the court to urge that the school continue as before. All were concerned about practical matters: Hunter High, having been summarily evicted from its longest term home at 68th Street and Lexington Avenue, was temporarily in residence in an office building on Lexington between 45th and 46th Streets. Not only were there no cafeteria, gymnasiums, science laboratories or auditorium, there were no boys' bathrooms. Indeed, in the years the school remained on [Lexington Ave.], the growing number of Hunter boys used the same facilities as the male faculty.

Also debated was the nature of other changes, changes in mood and extracurricular activities, changes in course emphasis and gym equipment. At first, the physical education department ran separate but similar classes. Gradually boys and girls worked out together, while over the next few years, boys' teams for competitive sports were established. In student government and other extracurricular organizations boys soon assumed leadership positions. Did they just naturally expect to? Did they have the leadership qualities males are traditionally expected to possess? Did the girls tacitly let them? Did male faculty members give extra encouragement to the newcomers? All of these, and other explanations were raised, and continue to be debated to this day. □

Class of 1950 to Celebrate Its 50th Anniversary

Plans are already underway for gala celebrations in June, 2000 for January and June 1950 graduates. Don't be among the missing! Be sure to "pencil in" the first weekend in June.

Saturday, June 3, 2000.....June and January classes will have separate get-togethers.

Sunday, June 4, 2000.....Both classes will participate in the general reunion at HCHS.

What can you do to help?

- ♦ If you know a 1950 graduate, pass this information along.
- ♦ If you, or your friends, are 1950 graduates and think that your current

address is unknown to the Alumnae/i Assn. or to your class coordinator, contact the appropriate person as listed in the Class Coordinators section (on page 8).

- ♦ Make a firm resolution to attend your milestone reunion. If you miss this one, June 2050 is a long way off! □



Class Notes

1920s Edith LEVINE Woolfson '22 writes to say she has just read practically every word of the Summer 1999, issue of *AlumNotes* and she admires and congratulates all of the active members of the HCHS Alumnae/i Assn. Edith was graduated with the class of February 1922!! (Hunter College, 1925) In July 1998, her gift to her daughter for her 50th birthday was a trip to Italy. This past August she visited her and her family in California. Sept. 15, 1999, was her 94th birthday and she was grateful for the cards and telephone calls she received.

1930s Jeannette AARONS Goldberg '32 and Frieda BURMAN Levy '32 have been planning a mini-reunion of their class after meeting each other at the 1998 general reunion. Frieda has collected some 32 names and addresses and would like to hear from any classmates still extant. Jeannette was sorry to miss the 1999 reunion, but with 10 grandchildren having birthdays, graduating, receiving awards and other good things, June is a difficult time to squeeze in a 67th reunion. Fellow class members should call her at 201-837-2956 or Frieda at 718-547-2840. • **Alice VELASQUEZ Haden, Jan. '37** has lived in Louisville, KY for over 40 years, with a break when she and her husband, now deceased, relocated to Venezuela for three years for job-related reasons. Alice has two children, a son who is an attorney and a daughter who is a bank loan officer, and five dear grandchildren. • **Ruth VODNOY Auerbach '39** attended Hunter College for one year after graduating from HCHS and subsequently received her BA in music in 1977 at DePaul University in Chicago. She is retired from a career as a music therapist and is currently living in Las Vegas with her husband of 58 years.

1940s Jean MOVERMAN Leonard, Jan. '44 writes that she enjoys reading about everyone else in Class Notes and hopes some of her friends will read her news and remember her. She loved her years at HCHS and although very shy at the time, she was involved in the orchestra and German Klub and Klasse. Her buddies were Miriam KOBLIN Zweibel, Jan. '44, Emmy NUMRICH, Jan. '44 (both of whom she'd love to hear from) and Shirley COHEN Field, Jan. '44, who she saw in 1984 at the time of their 40th reunion. Jean attended downtown CCNY and met husband, Hal, a returning WWII vet, who became a math teacher in the NYC school system. They had 3 sons together and Jean then got her MLS at LIU and became a school librarian. Hal got his PhD and they moved to Oneonta where he became a professor and she worked in the college library. They eventually retired to Austin, TX. Jean currently does memory writing for *The Jewish Outlook*, the JCC newspaper, is a volunteer librarian for the resource center, travels with her husband, and belongs to the "Y" for exercise. She was excited to find a fellow HCHS alum, Miriam MARGOLIES, June '44, while playing bridge. She hopes the class of Jan. '44 will get together soon. • **Lorell FELDSTEIN Blass '45** writes that for someone like her, living outside the United States (in Jerusalem), it is an especially good feeling to read the names of classmates in *AlumNotes* and to hear what they are doing. Since it is unlikely that people

