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President's Letter

Yvonne Naum '49, Ph.D.

It really pleases me to reach out again to you, fellow Hunter High School Alumnae and Alumni. I'm glad to be able to report that your Association Executive Committee has been making real progress toward serving its members more meaningfully, and contributing more both to our Alma Mater and to the community.

The Executive Committee has given its approval that we proceed with incorporation and attain our own not-for-profit status (see article by Leight and Mason, p.3). Important votes regarding this will be taken at our June Annual Reunion Meeting. If you haven't yet paid your dues, I encourage you to do so now, so that you can be a part of this exciting new growth of our Association.

We have been and remain involved in the process of reviewing where we've come from and where we want to go. We wouldn't be Hunter High grads if adventure and doing something new and meaningful weren't important and possible. Join us in this adventure. Do you have a vision for your Alumnae/i Association? What do you feel you'd be proud to accomplish together with the help of hundreds of other Hunter High grads?

How might we better support the High School and the opportunities it represents and offers? What additional programs can we offer to inform, enrich, and support our alums? How can we encourage interaction among us? How might we do more in the community?

I have appointed several new Chairpersons: Christina Mason '75, Esq., By-laws Revision; Katherine Frink-Hamlett '82, Esq., Cultural Diversity; Borisse Paulin '57, MD, Mature Concerns; Jody Leight '72, Esq., Telecommunications and Privacy. We hope these committee titles and areas give you some idea of where we're going and may interest and intrigue you. Send a note or leave a message at the Association office expressing your interest. Living in the metropolitan NY area is not required for involvement.

I look forward to hearing from you.



Editor's Note

Jody Leight '72

It is an exciting time to be involved with the Alumnae/i Association and with *AlumNotes*. As our silver anniversary approaches, we're undertaking a major spring cleaning, sweeping out the organizational cobwebs along with the accumulated office debris to make room for some things we really need. We've expanded office hours, and have plans for email correspondence, our own homepage on the Web, and more frequent publication of *AlumNotes*. Timothy Harwood, Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Hunter College, has been of great help in the process of acquiring the needed server connections for Internet access, among other areas.

We are restoring our database, with thanks to **Mary DiPerna '70** for her time and computer skills, to Pamela J. Betz-Baron, our new office assistant, for her patience and hard work, and to the milestone coordinators and other alums who sent address lists to help replace lost data. Please keep sending information about any classmates you know of who aren't getting *AlumNotes*; we want to reach as many Hunterites as possible. We're also looking for volunteers for our new Committee on Telecommunications and Privacy, especially those with experience developing Web Pages.

This issue is the first to be prepared in the office on our new computer. Other changes include more news items, a poetry contribution, and a *Letters to the Editor* column. Relevant articles, as well as letters to the editor, are always welcome. Inquiring Hunter minds want to know what you and your local chapter have been up to, and what you think about events and issues affecting Hunter and its alums. We reserve the right to edit for space and ask that you observe the following guidelines:

- 1) Include information about "who, what, when, where, and why."
- 2) Omit needless words.

(We're big "Strunk and White" fans in the office.)

The deadline for contributions to the next issue of *AlumNotes* is June 15th.

I'm looking forward to hearing from you.

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE IS JUNE 15TH

Letters to the Editor

To the Editor :

I was disappointed to find no mention in the Fall 1996 *AlumNotes* of the presence of 2 members of the class of '32 in the 1996 reunion. Unfortunately, we sat at opposite ends of the auditorium and I could not identify [my classmate] from that distance.

I hope to be at the 1997 reunion...
Jeanette AARONS Goldberg '32

To the Editor:

Whoever wrote the article for the 1920s in the Fall 1996 edition in *All About All of Us* could not be an alumna of Hunter. "Her and her sister..." indeed! My 6-year old grandson knows better than that.

Dickie KESSLER Miller '44

To the Editor:

It would be an interesting study to ascertain whether the female grads of HHS post its becoming coed have achieved as highly as we who graduated from the all-female school.

