

AlumNotes

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Reunion 2002 Draws Near

Sunday, June 2, is the date of the Alumnae/i Association's annual General Reunion at the High School (94th Street at Park Avenue). Members of milestone classes (those ending in 2 or 7) should already have heard from their class's volunteer coordinator(s) as to plans for individual class get-togethers; if you haven't, please check the information printed on page 3. The schedule for Reunion includes check-in and continental breakfast beginning at 9:30 a.m., class gatherings at 10 a.m., a general assembly with speakers from the Alumnae/i Association and each milestone class, and a buffet luncheon.

To pre-register for the Reunion, kindly use the form on the back page. There are discounted prices for members of classes of less than six years or more than 50 years ago, as well as for dues-paid members and non-dues-paid members who register in advance. Questions may be directed to the Alumnae/i Association at hchsalums@yahoo.com or 212-772-4079. □

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Hunter High School Is Threatened With Drastic Budget Cuts

In the NYC Mayor's proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002, funding to CUNY is cut by \$12.9 million, which includes a cut of about \$500,000 in the yearly budget for Hunter Campus Schools (Elementary and High School). Although the City Council has proposed an alternate budget which would restore these funds, budget negotiations probably will continue at least into June.

Currently the High School receives funding of approximately \$7,400 per student, which is about \$2,000 less than the Board of Education's average per pupil expenditure (remember, HCHS is under the Board of Higher Education and is funded through CUNY). The High School's PTA and administration have been lobbying to reduce or eliminate the proposed cuts and in the

City Council's response to the Mayor's budget, the money to CUNY has been restored. Alums can help in the effort to prevent these cuts by contacting the Mayor's office, the City Council's Higher Education Committee, and their own City Council member. You can contact Mayor Bloomberg at: City Hall, New York, NY 10007 or by email (point your browser to: <http://nyc.gov/html/mail/html/mayor.html> to send a message). You can contact the City Council's Higher Education Committee care of its Chairman, Charles Barron, at: 250 Broadway, New York, NY 10007 or by email to barron@council.nyc.ny.us. To contact your own city council representative, write to him or her at 250 Broadway, NYC 10007 or check the council's Web site (www.council.nyc.ny.us) for local office and/or email information. □

President's Letter

*Dear Fellow
Alums &
Friends of
HCHS:*

My time as President and a member of the Board of Directors of the Alumnae/i Association comes to a close at the end of June. I have been honored to have served the alumnae/i and our association for the past four years as President (although my involvement with the Association precedes this by many years – I used to head the Metro New York



Networkers Group and before that I was a founding member and the first Treasurer of the Washington DC Regional Chapter). During my term in office, we have succeeded in increasing our fundraising capabilities for the High School by leaps and bounds, including funding scholarships for graduating seniors, improving this publication (*AlumNotes*), jointly sponsoring events with the Parents' Association, and after three long years of being a member of the search committee, I helped in choosing an eminently qualified permanent principal for the high school. The final project I'd hoped to accomplish is a re-vamp of our website, and although not yet completed, this project is in the works.

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I would be remiss if I did not share my feelings about the recent death of [former HCHS Social Studies teacher] Marion Barbara Keyser, or Bobby Keyser, as she preferred to be called. I was perhaps the leader of her adolescent fan club and an organizer of the History Club, of which she was the advisor.

Miss Keyser was young, vivacious, enthusiastic, inspirational, and brilliant—fresh out of Vassar College. She had a dry sense of humor and a smirk on her face that kept our interest. Her standards were high, and we tried to meet her expectations. She brought new life to the department and her students. In an atmosphere of outstanding teachers and students, Miss Keyser was truly outstanding. She was particularly helpful to me and spent many hours after school over an occasional ice cream cone teaching me how to outline. In my own way, I always thought she would never forget me, but I never sent the Christmas card I thought about. Perhaps the time has come to remove her name and address from my Rolodex file.