living abroad will be able to attend a reunion, she suggests that they keep in touch through email: her address is lorell@netvision.net.il. • **June ROSS Marks '45** is currently living in Greenwich, CT, and would love to hear from fellow June '45 graduates (email: junemarks@worldnet.att.net). • **Eveline BLAUSTEIN Felsten, Jan. '46** taught History and German at HCHS from 1951-1952. She wonders where classmates Barbara GREENWALD, Evelyn KONRAD and Nicole EINHORN Frances are? • **Sandra (Sandy) LONDON Schulman, Jan. '46** retired from a long career in college teaching, but is still teaching hourly classes at Moorpark College in California. In May 2000, she and her husband, Dr. Ben Schulman (a graduate of the second co-ed class of Hunter College), will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary. • **Judge Elaine JACKSON Stack '48** is currently a District Court Judge in Nassau County and is a candidate for Supreme Court, 10th Judicial District (Nassau & Suffolk) in the November 1999 elections. • **Lili HIRSCH Krakowski, Jan. '49** writes to say that after years at two jobs, copy-writing and "potting," she is still a potter and she is writing quite a bit for the clay magazine. • **Louise BELSKY Green '49** is retired from work as an elementary school teacher and sales administrator for Sony Corp. She currently volunteers as a reading tutor at a San Diego middle school and does a lot of traveling with her husband, with whom she has one son.

1950s Abby SCHLEIN Greenberg, MD, Jan. '52 continues working in public health as Director of Disease Control for the Nassau County (New York) Department of Health. She continues to travel as much as she can and in October 1999 went to Nepal, Tibet and Bhutan. She will spend the turn of the millennium in Bolivia and Peru-Machu Pichu and the headwaters of the Amazon. • **Louise NEUWIRTH Jaffe Gerber, Jan. '53** writes to say that she has been happily remarried since February 1993. On Labor Day weekend she attended the wedding of the son of classmate Carol PODELL Vinson, Jan. '53 and her own son will be married in October. Louise retired from Kingsborough Community College (CUNY) in June, 1995, but continues teaching there on a part-time basis. Since June, 1997, she has been the poetry editor of *The New Press Literary Quarterly*. • **Judith JACOBS Karis '55** is a retired school counselor living in Rensselaer, NY. She and her husband join hiking trips around the U.S. and Europe. Retirement is wonderful especially since two grandchildren live nearby. • **Florence BERGSON Goldberg '59** writes that she is alive and well and living in Manchester Township, NJ. Having retired a few years ago as an English teacher in New York, she is now concentrating on traveling with her husband and enjoying their six grandchildren.

1960s Ann GORMLEY Pinzl '64 writes that she is still working as Curator of Natural History (specializing in botany) at the Nevada State Museum. Even though her husband has been retired for three years and she is eligible, she finds that her job is just too much a part of her life. • **Kathryn KANAREK James '66** writes to say hi to her fellow classmates; she is alive and well, living in suburbia in



Northern Virginia, where she fights heavy traffic on a daily basis. She is also divorced, childless and lives with two large dogs and a cat. She hasn't been to New York for over two years, but hopes to visit her mom there soon. She saw **Irene GREIF '65** and **Linda SHARPE '65** at her thirtieth MIT reunion last June (Kathryn graduated from MIT in three years).