My guess is not - but here is an opportunity to obtain some invaluable statistics to confirm or refute the arguments pro and con the advantage of single-sex education for women....I attribute my success in an almost all-male professional field to having attended both an all-female HS and an all-female college (Mount Holyoke) - where women interested in science and math were encouraged to pursue these fields and had marvelous role models among their teachers.

Hunter H.S. has the data that should be examined. There are several Ph.D. theses in this gold mine!

Renee GRETSKE Ford '44

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Incorporating Changes for Better Service

Jody Leight '72 and
Christina M. Mason '75

The Alumnae/i Association needs more space. More precisely, we've outgrown our organizational structure. After nearly a quarter of a century of support from loyal alums, we have more than 700 members, a database that helps us keep track of more than 8,000 living alums, and a healthy

treasury. Our annual income is now at a level that requires us to file tax returns. Our plans to acquire email and Web access in the near future will accelerate our growth as well as our ability to communicate with alums. Our existing structure is simply inadequate to deal with our current needs and potential. A more efficient structure is needed that will make it eas-

ier for alums from all over to participate in Alumnae/i activities in a variety of ways and that will enhance our ability to raise funds for the High School and to do what is needed to ensure the High School's permanent existence. For example, at last count there were well over 1,000 alums whose employers have programs that match em-

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Reunion/Homecoming

Angelica Petrides '49

Preparations continue apace for the 1997 Reunion/Homecoming to be held on Sunday, June 1st at 11:00 AM. As in the past, we are holding costs down by meeting at the High School on Park Avenue and East 94th Street in Manhattan. All graduates are invited, but it will be an extra-special day for the Milestoners - those who graduated in years ending with "2" or "7."

Many Milestone classes have chosen their contact persons, have plans underway for outreach, and are arranging for extra reunion activities during the weekend. Get in touch with your coordinator if you have not received a letter about plans. If you have already been contacted, please

respond promptly so that your class committee can proceed. If you have questions, or if your class does not already have a coordinator and you would be interested in filling that position or know anyone who might be interested, please call Angelica Petrides at (212) 288-1597.

Non-Milestone classes are welcome to network during Reunion/Homecoming in preparation for their Milestone reunion year and may also have a special event of their own. If your class would like to arrange for a room, please phone Angelica Petrides

The cost this year is \$23.00 in advance or \$28.00 at the door. Please mail the form on page 11 a and check or money

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Milestone coordinators as of press time:

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1992	Open at press time

Call Angelica Petrides at (212) 288-1597 if you can fill one of the open positions.



Chapters...Chapters...Chapters

Vera Julia Gordon '47

Hunter grads are everywhere, and some may live in your city or even on your street, work in the next department or be members of an organization you're in, but if you don't know them and they don't know you, there are wonderful opportunities being missed.

The remedy? Grow a chapter!

How? Get in touch with me at 334 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, New York (212) 772-4079 11218-4342 or (718) 282-6693 and we'll talk through the process. When you give me the ZIP codes of your area, I'll arrange for you to get rosters and labels. We can also

provide information on an IBM-compatible disk if you let us know your format. The Association will reimburse the copying and postage costs for one mailing upon your sending us the receipts. Then, when you get underway, we can publicize your special events and news. As you find missing alums and update address data, send it in to the Association. We'll be most appreciative and we'll be able to provide better services to you.

We already have a Connecticut chapter getting underway. The coordinator is **Melissa ROSSE Dobbryn '77** at (301) 681-6538. If you are in Connecticut, she's the person who is looking for you. Give her a call!

The metro Washington, D.C. chapter has been inactive of late and needs a new coordinator. Please call me if you can do the job. Much of the groundwork has already been laid. There is also a possibility of a Massachusetts chapter. Stay tuned.

If you want a chapter built on interests or professions, let me know, so we can put out a call through *AlumNotes*. In a year or so I expect to be listing Internet addresses of cyber chapters.

We're looking forward to some flourishing chapters.