Lenore PARISER Lesser, Jan. '49

Dearest Alums:

In the Fall 2001 issue of *AlumNotes* it stated that I had "left" the High School. What I did after 31 years was retire. Retirement from Hunter College High School is a great honor and one that must be earned. I can't tell you how difficult it was to make the decision to retire, to tell the faculty and irate (thank goodness) students and to walk the halls for five months teaching my classes, knowing that my time at a great institution was coming to an end. Hunter came into my life in 1955 when my sister, Judy (class of '61), entered the school. I was hired by Miriam Burstein to teach English in 1970 and never looked back. My family and I considered it a great privilege. You supported me through my Master's Degree and two marriages. You celebrated when I had a daughter, and you were my strength when my parents died. Thirty-one years: moving into six different apartments,

chaperoning dozens of dances and trips (most notably, a Black Heritage Tour of Charleston, and a fantastic trip with the Jazz Chorus to Senegal), serving on every faculty committee the school had to offer, helping to write and administer at least twenty-five entrance exams, watching as literally thousands of you took the entrance exam and, in what seemed like the wink of an eye, watching as you walked across the Hunter College stage to sing the Alma Mater, and go out into the world. I subbed and was hired in the 68th Street building during the Vietnam War and then taught on the 13th and 14th floors of that office building at 46th and Lex. There were no Walkmen, CDs, VCRs, cell phones, faxes, personal computers or laptops or otherwise. There wasn't a single Xerox machine in the school. I was there before Hunter had boys—and I helped set up the TVs in the cafeteria so we could see who shot J.R. and go back and forth to the dance in the gym without missing "Dallas." What I'm getting at is that 31 years is a long time and it was a great time. I run in to alums literally all over the world, and depending on which name you knew me by, I can tell during which era I taught you. I glance down the masthead and ruffle through the pages of *AlumNotes* and I can see your faces as they were in my classroom—and I can hear your voices too. We're talking about Macbeth and his wife, Penelope and Telemachus, and you are horrified as Medea kills her sons. I had a wonderful, wonderful life with you. The faculty gave me a silver tray engraved with my name and dates of service, and forty of them gave me a retirement party where we all got up to "strut soulfully" to the CD I asked them to play. (We have CDs now.) In retiring, I have followed in the footsteps of my mentors and friends who meant so much to my life — people I still think of as the "grown ups": Jack McNeil, Parker Baratta, Maria LoFrumento, Mildred Busch, and many more. Retirement from Hunter High School is a great honor not to be taken lightly. With much love and a lifetime of memories,

Ms. Janice Hodges Warner

Board Nominations Now Open

The Alumnae/i Association is seeking candidates for our Board of Directors. Dues-paid members may make nominations of individuals, including themselves, until the close of business on Friday, May 24, by writing, calling or emailing the Association's office. Board members are expected to attend monthly meetings in Manhattan and to participate in ongoing work such as fundraising and event planning. All members in good standing by virtue of having paid their dues are eligible to vote in Board elections. If you wish to vote, you must pay your dues by the date of the Reunion; if you wish to run for a position on the board, you must pay your dues at the time you are nominated. (Your dues expiration date appears above your name and address on the back page of this newsletter.) □

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Milestone Class Reunion Plans

January 1952: Sunday, June 2, with check-in beginning at 9:30 a.m., General Reunion at the High School, 71 E. 94th Street (at Park Ave.); \$25-\$35 per person (see back page of *AlumNotes*) includes continental breakfast and buffet luncheon. Coffee/drinks afterward followed by an early dinner - for details contact Judy RUBINSTEIN Prigal, (201) 692-0027, jprigal@attglobal.net or Phyllis ANTMAN Feifer, (631) 744-1003, mfeifer@aol.com.

June 1952: Saturday, June 1, 6 p.m., Buffet Dinner at Dorothy MELWORM Miller's house, about \$35 (bring a blank check). RSVP to Dorothy at 18 Westway, Hartsdale, NY 10530, (914) 693-1618. Class also meeting Sunday, June 2 at the General Reunion at the High School (see back page of *AlumNotes* to register).