1970s Helen BENDIX '70 is currently a Municipal Court Judge for the Los Angeles Judicial District. She has three children (Jessica, 17; Erik, 15; and Nicola, 7) and is married to John Kronstadt, an attorney with Blanc, Williams, Johnston and Kronstadt. Recently, Helen played chamber music with a fellow '70 graduate, **Mona DEÜTSCH Miller**. • **Janet SHAPIRO Fiber '70** is currently the Assistant Principal of the Schermerhorn Program at the New York Institute for Special Education, involved in educational services to blind and visually impaired students, where she has been employed for the past 25 years. She is still best friends with **Deena SCHWARTZ Stone '70** even though they live 3,000 miles apart. She writes: "It's hard to believe it's been 30 years since I graduated! Sometimes, it feels like it was only yesterday." • **Anita SPRINGER '72** writes to say that on September 18, 1999, there was a mini-reunion of Hunter High alums at the baby naming for the new daughter of **Betsy LAMPERT Minkin '73**. She and her husband, Josh, brought one-year old Emma home to Brooklyn from Guanxi, China, where they adopted her. Also present at the ceremony, in addition to Anita, were **Kathy LEVINE '71**, **Paula BERGER '72**, **Susan KOHN '72**, **Marjorie LEWIS '72** and **Yehudit MOCH '73**. The baby is beautiful and lively and seemed to have a great time at the party. • **Marge KOLB Corridan '78** has two sons, aged 10 and 2, and is currently serving as Co-President of the PTA at P.S. 229 in Woodside, Queens (in District 24, the city's most overcrowded). She's also enjoying working part-time at the HCHS Alumnae/i Assn. office. She just returned from an annual sojourn to Ireland (husband Rich is from County Kerry) and from a quick trip to Tampa for her nephew's christening.

1980s Cheryl KATZ Chiovetta '80 received her BA from SUNY Purchase in 1983, her JD from CWRU Law in 1986 and an MBA from Columbia in 1998. After stints at the Bronx DA's office, AIG and the NYC Taxi & Limousine Commission, she is now an associate in commodities at Goldman, Sachs. Much more importantly, she gave birth to triplets, Eliana Nicole, Lauren Danielle and Gianni Preston on July 6, 1999. She would love to hear from any of her classmates. • **Trini PIAZZA Costello '55** writes that daughter **Carrie COSTELLO '82** has received her PhD in Sociology at Berkeley and is now teaching at the University of Wisconsin in Milwaukee. Daughter **Lisa COSTELLO '84** is enjoying being a stay at home mom and is about to give birth to her third son. • **Michele "Mickie" TRESTER '85** writes with news of herself and some of her classmates. She is currently living in Park Slope, Brooklyn with her girlfriend of 5 years and has just reached her 10-year anniversary as a researcher and negotiator at District Council 37, a labor union representing New York City government employees. **Pamela GOURDJI '85** now goes by the name Sienna Marie Hornback and she and her husband, Paul, are househunting near Santa Rosa, CA, where she works in promotions and advertising for Gannett Newspapers.

Ilana TEITEL '85 and her husband, Carlos Dell'Orso, live in Astoria, NY with their 2 daughters, Emily (9) and Rebecca (3). She is a hard-working mom and helps Carlos with their bicycle import/export business. **Roni NEFF '85** just moved to Baltimore with her boyfriend, John. They bought a house there and Roni is pursuing her work in women's health and reproductive rights activism and research. **Brett SONNENSCHNEIN '85** used to live upstairs from Michele, but recently moved down the street with his girlfriend, Jennifer Owens. He is a desk-top editor for Oxford Publishing. **Gabrielle SOLOMON '85** edits and maintains Fortune magazine's website. She lives in West New York, NJ, and traveled to China in September to cover a large Asian business conference. **Kathy BERENSON '85** lives in Park Slope with her boyfriend, Devon, and is pursuing her doctorate in Psychology. **Marc SIRY '85** got married last year and is living in Venice, CA. **David WOHL '85** and **Mary Jane WEIGANDT '85** also live in southern California. Michele hopes that **Wendy TURCHIN '85** comes out of hiding and organizes something for the class' 15th reunion! • **Vanessa SOUTHERN '86** married Rohit Menezes on May 1 in Washington, D.C. Vanessa is now an ordained Unitarian Universalist minister. The matron of honor was **Gail ROBOZ '86**, who was accompanied by her husband, **Dimitri STEINBERG '86**, and their two-month old daughter, Alexandra. Also present were **Erica BUEHRENS '93**, **Mark TAYLOR '84** and **Andrew BELLAK '84**. Since the wedding, Andrew and his wife, Susan Bain, had a baby, Theodore Bain Bellak. • **Charles ARDAI '87** got married in June to Naomi Novik. In May, he took the company he founded, Juno Online Services, public (trading under the symbol JWEB on the Nasdaq). • **Joshua BURSTEIN '89** got married on October 17, 1999 to Rachael Anne Rothstein at the Crowne Plaza in Manhattan. According to their friend **Peggy BETZ Perrin '55**, the ceremony was an interesting blend of Jewish tradition and contributions of the bride and groom.