(Editor's Note: For information on chapter activities for recent alums, see Josh Burstein's article on page 9)

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order payable to the HCHS Alumnae/i Association by May 14th. We urge early registration so that we can better plan for your needs. Many Milestone classes raise money toward a class gift for the High School. If you are able to contribute, please add your gift amount to your registration check. This year we have a list of worthy projects for the High School.

We look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, June 1st. Since our colors are purple and white, why not wear lavender to celebrate? Can't wait to see you!

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ployee contributions to eligible non-profits, but we are not eligible in our current form. We need to seek formal status as an independent non-profit corporation. After extended discussion, the Executive Committee has voted to ask the membership to ratify this critical decision at the annual meeting on June 1st.

If ratified, our new status will clarify the tax-deductible nature of future contributions. Members will continue to vote for directors as we've voted for officers in the past. What will change is that the Association will be able, for the first time, to solicit grants and other charitable contributions to aid the High School.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED CHANGE AND ITS EFFECTS ON THE RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS WILL BE SENT TO ALL KNOWN ALUMNAE/I IN A SPECIAL MAILING IN LATE APRIL. WATCH OUT FOR IT - AND DON'T FORGET TO TELL US IF YOU'RE MOVING!



Hunter Online

Peggy Betz Perrin '57

As the school year moves into Spring, Hunter College High School continues its progress toward full computerization. A contribution of used hardware replaced some of the "slow" lab's old equipment (XT's). Some new equipment was purchased through a grant. A proposed plan budget was approved by the Computer Advisory Committee at its February meeting and a consultant in school computer applications has been hired. Purchases will be directed toward the development of a high-technology set up in the "fast" lab and toward overall enhancements in both labs. The College and High School will continue their partnership, which supports library functions through the CUNY Computer Center. Planning for the computerization of the High School's library circulation system continues. Carolyn Mayadas, Computer teacher and Chairperson of the Advisory Committee, praised the College's support throughout the entire computer project and underlined its importance.

Students have presented an HTML workshop for staff members. Teachers were enthusiastic in their response and are recommending it to their colleagues. Other approaches to staff development include several grant opportunities that the Advisory Committee and teachers are investigating.

The Advisory Committee is developing strategies for the future growth of the labs and the school. A draft proposal including a cost breakdown for the entire school, along with departmental needs, has been written to solicit grants from large corporations. It briefly presents the history of the computerization project, describes how the school community has contributed to the project's success so far, and outlines what could be done with additional financial support.

If you are interested in receiving more information on the High School's project or the Association's plans for its own Home Page, please contact the Association office.

NY Metro Area Networkers Events

Saturday, April 19 th	Dim Sum Brunch in Chinatown
Saturday, May 17 th	Shop 'Til You Drop Meet at Port Authority for a bus trip to NJ discount outlets.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THESE AND OTHER EVENTS, CALL:

Eve Ferdman '79 at (212) 725-1999
Rita Marx '63 at (212) 724-1748 **(212) 772-4079**

Hunter Onstage

Peggy Betz Perrin '55

Hunter High Musical Repertory's 1997 presentation was *A Chorus Line*, the Michael Bennet-Marvin Hamlisch Broadway hit. Put on by a terrific group of performers, the show was a Park Avenue sellout on Saturday, March 1st, and a delightful theater evening for several Hunter alums and their guests.

From the hilarious opening moments to the bring-the-house-down finale, the performance was exhilarating. Favorite characters were given new life by the students.

For alums, the evening began with a light reception, organized by Executive Vice-president **Angelica Petrides**. **Ula Barrack**, **Jacqueline O'BRIEN Boardman**, **Evelyn BORZONE Schaefer**, **Rita GELLERMAN Hecht**, and Musical Rep regulars **Anne Hoffman**, **Anita VALENTE Mule**, and **Peggy BETZ Perrin** all attended. Several alums also brought guests. Seating this year was by numbered tickets, which made the evening more comfortable.