1957: Sunday, June 2, 12 noon, Brunelli's, 1409 York Ave. (at E. 75th Street), \$50 per person. Contact Vicky SILVER Hiller, vihiller@aol.com or Rosalind Kaplan, rozk@nyc.rr.com.

1962: Saturday, June 1, 12 noon at Sardi's, 234 W. 44th Street, \$70 per person, includes the luncheon, a CD of the class "Sing," a class list and a contribution to the school. Contact Susan L. Schulman at (212) 921-4344 or slspr@aol.com

1967: Saturday, June 1, dinner at the home of Shelly Goldklank on the Upper West Side. Contact Ruth Katz for

more information: (718) 834-6863 or email: katzenchan@yahoo.com

1972: Saturday, June 1, 1 p.m. at Miss Elle's Homesick Bar & Grill, 226 West 79th Street (Corner of Broadway), 212-595-4350; \$27.50 per person, includes all - lunch, beverage, dessert, tax, tip. Guests are welcome. Please RSVP to Penny GOLD Novello, pnovello@msn.com

1977: Sunday, June 2, with check-in beginning at 9:30 a.m., General Reunion at the High School, 71 E. 94th Street (at Park Ave.); \$25-\$35 per person (see back page of *AlumNotes*) includes continental breakfast and buffet luncheon. Any questions, please contact Beth JACKENDOFF Harpaz at hunterreunion@hotmail.com

1982: Saturday, June 1, 6-10 p.m., The Cocktail Room, 334 E. 73rd St. (btw. 1st & 2nd Aves); appetizer-type food/cash bar; \$20/person. Make check payable to Steven Nussbaum and mail to him at 370 E. 76th St., Apt. A-407, New York, NY 10021. The second event will be the General Reunion at the High School (see back page of *AlumNotes* to register) and a third event will be a picnic in Cental Park afterward. Check out the class Web site at <http://hchs82.tripod.com>. Any questions, email Steven at xsir@aol.com.

1987: Saturday, June 1, 12-2 picnic at Pilgrim Hill (72nd & Fifth) in Central Park; bring your own blanket, food and

drink (RSVP to Kari CHIN Chachkes at kchachkes@mestel.com). A second event will be held on Saturday evening. Everyone is also encouraged to attend the Sunday reunion at the High School (see back page of *AlumNotes* to register). Check out the class's egroup at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hchs87>.

1992: Saturday, June 1, 6-7:30 p.m. dinner at Obeca Li, 62 Thomas Street off Church Street in TriBeCa. Please bring \$39 for the prix-fixe menu and RSVP to Sascha Segal at hchs92@saschasegal.com by May 15. There is a vegetarian option. From 7:30-10:30 - party downstairs at Obeca Li - this is the major class event. \$10 cover charge at the door, cash bar. Any money collected over the hall-rental fee will go to the class gift. If there is sufficient demand from the class, there will be an afterparty at Christine Bergmann's place in Battery Park City, running until whenever. Check out the class's e-group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hchs92>.

1997: Saturday, June 1, 2:00 - 4:00 pm, Carmine's Restaurant, 2450 Broadway (between 90th and 91st), Italian food served family style, \$20.00 in advance, \$25.00 at the door. Please make checks payable to Maryanne Nelson and mail to 403 Grandview Ct., Iowa City, IA 52246. For questions, contact Maryanne at mbnelson99@yahoo.com □