1990s Bradley MILES '90 writes that he recently received his MBA from the Graduate School of Business at Fordham University and he is engaged to be married to Rachel Bernstein in May 2000. He's also in touch with **Ian WRIGHT '90** and **Maria CARDONA '90** who got engaged after meeting up again at their five-year reunion. They will be married in July of 2000. • **Joseph KO '92** started teaching ninth grade Social Studies at Croton-Harmon High School in September 1999 and received his M.A. in Social Studies from Teachers College, Columbia University in October 1999. • **Brian LAGUARDIA '92** spent some time managing a night club in New York, taught high school for a little under two years and is presently serving in the U.S. Army in a high-speed operation in the most forwardly deployed unit on the South Korean Peninsula. He will be there until February, at which time he will relocate to Seattle, where he'll be until he becomes a civilian again at the end of 2000. He'll be on leave in NY from October 22 until November 11 for the wedding of his brother **Daniel LAGUARDIA '89**. Friends can reach him at laguardiab@yahoo.com. □

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



Attention Graduates of 1940, 1945, 1950 ... 1995 and All Multiples of Five In Between — Your Classes Need Coordinators for Reunion 2000!

If you don't already see a class coordinator listed for your year and if you want to ensure that you and all your classmates get the most out of Reunion 2000, why not volunteer yourself to coordinate the activities? The position of class coordinator is most important, but does not need to be unduly time-consuming, especially if you can draft some of your classmates to help you out. It simply involves contacting classmates and encouraging them to attend next year's reunion (which will be held at Hunter College High School, 94th Street and Park Avenue, on Sunday, June 4, 2000). Our office will provide you with all the information we have on file regarding names, addresses, and email addresses for your classmates as well as mailing labels so you can easily drop a line to everyone. We'll also reimburse the coordinator for the reasonable costs of one mailing (postage and stationery). Many class coordinators plan a separate social function from the one at the high school, such as a dinner or luncheon the day before the main reunion; however, that is not a requirement. We also look forward to receiving corrected addresses or names of "missing" classmates so we can update our database. If you are not able to volunteer yourself to be a class coordinator, perhaps you can think of someone who might be willing to do it (perhaps your class president or yearbook editor). If so, let our office know who that person is and we'll try to talk them into the job. If you have any questions about volunteering to be a class coordinator, please contact our office. ☐

Milestone Class Coordinators

Reunion 2000:

Jan '50 **Phyllis LeKASHMAN Glantz**,
914-693-3199, palglantz@compuserve.com

June '50 **Dorothy BURRY Simon**,
914-963-7221, dls2@is4.nyu.edu

1960: **Jeanette ISENBURG Bersh**. To update your name, address, phone numbers or email, please contact her at: ADDRESSING@aol.com or by mail to: 9 Clayton Drive, Dix Hills, NY 11746, 516-462-9828. An alternate person to contact is **Barbara PHILIP Bennett** at RDBBEN@aol.com or: 19 Douglas Road, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028, 973-743-4763. The millennium will be the class' 40th reunion and the class coordinators would love to hear from all class members.

1965: **Barbara FALK Sabbeth**, 72 Overlook Rd., New Rochelle, NY 10804

1970: The class of 1970 will be 30 in 2000. If you can help update the class mailing list, please email **Ellen WALLENSTEIN** at Seawall@earthlink.net or **Bonny KWOH** at bkwoh@hklaw.com, or write to class coordinator **Bonnie QUINT Kaplan**, 35 Prospect Park West, #11C, Brooklyn, NY 11215; or telephone **Susan SOLOMON** at (212) 874-7064. They look forward to hearing from classmates.

1975: **Deborah Beth KAHN**, 3092 Nostrand Ave., Brooklyn, NY 11229, 718-645-1912 (home), 212-308-7697 (work)

1990: **JENIFER K. LINGEMAN** is willing to help anyone who can volunteer to be class coordinator. Her email address is jlilingeman003@md.nwu.edu.

1995: **Anne PARK**, 36-41 Union Street, Apt. 2B, Flushing, NY 11354, 718-461-3311 (home)

Reunion 2001:

71: **Joan ROMANO**, (516) 451-2404

President's Letter . . .