Those of us who attended had a great time, and we look forward to seeing one another and you, too, at future Hunter productions. The Association thanks English teacher **Gina Dooley** for her help and **Dan Rassler** for reception room arrangements.



All About All of Us

1930s

Adeline E. GELLMAN Naron '36 was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame in May of 1996 for her community work done with the Baltimore chapter of the College Alumni Association. She regrets that she will miss the June 1, 1997 reunion, which falls on her 50th wedding anniversary, but manages to keep in touch with quite a few classmates. She writes that **Viviane POLK Fortier '36**, who was a dietitian in the U.S. Army during World War II, remained in France with her dentist husband after the war and lives in Paris, where she is close to her grown children and grandchildren.

1940s

Daphne SCHUYLER Sola '42 is a printmaker and paper-maker which runs a art gallery in Ithaca, New York. She recently had an art exhibit in Copenhagen, Denmark. She has not exhibited in Peru, a place she used to think of as a second home, for five years as a result of intense terrorist activity of the Shining Path. Now that its leaders are jailed, she is preparing for a trip to Lima, where she will give lectures on handmade paper and on print preservation techniques using locally available technology. She will also be exhibiting some of her art work. The inspiration for most of the works in this collection was a collection of 13th century Japanese poetry. • **Eva KANNER Rosenzweig Kugler '49** and her mother, Mia Kanner, are co-authors of *Shattered Crystals*, a book about their experiences in the Holocaust; CIS, Lakewood, NJ is the publisher.

1950s

Hannah RAZDOW Simon '54 has recently moved from New Jersey to Arlington, MA. She would be happy to hear from classmates in the Boston area at (617) 646-5411. • **Nina HOROWITZ Wasserman '57** is a teacher educator at Brooklyn College and Long Island University. She gave a talk on February 28, 1997 at the New York Public Library on the topic "Picture Book Treasures: Encouraging Early Reading."

1960s

Ina ALSTER Gravitz '65 went back to school for a Master's in Library Science after raising her family, heads a branch library, went back to school again, and now runs a growing freelance indexing business. • **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61** was admitted into the Communication Sciences (Speech-Language Pathology) Master's program at Hunter College last fall and was promptly appointed editor of the student newsletter, *the vocal tract*. She finally understands why Hunter girls are accused of being overachievers, since she is also working full-time in a law firm, teaching voice privately, and concertizing regularly. You can catch her Brahms recital at the Bryant Library in Roslyn, NY, on April 27, 1997 at 2:30 or a tuneful contemporary music concert at Brooklyn Borough Hall on April 30, 1997 at 7:30.

1970s

Sandi Charton '71, a labor and employment attorney for a Boston firm and daughter of **Estelle STEINBERG Charton '41**, lives in the Boston area with her husband and three children. She was glad to attend her 25th reunion at HCHS last June and writes that she occasionally gets together with classmates **Eve Brandel**, **Beryl Simon**, **Alice Bruce** and **Margaret Stassen**, "who all look great!" The group misses **Barbara Friedman**, who was a temporary attendee until deserting for New Jersey. **Sandi** also sends news of classmates **Pat Field** (who lives in Italy with her family, visits Boston annually and has a daughter who is a pen-pal with **Sandi's**

daughter) and **Deborah Greenfield**, an attorney for the U.S. Department of Labor in Washington, who lives in the D.C. area with her husband and two sons, with whom she recently visited Disney's Magic Kingdom. • **Michael Daly's** March 5, 1997 column in the *New York Daily News* included a fascinating and provocative interview with **Gloria Coruzzi '72**, a scientist at New York University, which touched on cloning, parthenogenesis, and gender roles. • **Sheila Feit '72** continues to practice internal medicine and endocrinology at a Women's Center that is part of North Shore University Hospital's system in Bethpage, NY. She and her husband, fellow M.D. **Mort Rubenstein**, and their son **David Samuel Rubinstein**, are thrilled to have a new addition to the family, **Adam Ezra**, born October 8, 1996. • **Jody Leight '72** was a public-interest litigation lawyer and program director for more than twelve years and now works part-time as an appellate lawyer, teaches quilting, and is trying to re-organize the Alumnae/i Association's office, where she sincerely believes that she will someday find the desk.