Class Gifts and Fundraiser Donations Sought

Alums and friends of HCHS are encouraged to make donations to the Alumnae/i Association, which are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law, and are also eligible for matching donations from employers (in most cases). Milestoners (members of classes ending in 2 or 7) are asked to contribute to their class gift, the purpose of which can be voted on by the class members or left to the Association's board of directors to determine, based on the needs expressed by the High School. Non-milestoners can contribute to the current fundraiser, which is lagging behind prior years with only about \$17,000 received to date (the prior two fundraisers raised a total

of over \$115,000). You can specify if you want your gift earmarked for Athletic/Extra-curricular Programs, Computer Technology, the Library, Math/Science/Language Labs, Scholarships, or Visual/Performing Arts, or leave it unearmarked and the Association's board will determine the best use. In light of the possible budget situation in New York City (see related article), contributions made now will be especially timely in getting funds to the school by the start of the next academic year. In our fiscal year ended June 30, 2001, the Alumnae/i Association gave over \$75,000 to the High School and awarded scholarships of \$1,000 each to three graduating seniors. When the contributions

to the High School for this fiscal year are finalized, they will be detailed in this newsletter. However, we can report already that we have donated funds for the Art History Slide Project and toward establishing a Foreign Language Lab, and we have funds on reserve to pay to furnish the Library's conference/meeting room and soft-seating areas.

Hunter High continues to nurture talented, well-rounded students, and we can all take pride in their accomplishments and try to help them with our financial contributions. In the current academic year alone, some of the accomplishments of the students in-

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Class Notes

1940s **Bernice LUBKA Cornyetz '42** is currently practicing psychoanalysis on a part-time basis. She recently met **Elaine SOBEL Mitchell '42** and **Mary BECKER Berger '42**. • **Elinor SACHS French '42** was named Genesis Hadassah's Woman of Valor for 2002-2003 and was honored at a luncheon held March 3, in Manalapan, Florida. She is a past president of Genesis Hadassah and the current treasurer. • **June C. ROSS Marks '45** is still in the tennis designer and manufacturing business, as she has been now for almost 40 years. She would love to hear from other members of her class, particularly Patricia Saunders.

1950s **Freda ROSENTHAL Eiberson '50** writes that her husband, Arthur, is now semi-retired and they're having a ball taking advantage of long weekends away and Wednesday matinees. She's still very much involved with Hadassah activities and Bible classes. Freda thinks that retirement is wonderful and something that can't be really appreciated by someone who has never worked. • **Diana SKALETZKY Herman '50** received her M.A. in Jewish Studies on May 15, 2001. • **Iris H. MARKS Sasson '54** recently retired after working alternately as an occupational therapist (mostly in the U.S.) and an ESL teacher in Israel. She is currently living part of the year in Israel and part in Monroe, NY. She has three grown children, two in the U.S. and one in Israel. She has kept in touch with **Esther GISSINGER Goldfarb '54**, but would love to hear from other classmates.

1960s **Patricia PELZ Hart '65** has been married to Richard Hart for 33 years and they have one daughter, Daphne. Patricia has been a law librarian and has currently been working for six years in records management. She and her husband have lived in southern California since 1988; her daughter lives in New Jersey. • **Sabine Globig '67** has been a tenured Associate Professor of Biology at Hazard Community College (in the heart of Appalachia) since 1992. Hazard, KY, is very remote, very quiet and very beautiful—but there's no Saks or Bloomingdale's, no bagels and lox and no museums. Nevertheless, she loves her work. Her college has partnered with Manhattan Community College and is raising 9/11 disaster relief funds for them. Sabine would love to hear from long-lost best friends **Jessica Kalish '68** and **Claudia Crawford '67**—can anyone help her find them? She's also thankful to

the Alumnae/i Association for producing the alumni directory, which brought back memories and helped her find some old friends.