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wonderfully huggable teddy bear, wearing a stylish, cream-colored turtleneck sweater with the words Hunter High (in purple, of course!). Order information may be found on the back page.

Please note that those of you who choose to get a Premium membership (\$75) are entitled to your choice of a teddy bear, apron, t-shirt or two mugs, or admission for one to the Winter Brunch on February 6th.

I hope to see you at our annual Winter Meeting, the Winter Brunch, on Sunday, February 6, 2000 at 12:30 p.m. at Raymond's Café (located in Manhattan on Seventh Avenue between 15th and 16th Streets) and, of course, Reunion at the high school on Sunday, June 4, 2000!

Wishing you a wonderful and healthy holiday season, I remain,

Cordially yours,

Eve Ferdman

Eve Ferdman '79

Coming Soon:

Alumnae/i Profiles

Read about the life and times of distinguished Hunter High Alumnae/i. Suggestions? Contact judy.wong@juno.com.

1956 and 1983 Class Rings Found!!

The Alumnae/i Association has received messages from two people who have found Hunter High School class rings. The first is from the class of 1956 and is inscribed with initials that appear to be "jlf". If this is your ring, you can email gmatt52471@aol.com to arrange the return of the ring. The second ring found is from the class of 1983 and is inscribed with the name **Heather SHEU**, for whom the association has no current address. If anyone is in touch with Heather, please have her contact Doug Anderson at derson@massed.net or by telephone at 978-454-5245. ☐



Alumnae/i Association Receives Thank You From the High School

The following letter was received from the High School following a donation made by the Alumnae/i Association last June.

To: Eve Ferdman, President

On behalf of the faculty, students and administration of Hunter College High School, I thank you for the generous donation of \$17,000 from the Alumnae/i Association. We will use the money as you have designated: \$11,000 for Faculty Staff Development in Computer Technology, \$5,000 for enhancement of student and faculty spirit, and \$1,000 for tree planting.

The gift from graduates represents the finest Hunter tradition of caring

as reflected in the school's motto, *Mihi Cura Futuri*. [The care of the future is mine.] The monies will certainly benefit the school community from its facilities to its morale to its instructional delivery. The connection between the past and present generation of Hunter students is a tangible one and I am sure that it will serve as a model for future alumnae/i.

Again, please accept my gratitude for the continuing support of the Alumnae/i Association.

Sincerely,

Sue Leung Eichler

Sue Leung Eichler, Acting Principal □

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such a thing before television). Our costumes were electric blue with a blue net apron which we held up covering our faces, and as we lowered the blue net, our introduction was: "This is the Blue Network signing in." We had a very talented committee that wrote our lyrics which were clever and humorous. Our miscellaneous theme was "zipper." I can remember the first couple of lines sung to the tune of *The Night Was Young*. We warbled "The night was young and she was amorous and her zipper gown was glamorous, but OH, her zipper kept sliding."

Traditionally, the Seniors always won "Sing." It was almost a given as they approached graduation; BUT, we broke tradition and won Sing as Juniors! This was hard for the Seniors to take and as it turned out, when we became Seniors, we did not win Sing—the Juniors won again. It was payback time for us.

Preparation for "Sing" required intensive work with rehearsals in secret. We

guarded our selection of subjects, costumes, etc., like hidden treasure. No one had any idea what we were "cooking up." As a matter of fact, we were fortunate to have in our group, Aline AUSTIN, whose uncle owned Rubens Restaurant on 59th Street off Fifth Avenue. Aline arranged for us to rehearse in one of the private rooms there with a piano. "Sing" had to be held at a school that had a stage large enough to accommodate all four years on stage at the same time. We used the auditorium of DeWitt Clinton H.S. on one occasion. Our wonderful high school produced quality even though it was housed on East 96th Street, between the river and a laundry. A skylight would crash in the hall outside our classrooms. The rumor was that we were in an abandoned public school, but our spirit was great!

"Sing" was a highlight of our Hunter High days—the atmosphere was charged.