1980s

Richard Boylan '89 had a great time at Antioch and is about to finish his Master's degree in Environmental Science and Policy Planning at SUNY-Environmental Science and Forestry (Syracuse). • **Justin Brasch '83** was recently elected Representative to the New York State Democratic Committee from the Upper West Side of Manhattan with the support of Congressmembers **Jerrold Nadler** and **Carolyn Maloney**, New York State Comptroller **H. Carl McCall**, and many Hunter alums. He has opened his own law practice where he specializes in Commercial Litigation, Landlord/Tenant, and Criminal Law. • **Katherine FRINK-Hamlett '82** has recently become counsel to the firm of **Baden Kramer Huffman & Brodsky, P.C.**, where she handles some of the firm's work and is also developing her own client base with a concentration in entertainment matters. She previously spent approximately three years each with USA Network and with **Kaye, Scholer, Freeman, Hayes & Handler**. She and her husband have a three year old son, **Timothy Akil Hamlett**. • **Monica SCHULTZE-Hodges '81** graduated from Tufts with honors, got a M.B.A. from Harvard, and is V.P. of a fast-growing company call **Genesis Direct**. She and her husband have 2 sons, **Miles** and **Zachary**. **Monica's** sister **Stephanie SCHULTZE Cucurullo '82** is a graduate of U. Mass. and of the Northeastern University of Law, and is on the legal staff of **Redbook**. She and her husband are the parents of **Giancarlo** and **Christina**.

1990s

Kristina Boylan '91 reports her transmogrification from an art major and elementary school teacher into a history major by some great professors at Appalachian State University, Boone, NC. She spent two semesters in Mexico learning Spanish, liked it so much she's back again to do the research for her Ph.D. dissertation, and is doing some volunteer work for women's rights and human rights groups on the side. She'd appreciate hearing from Hunter friends at kblan@colmex.mx. • **Antoine Bryant '91** received her B.S. in Urban and Regional Studies from Cornell in '95 and is pursuing her Masters in Architecture at the University of Texas at Austin. She is eager to hear from any other Hunterites *anywhere* in Texas, and can be reached at (512) 326-1100 or by email at Cool-Papa@mail.utexas.edu.

Who is Sarah Maria Jones? Just in case you missed hearing the song at your last reunion, you might want to know that Sarah Maria Jones is the archtypical Hunterite. The lyrics begin: "I'm Sarah Maria Jones; I have Hunter in my bones. My name is in my umbrella."



The Return of the Ring

A Hunter High class ring belonging to a member of the class of '87 was recently found in Maine. We know the owner's initials, but need an address in order to return the ring to its owner. If you are the alum who misplaced the ring, or can get in touch with her/him, please call the Alumnae/i Office at (212) 772-4079 so we can make arrangements for its return.

Desperately Seeking Sarah Maria?

Trying to find a long-lost classmate? We can help.

Members in good standing can contact other Hunterites by purchasing an AlumnaGram or by sending a note in care of the Alumnae/i office. If we have a current address we'll be happy to forward it.



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JAN. '48 GRADUATES! INTERESTED IN PLANNING OUR 50TH REUNION? CALL ROSE KNOPF (718) 848-1246.

LOOKING FOR JUNE '48 GRADS. CALL MIRIAM KOSTINER ROSCHELLE (914) 793-6641 OR FLORENCE WEBER KLEIN (718) 279-4316.

RHODA SRAGG FALLER '64 HAS MOVED TO 213 MOCKING-BIRD GARDENS DRIVE, LOUISVILLE KY 40207, (502) 895-9070 AND WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANY HUNTERITES IN THE AREA, AS WELL AS FROM FRIENDS FROM '64.

IN MEMORY OF MY GOOD FRIEND CAROL MARIE STOUPA '43 FROM JESSIE WILKINSON COHEN.