1970s **Susan Boiko '70** is now the Co-Chair of the National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention (www.skincancerprevention.org) and a partner physician (in dermatology) with the Southern California Permanente Medical Group. She works only one block away from **Miriam SCHUSTACK Frankel '70**. • **Beth SCHORR Lesnick '77** just opened a solo medical practice in gastroenterology and internal medicine in Hastings-on-Hudson, NY. Her primary hospital affiliation is St. John's Riverside Hospital in Yonkers. She is also doing some teaching/supervision/patient care at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx. Her older daughter, Emily (almost 13) attends Riverdale Country School and is currently acting in two plays—*Zombie Prom*, at the Riverdale Y, and *Bugsy Malone*, at Riverdale Country School. Beth's younger daughter, Ariel (almost 10), is playing clarinet in the Yonkers PEARLS school band and plays softball for the local league. Husband, Chuck Schorr Lesnick, is an Economic Development Specialist for the United States Department of Housing & Urban Development (HUD). • **Leslie HUNTER-Gadsden '77/'78(ICY)** is now working part-time as a substitute teacher in Queens area public schools. This follows an early career as a reporter and editor, plus a few years as a full-time mom. Leslie is still writing after all these years.

1980s **Adam Smith '88** had a show of his paintings at the Lance Fung Gallery in New York City from March 7-April 3, 2002.

1990s **Nina HABIB Spencer '90** and her husband, Parke, are thrilled to announce the birth of their son, John (Jack) Dandridge Spencer, on March 16, 2002. Nina is on maternity leave from her job with the United States E.P.A. and enjoying every minute of this remarkable time. • **Tjoyia SPETSIERIS '93** married fellow Mount Sinai School of Medicine graduate Elias Aliprandis on Oct. 27, 2001, in Astoria, Queens. **Carole Sussman '93** served as maid of honor. Dr. & Dr. Aliprandis are both in their first year of residency at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore while Carole remains in New York muddling through her Ph.D. dissertation proposal at CUNY.

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

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.)



Hunterites in the News

A 1972 article by **Cynthia Ozick, Jan. '46**, entitled *The Hole Birth Catalog - A Meditation on Anatomy and Destiny*, was recently reprinted in the Spring 2002 30th anniversary issue of Ms. magazine.

Diane DiPrima '51, a veteran of the Beat era, is a finalist under consideration to be named California's Poet Laureate by the California Arts Council. Governor Gray Davis will make the final selection by July. If she wins, she will be the second member of her class to be named a poet laureate, joining the late Audre Lorde, who was named by New York State for the period 1991-1993.

Beth JACKENDOFF Harpaz '77 was a speaker at Hunter College on March 7, 2002 as part of Women's History Month. Beth is a reporter for AP and recently published a book about covering Hillary Clinton's Senate campaign, entitled *The Girls in the Van*.

Michael Burstein '87 has just had one of his short stories, *Spaceships*, nominated for a Hugo Award. This is the fifth time he has been nominated for a Hugo, and his works have also earned him two Nebula Award nominations. He is the winner of the 1997 John Campbell Award for Best New Writer. More information on his works, including links to his fiction, can be found at

his webpage, <http://www.mabfan.com>.

Sex and the City actress **Cynthia Nixon '84** narrates *The Women of Ground Zero*, a documentary in which six women tell their moving stories of selflessness and bravery on Sept. 11th. For information on how to receive a copy, please email bscher@nowldef.org (NOW Legal Defense and Education Fund).

Amy Sohn '91 writes a regular column for New York Magazine.

Current Senior **Angela Liu** had an essay published in the March 2002 online edition of *generationrice* (http://www.generationrice.com/index.phtml?mywords=crane_1), a Web site which celebrates the Asian and Asian-American experience. Her piece describes how the Asian-American club at HCHS, Alpha, ran a crane-making workshop on the high school's day of remembrance held Oct. 11th (in Chinese culture, the crane represents peace and rebirth).

Current junior **Carlos Hernández's** musical composition *Elegy*, as performed by the HCHS Chamber Sextet, was featured on WNYC FM 93.9 & AM 820 (NYC's affiliate of NPR) on March 8th as part of the show, Morning Edition. See the Honors and Awards page of the High School's Web site (<http://heimdall.hchs.hunter.cuny.edu>)

for more information.