Arax L. HOGROIAN, Jan. '40 □

Desperately Seeking Sarah Maria Jones

If you are in touch with a classmate who isn't receiving *AlumNotes*, tell us how to reach her (or him). We rely on our members to help keep our database up to date. You can also let us know if

you are looking for a "lost" classmate. We may be able to help you get back in touch. (In case you didn't know, Sarah Maria Jones was the name given to the archetypal Hunter High Student.) □

HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Inc. Revenue & Expense Statement for Fiscal Year 7/1/98-6/30/99

To inform all members of the association's financial information for the fiscal year which ended June 30, 1999, we provide the following information:

Revenues

Dues (incl. Premium & matching gifts)	\$41,829
Class gifts & other Contributions	17,622
Reunion & Winter Brunch	6,015
Sale of Merchandise	3,808
Interest Income	2,967
Total Revenues:	\$72,241

Expenses

Office	9,745*
AlumNotes Printing & All Postage	16,721**
Reunion & Winter Brunch	5,099
Purchase of Merch.	734
Subtotal Expenses	\$32,299
Donations to H.S.:	\$25,076
Total Expenses:	\$57,375
Net	\$14,866

Notes:

The Assn. is in the process of passing on to HCHS all class gifts received at or subsequent to the June '99 Reunion, and is honoring all designations for those funds, as well as commitments made by the Assn. These amounts are in addition to the \$25,076 shown above and will be reflected in the fiscal 2000 financial statement.

*Office expense includes payment to free-lance staff for only six months.

**Printing and postage expenses are only for three 8-page issues of *AlumNotes*; four issues per year are planned in future. □



In Memoriam

Gertrude ARONSON

Wendroff '22 died on October 28, 1996. An NYU graduate, she was among the youngest appointed teachers in the city system when she began teaching at New Utrecht High School in Brooklyn, where she remained for almost half a century. Her son writes that she was always terribly proud of being a Hunter High graduate and that he and his brother came in time to share her legitimate pride. He also notes that at the end of her long life she remained possessed of the vigorous intelligence that Hunter did a great deal to mold.

Ruth Elizabeth KEARNS

FitzGerald '36, born November 8, 1919, died on April 21, 1999 at age 79, in Sun City Center, Florida. She was preceded in death by her husband Edward, a respected New York civil trial lawyer and decorated veteran of the Ardennes Campaign during World War II. Edward died at age 82 in Sun City Center on March 18, 1999, after a long illness. Ruth was a loving mother and a woman of great faith, and she attended Hunter High School and Hunter College, and graduated from Columbia-Presbyterian School of Nursing. After raising five children, she applied her intelligence, patience and knowledge to a twenty-year career as a science teacher at Sacred Heart School in Bayside, New York; the same school from which she had graduated, and from which her children would later graduate. She was an active member of the Sacred Heart Church and School community. After retirement,

Ruth and Edward moved to Sun City Center, Florida. Ruth believed strongly in the importance of service to others and to God, and in the years prior to her sudden death, Ruth was an active member of and ecumenical minister at the Prince of Peace Church in Sun City Center, and a first responder volunteer on the Sun City Center Emergency Squad. Ruth is survived by her sister, Grace Morrison of Sun City Center, and by five adult children: Edward, Jr. of Berea, Kentucky; Richard FitzGerald of Louisville, Kentucky, Maureen Morrell of Raleigh, North Carolina; Jane Peters of Sag Harbor, New York; and Tom FitzGerald also of Louisville, Kentucky, and by thirteen grandchildren. Friends who wish may make a donation in memory of Ruth FitzGerald to the Autism Society of North Carolina, 505 Oberlin Road, Suite 230, Raleigh, North Carolina 27605.

Dorothy "Dolly" GARFEIN

Maloney '40 passed away in July after a long illness. Before retiring in 1990, she worked for three decades as a confidential secretary to editors at the *Daily News*, who said "she graced the paper with her wit, charm and hearty laugh." She is survived by two sons, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Carol MALONEY Gromer '44

died on September 15, 1999 at the age of 72. After graduating from HCHS, she attended Southern Connecticut State College. She was an active member of St. Aloysius Parish, where she was an Extraordinary

Minister, and was also active in the New Canaan Women's Club. In 1976, she was named Mental Health Volunteer of the Year for Connecticut. Carol is survived by her husband of 52 years, Frank, two daughters, a son and eight grandchildren; another son predeceased her. Her friends say she will be remembered for her willingness to help others, to volunteer on any project, large or small, and for her gentle and gracious ways.