SHATTERED CRYSTALS, CO-AUTHORED BY EVA KANNER ROZENZWEIG KUGLER '49 AND HER MOTHER, MIA KANNER, IS AVAILABLE FROM CIS PUBLISHERS, 180 PARK AVENUE, LAKEWOOD NJ 08701 AT \$22.50. IT IS THEIR STORY OF HOW THEY SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST IN NAZI GERMANY AND OCCUPIED FRANCE.

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Recent Alums Group

Joshua Burstein '89

The Recent Alums Group continues to get Hunter grads from the 1980's and 1990's involved in the Alumnae/i Association. We now are proud to announce that we have scheduled our first event. On Saturday, May 31, 1997, we will meet for an informal lunch in New York, with the specific location to be announced.

We have chosen this date to coincide with Reunion on Sunday, June 1. This Hunter-packed weekend should help attract alums, even some from out of town. All interested Hunter grads are very welcome to attend, even if you are not part of a Reunion year.

To stay informed about the Recent Alums Group, and put yourself on the mailing list for this lunch and other future events, contact **Josh Burstein '89** at work at (212) 878-3063, at home at (212) 647-1474, or by email at bursteij@rw.com.

Alumnae/i Gifts to the High School

Last year's milestone classes made some generous gifts to the High School.

The class of January '51 raised \$1,000, which is being used to endow an annual award to the Hunter student showing the most improvement in mathematics, in memory of teacher and advisor Dorothy Geddes. **Joy Levien** was the organizer. The class of '76, with efforts coordinated by **Marie A. DeRosa**, raised over \$1,300 for the High School. Individual alumnae from all classes have sent contributions throughout the year. The Executive Committee is meeting in April to discuss which High School programs to support and to finalize arrangements for making alumnae/i and Association donations to the High School. Thanks to all involved.

If you currently work for IBM, your gift *made directly to the High School* may be eligible for a 5-1 matching grant from your employer. Call **Carolyn Mayadas**, computer teacher and lab coordinator, at (212) 860-1314 for more information about this program.

Mark the Date!

**Reunion/Homecoming
Sunday, June 1 11:00AM**

**Hunter College High School
94th and Park Avenue**

Hunter High Senior Wins Westinghouse Competition

HCHS senior Adam Ezra Cohen won first prize in this year's Westinghouse Science Talent Search for his "electrochemical paintbrush," a device built from Lego blocks, modeling clay and electronic circuits that can print characters so small that 50 words fit into the width of a human hair. He believes that his technique could be used to change the way intricate patterns are imprinted on microchips. Adam, the first Hunterite to be overall winner of the Westinghouse competition, will receive a \$40,000 scholarship for his successful effort.



**CALL US
(212) 772-4079**

Marjorie Pearle Weiser: A Tribute

For many alumnae/i, *AlumNotes* is their only or most important point of contact with the Association and with other Hunterites. Marjorie Pearle Weiser, who founded *AlumNotes* and was its editor for nearly two decades, passed away last year after a long struggle with cancer. A wonderful friend as well as an empathetic editor, she is mourned by her colleagues at the Association. *Obituary on p. 10.*



Mildred A. Busch '25/Miriam Balf

Helene WILLAMS Spierman '61

Mildred A. Busch '25, Administrative Assistant at the High School for most of her career there, died on July 27, 1996 at the age of 89. In the days when that title was reserved for women who were actually executives, Miss Busch virtually ran the High School. **Rochelle IMBER Kinzell '61**, who taught English and drama at Hunter, remembers Miss Busch as a very special woman of principle and integrity who had tremendous inner strength and was a formidable figure until you got to know her and discovered her soft, loving side. Alumnae from the often turbulent 60's and 70's recall her as a model of grace under pressure.