PTA President Randy Osofsky testified before the New York City Council's Higher Education Committee on March 22, 2002, to protest the Mayor's proposal to cut funding to CUNY, which would result in a cut of \$400,000 to \$500,000 in the high school's yearly budget. She argued that HCHS currently receives only \$7,400 per student per year, well below the Board of Education's per pupil average, which was judged to be woefully inadequate in the ruling issued by a state judge in the Campaign for Fiscal Equity's lawsuit against New York State. (For more on this story, see page 1.)

Hunter High's school nurse, Elaine Sarfati, was recently featured in an article on the Web site HarlemLive (www.harlemlive.org/community/education/sienna.html). She has been the school nurse for about 19 years. When asked about the impact she'd had on the students, Nurse Elaine said that she hopes she has made a positive impact on all the students who come into her humble sanctuary: "I hope my impact is that they trust in adults, that they leave school and remember something about what we've talked about over the years, that I have helped them through times that were difficult for them and times that were good." □

Alumnae/i Announcements

Francine FORTE Abeles '53 is editor of the book entitled *The Political Pamphlets and Letters of Charles Lutwidge Dodgson and Related Pieces; A Mathematical Approach; Volume 3 of The Pamphlets of Lewis Carroll* (University Press of Virginia, 2002). Dr. Abeles, a Professor of Mathematics and Computer Science at Kean University, traces the development of Dodgson's theory of voting from its beginnings in his participation in the academic affairs of the University of Oxford to his attempts to influence the outcome of bills before the British Parliament affecting the extension of the voting franchise and the redistribution of seats in the House of Commons.

Christina TISCHLER Gibbons '60 announces the publication in January, 2002 of a book she co-edited with Robin Varnum, entitled *The Language of*

Comics: Word and Image (University Press of Mississippi, 2001). This set of academic essays examines how words and pictures, often considered competing or incompatible arts, combine to make meaning in a modern medium. Chris credits the deep inspiration for this volume to the course she took during her senior year at HCHS from Jack McNeil, called Integrated Arts; she wishes Jack was still alive to see a copy.

Margret Elson '62 announces the publication of her book *Passionate Practice: The Musician's Guide to Learning, Memorizing and Performance*. It is based on Margret's 30 years of experience teaching piano and as a therapist for artists and performers. Called THE book for serious musicians and teachers and a "wise, playful manual," it is in fact appropriate for all who are passionate

about their artistry, as well as for therapists helping clients detoxify trauma. It will be available in bookstores in May or from Regent Press, 6020-A Adeline, Oakland, CA 94608 at a cost of \$19.95 +\$4 shipping.

Jeannie Suk '91 has published a book entitled *Postcolonial Paradoxes in French Caribbean Writing* (Oxford University Press, 2001).

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



President's Letter

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I hope to meet and greet many of you at the upcoming General Reunion on June 2nd at the High School and I will try to remain involved in alumnae/i activities in the future.

Just a few other notes:

- The Association is looking for six new members for our Board of Directors. If you can attend one meeting per month (at Hunter College, 68th Street & Lexington Ave.) and occasionally help with other projects (Winter Brunch, Reunion, Fundraising), won't you please consider volunteering to serve? If you are interested, please contact me via email at portia_nyc@hotmail.com or telephone our office at 212-772-4079 for more information.
- The Hunter Campus Schools are in danger of having their yearly funding cut by \$500,000 in the coming academic year due to a nearly \$5 billion projected deficit in New York City's budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2002. Alums are encouraged to contact NYC's Mayor, Michael Bloomberg, and the New York City Council's Committee on Higher Education to protest this cut (see related article for their contact information). I have written to both, as President of the Alumnae/i Association, to implore them not to cut Hunter High's budget; the school's PTA has also been very active in this regard.
- **Jennifer Raab '73** has been chosen as the High School's Distinguished Graduate for this year and will be invited to speak at the class of 2002's graduation ceremony in June. Ms. Raab is currently the President of Hunter College and before that, she served as head of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Committee.