Barbara DAMAST Riter '45 has passed away reports by her cousin, **Doria ELIAZON**

Goldstein '40. After graduating from Brooklyn College, Barbara did cancer research (specifically children's leukemia) at Sloane-Kettering. She later transferred to N.I.H. where she did similar work. She leaves a husband, Emanuel, and two children, Jill and Evan, who all live in California.

Marcia SKALKA Alecia '59

passed away last year after losing a valiant struggle against cancer. She had lived in Delray Beach, FL, for the past 10 years and she left behind three sons and many wonderful memories.

Eileen MARSAR Manfredi '67, who worked as an economist for the Congressional Budget Office, died of breast cancer on July 23, 1999. She is survived by her husband, Arthur.

The Alumnae/i Assn. has also been advised of the passing of the following individuals: **Dr. Aileen OWENS James '35**, **Irene CALEFF Diamond '38**, and **Jimmy KO '86**. □



AlumnaGrams

1922 HCHS Yearbook wanted for purchase or loan (to have photocopied). Please call William Wendroff, 718-284-6352.

Are there others from the Class of 1926? I'd like to hear from you. **Lyda PINKUS Rochmis**, 703-435-3841.

June '49 class member(s) who volunteered to help plan a Pittsburgh reunion, please contact **Jane SCHWARTZ Schultz**, janeschu+@pitt.edu or call 412-383-9705.

For a tribute to former HCHS teacher Jane Lewis Greenspan, would you please send me your thoughts on or recollections of this particularly splendid person and teacher? Thanks in advance for your help. **Saul FISHER '82**, email sf@mellon.org.

Virginia (Ginny) ORNSTEIN Abrams 52 would love to hear from Arna KASDIN '52/'53, Shiela MILLER 52 and Barbara CLARK 52. Please call 212-663-6414.

Members of the Class of '61: Join the list for our email newsletter, Umbrella '61. We have 45 delighted recipients from Maine to Pakistan, from Redlands to Rome. A recent comment: "Really enjoyed the newsletter. It rolls the years away and yet ages me. I can't explain it." Contact **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman** at: helenespierman@juno.com.

Children's Colony Camp Reunion: Saturday, 12 noon, May 6, 2000, Caffe Bondi, 7 W. 20th Street, NYC. Contact: **Susan Husserl-Kapit**, 274 Clarendon St., Boston, MA 02116, tel. 617-267-3314, email: shk@compuserve.com.

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New York Area Networkers News

The HCHS New York Metro Area Networkers Group wishes to extend thanks to recent speakers: **Hon. Justin C. BRASCH '83**, Democratic State Committeeman; **Emma O'BRIEN '84**, Vice President of Sales, The Halstead Property Co.; and attorneys **Anne MILES '70** and **Christina KALLAS '69**, who spoke on elder law and estate planning issues.

The Networkers Group continues meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at the Omega Diner, 122 West 72nd Street in Manhattan. There is no cost to attend—just pay for what you order to eat and drink. We plan to have a different alum give a short talk on his or her area of expertise at upcoming dinners. If you would like to give a 15- to 20-minute talk at an upcoming Networkers Dinner, please call **Andrew Clateman '84** at 212-932-2500. □

Alumnae/i Bookshelf & Art Gallery

Thisbe NISSEN '90 has published her first collection of short stories, *Out of the Girls' Room and into the Night*, winner of the 1999 John Simmons Short Fiction Award from the University of Iowa Press. A book tour, begun in October '99, will include New York readings. The complete tour schedule is available on the web at: www.uiowa.edu/~uiopress/nisoutof.htm. □

Recent Alums Group

Recent Alums activities are open to graduates of the '80s and '90s. To be added to the RAG mailing and email list, contact **Christine BERGMANN '92**, at 605 W. 112th Street, #4-B, New York, NY 10025 or email her at c.bergmann.1@alumni.nyu.edu. □

Save These Dates:

- **December 9, 10 & 11:** The High School's Hunter Theater Ensemble (HTE) will present *Noises Off!* by Michael Frayn. Ticket information can be obtained by calling Regina Robbins in the English Department, at 212-860-1277.
- **Sunday, February 6, 2000:** Winter Brunch, Raymond's Cafe, 88 Seventh Avenue (between 15th & 16th St.)
- **Sunday, June 4, 2000:** Reunion at Hunter College High School.

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☐ Teddy Bear \$24
☐ Apron \$20

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