It would be remiss not to mention Miss Busch's lifelong friend, **Miriam Balf**, former Guidance Counselor and Speech/Drama instructor at the High School in the 50's and 60's, who passed away on February 25, 1996. Miss Balf, too, was very special, giving sound advice to friend and student alike and mentoring new playwrights through the New Dramatists Group, which she co-founded with Paddy Chayevsky.

Marjorie Pearle Weiser '51

Marjorie P. K. PEARLE Weiser '51, Hunter College '55, died in May '96 after a long struggle with cancer. She was active for many years in both the High School and College Alumnae/i Associations. A writer and editor, she was the author of *Woman-list*, a 1981 book celebrating women's accomplishments, and was the editor of *AlumNotes* for nearly 20 years, along with numerous other books and publications. Marge was a true Renaissance woman who was known as an accomplished hostess and craftswoman in addition to her professional accomplishments.

She will be remembered for her warmth, her supportiveness as friend, and her consistent presence as a mentor, always willing to impart her considerable skills. She will be deeply missed by her many friends at the Association, as well as by her husband, Norman, and her children, Nina and Danny.

A number of alumnae contributed the information used in the preparation of these obituaries.

In Memoriam

Nettie JUDELS Greenfield '28 (erroneously listed as Nettie Judels Rattner in the last issue). Hunter College '32, French teacher and advisor at HCHS and at Forest Hills High.

Thanks to her sister, **Henriette JUDELS Rattner**, for the correction and additional information.

Helen G. QUIRK Knapp c. '20. December 3, 1996. Retired church secretary. Survived by 4 children, 12 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren.

Sandella Frances Walker c. '36. Silver and Goldsmith for Paul Lobel in Greenwich Village as well as staff member at Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory in Palisades. Survived by her husband, **Stuart M. Walker**, 3 children, 1 stepson, 3 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren.

Elaine FUERST Dodge '38. Hunter College '42, beloved wife of **Kenneth C. Dodge**, on

December 16, 1995, after a long siege with multiple sclerosis.

Miriam SILVERMAN Streimer '42. She will be missed by her friend and classmate, **Elinor SACHS French**.

Jean FREY Lotti '45. On October 22, 1996, on an airplane, en-route home from a wonderful two and a half week tour of Italy. She was very proud of being a Hunter High and College graduate, and is missed by her daughter, **Louise Young**.

Marilyn BROOKS Nusbaum '45. BA Hunter College, MA Hofstra. Teacher, mother of 3, grandmother of 6. Her husband, **Arthur Nusbaum**, writes that "[d]espite her later education she always felt she was really educated at Hunter High."

Virginia GREEN Johnson, Jan. '46, after a long illness, on February 4, 1997. She was voted "Most Popular?" in her year's Annals, is missed by her class-

mate **Mildred KUMP Reilly**, and is survived by her husband.

Kathy Konstantatos '91. Of cancer, October 20, 1996. Her classmate **Kristina Boylan** remembers her as "a woman of many talents and much energy, enrolling in A.P. Bio and Ceramics, participating in Fencing and Photography clubs, capable of anything from raising chickens in Astoria to giving a genuine smile at 8 a.m. in the hallway. Kathy graduated from Oberlin College with a degree in biology and special mention for her senior research project in May 1995, despite having been operated on that spring...and [had] begun veterinary work... Her determination, will and optimism gave her a year more to travel the United States and Europe. She is mourned and will be greatly missed by friends and family worldwide."



Winter Brunch: A Stylish Success

Angelica Petrides '49

The Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association's Annual Midwinter Brunch was held this year at Artepasta Restaurant on Sunday, February 9th. A warm collegial atmosphere developed quickly among the 20+ guests. The keynote speaker, **Ilene Beckerman** '53, writer of the recent best-seller *Love, Loss, and What I Wore*, enhanced the festivities with the five decades of memories (the 40's to the 90's) that inspired her essays. She then opened up the floor so we could share our own anecdotes: e.g., one woman spoke about the elaborate preparations made for her lace wedding gown... which is now worn by her granddaughter at Halloween! Ilene donated an autographed copy of her book to the Hunter High library.