As always, a reminder to everyone to please pay yearly dues to the Association. Dues are tax-deductible, to the extent allowed by law, as is any additional contribution you make above and beyond your dues payment. The expiration date for your dues (Month/Year) is printed above your

In Memoriam

Nora BANKS Smith, Jan. '31 died April 11, 2002, at her home in Patchogue, NY. She was a retired school teacher and a graduate of Hunter College. She also worked for the Social Security Administration during the Depression. After retirement, she was active as a volunteer at Brookhaven Memorial Hospital and as a member of the Patchogue Medford Retired Teachers Assoc. until developing Alzheimer's Disease in 1990. She is survived by a daughter, Mary Ellen. Donations in her memory can be made to Brookhaven Adult Day Care Services or the Alzheimer's Association.

Annette SHERMAN Brenner '33 died in April, 2002. She was a retired teacher who earned a BA and MMA from Hunter College. She is survived by her husband, Irving, and daughter, Diane.

Olga SKALA Corey '38 died on September 10, 2001. She earned a BA from Queens College and was living in Washington DC at the time of her death.

Erna B. Morris '44 died on Nov. 20, 2001. She earned a BA and MA from Hunter College and had worked as an Educational Counselor for the NYC Board of Education.

Marilyn SIEGEL Kelso, Jan. '51 died recently. She earned a BA and MA from Hunter College and was a retired elementary school teacher. Her husband, William, predeceased her. She is survived by two sons and a daughter.

Natasha (Nancy) TOBEY Tubelskaya '61 died on Feb. 17, 2002, after a fire in her home/studio in Rome. She attended Hunter Elementary and

the High School, leaving to attend and graduate from Bronx Science. She attended the University of Chicago for a year, transferred to Harvard (Radcliffe) and graduated cum laude in 1965. She changed her name to Natasha Tubelskaya to reflect her Russian roots and had been living in Rome for a number of years and was a successful sculptor. She is survived by a brother, David, who lives in New York.

Diana Logan '86 died on March 25, 2002. She received a BA in Biology from Johns Hopkins University and a medical degree from Cornell Medical School. After doing her residency at Providence Hospital in Portland, OR, she moved to Kirkland, WA and was lately employed at Overlake Medical Center. She is survived by her father, two brothers, Mark and Duncan (also HCHS graduates), and four nieces and nephews. She will be remembered by her patients for her empathy, sensitivity and compassion. She will be remembered by her family and friends for her sense of humor, her commitment to peace and equality, her ability to play and view the world through child-like eyes, her honesty, strength, independence and her beautiful laughter and smile. The family suggests remembrances be sent to the Dr. Diana Logan Memorial Fund at the Overlake Hospital Foundation. For more information, call the Overlake Hospital Foundation at 425-688-5525.

The Alumnae/i Association also has been advised of the passing of the following individuals: **Doris M. HANFMAN Burke '34, Olga SKALA Corey '38, Doris Cobrink '41, Kathleen HAUGH Kehoe '43 and Clinise Johnson '77.**

name and address on the back page of *AlumNotes*.

Being involved in our High School's Alumnae/i Association has been challenging and gratifying beyond my dreams, one the best ways to give back to our beloved alma mater. I encourage all of you to join us, whether by paying your dues, attending an event, helping to raise money, or participating on the Board and assisting it in fulfilling our

Association's mission to the school and each other.

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served you and I thank you all for your heartfelt support throughout the years.

Warmly,

Eve S. Ferdman

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Class Gifts ...

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clude: 60 National Merit Scholarship Semifinalists, representing 32% of the class of 2002; AP Physics students **Tomas O'Brien, Josh Samuelson, and Mark Xue** advanced to the Semifinals of the Physics Olympics (the only students in NYC to achieve this honor); 11th grader **Jason Chen** was the top individual scorer in NYC in the Fall NYCIML (New York City Interscholastic Math League) Junior Division contests in 2001/2002 and the Junior Team placed second in the city, as nine 11th graders were among the top 42 individual scorers; and, Senior **Cloe Bass** was a national winner in the National Council of Teachers of English Achievement Awards in Writing Competition.

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