Additional activity included discussion with milestone coordinators for the June 1st reunion. Many thanks to **Yvonne Naum**, **Marilyn Zinder**, and the others whose hard work resulted in this delightful event. Marilyn in particular coped graciously with last-minute contract and publicity problems.

Need a Hunter Intern?

Elaine Brand '65

Talk about mutually beneficial relationships! If you or your company has a work project that could provide a learning experience for a Hunter High senior, consider calling Hunter's Inter-College Year (ICY) Internship Program at (212) 860-1252. Alums are a potentially vast resource for this program, through which seniors undertake unpaid, off-campus internships for five or ten hours a week for a semester or year. Hunter seniors can participate in the project, for which they receive academic credit, because they fulfill their high school degree requirements by the end of their junior year.

All projects must be approved by the ICY coordinators to assure that the work is equivalent to that of the classroom. Some of the projects that students have participated in have involved:

- working in research laboratories at hospitals and universities
- evaluating manuscripts for literary agents
- helping sculptors in their art
- working on all aspects of newspaper production
- helping in behind-the-scenes theater production work
- working with handicapped children

The internships are monitored throughout their duration. Students must keep regular logs of their experiences and submit self-evaluations at the end. Coordinators visit and keep in touch with sponsors by phone. Sponsors are expected to give students meaningful work and to submit two brief evaluations per semester.

The ICY program reports that some sponsors have been involved for several years and have rated students as (no surprise here!) "reliable, extremely intelligent, and a great help." So...what are you waiting for? If you have a project, call!

Committee on Mature Concerns

1. At what point is one a "mature alum"?
2. What issues are mature alums concerned about?
3. Have you planned for your "golden years"?
4. If so, can others benefit from your experience?
5. In caring for elderly parents, what strategies worked (or didn't work)?
6. Is there interest in forming a pool of retired alums for a rotating "escort service" (at an hourly rate) to accompany frail seniors on doctor's appointments, take them on walks, do emergency errands, etc?

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:
Dr. Borisse Paulin (212) 837-8467 (Tues.-Fri.)



SAVE THESE DATES!

Sunday, April 19th and Saturday, May 17th
NY Metro Area Network Events

Saturday, May 31st
Recent Alums Lunch

Sunday, June 1st, 11:00AM
Reunion/Business meeting/
Vote on Incorporation

June 15th
Deadline for July *AlumNotes*

Moving? Let us Know.

We don't want to lose touch with you.

If you're planning to move or if you know of a classmate who has moved, don't forget to call the Association office at (212) 772-4079 or use the membership form on page 11 to let us know. The Post Office will not forward *AlumNotes*.

Eve Speaks

Adam, let us get us hence
Now that we've grown and gained assurance.
The burden of sweet innocence
Is limiting beyond endurance.
We'll earn our keep and pay our rents
Pay carfare and our clothing bills
And taxes, and in consequence
We'll own the valleys and the hills
And fertile land to grow our seed in.
Come, love, I've had enough of Eden.

Rena Kunis '39

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Future Gifts to HCHS?

Remember using file cards to look up and check out books at the High School library?

You still can. The High School is planning to convert to an automated circulation system, but needs funds for the conversion and for the acquisition of reference materials on CD-ROM.

In addition to our many wonderful memories of Hunter, we all share some less-wonderful memories, such as losing our building on a few

weeks' notice, having to organize against being defunded out of existence, and having to make do with outdated facilities and equipment. Our Alma Mater now has a reasonably secure roof over her head, and the means to get the roof repaired if it leaks, but there are many areas where we alums can contribute to a more secure and comfortable existence for current and future Hunterites.

There is an ongoing need for help in upgrading the

computer labs, as well as a substantial need for help in modernizing the library. Support is also needed for faculty development programs and for equipment purchases for all academic departments. Our contributions can help insure that Hunter students have the tools they need to prepare for the rapidly changing world they will be entering. For more detailed information on how we can help the High School, contact the Alumnae/i Association office.