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Reunion/Homecoming 1997

Angelica Petrides

Beginning preparations are underway for Reunion/Homecoming to be held on Sunday, June 1 at Hunter College High School, Park Avenue and East 94th Street, Manhattan. All graduates are invited to meet and participate, but it will be an extra-special day for the Milestoners--those who graduated in the years ending in "2" or "7."

Events will begin at 11:00 AM with coffee, teas, and danish; there will be individual class reunions in designated rooms. A special Homecoming program for non-Milestoners and Milestoners alike will take place at noon in the auditorium. There will be greetings by Dr. Yvonne Naum, Association President; these will be followed by news of current activities at the high school and of the alumnae/i themselves. Milestone class representatives will share special memories with the assembled graduates, guests, and faculty during the Roll Call of Classes, always a Reunion highlight. Following a brief business meeting, everyone will adjourn to the cafeteria (about 1:30 PM) for the continuation of reunion fellowship while enjoying a delicious kosher dairy buffet.

A few Milestone classes have started to designate their contact persons and are making plans for outreach to classmates. Many are considering arranging for extra activities to make it a Hunter Reunion weekend! If your class does not yet have a contact person, anyone from the class who wishes to serve or who can suggest someone for the position should please phone Angelica Petrides at (212) 288-1597 (an answering machine activates for four and a half minutes after three rings).

As of press time, the following persons have started planning procedures:

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Golden Reunion Celebrated in 1995!

Lenore Baumritter Blank '45

Oh, Frequent Flyer miles that were earned (from Israel, Alaska, California, Minnesota, Chicago, Boston and of course, the NY Metro area) as the Class of January 1945 met for their 50th Reunion on May 20th, 1995 in the Hunter College Faculty Dining Room.

Thanks to the superb organizing efforts of Florence Klein Knopf, with super assistants Sophie Dittman Heymann, Rita D'Angelo and Dorothy Erler, we came, 45 strong, to meet, eat and greet for the first time in half a century.

The faces and personalities were little changed (body contours had shifted a bit) and with hugs and cries of delight we greeted each other in a pretty room with lavender and white touches and pink roses (for our 3rd term show In The Pink). A special lavender and white anniversary cake was baked and decorated by Sophie Dittman Heymann.

What called us to Reunion? Curiosity, yes, but mostly memories of a special place--serious, but fun, stimulating but hard work. As we traveled to 68th and Lex from all parts of the city, our smaller world began to expand. Many of us still count among our best friends one or two girls we met at Hunter.

Marian Boykan Pour-El and Jolane Baumgarten Solomon spoke about the difficulties of women in Math and Science forty years ago. Joan Schmidt Carr, ever

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Editor's Note

Jean Murray Geiger '73

Fellowship, celebrations, and good will to all people. These are sentiments that are on my mind as this issue of AlumNotes goes to press, with apologies to all for the tardiness of the newsletter. The new board has gotten off to a running-start, with plenty of ideas for where the Association should go as we prepare to meet the challenges of the next century.

Certainly we are here to provide the arena for fellowship between all Hunter alums. If you look at page 9, you will see that the traditional MidWinter Brunch and Theatre Party are back with a vengeance! Reunion will be here as quickly and unexpectedly as this holiday season came upon us. These are all fine opportunities for us to gather and enrich our friendships. The high school will celebrate Homecoming on December 19th and, of course, graduation in June. And our support for many programs at the High School provides the good will!

But if you look closely at the masthead of AlumNotes, you may notice familiar names. Oftentimes it is the same people who get involved. So, once you are done with preparation (and clean-up!) for the holidays and are facing dull winter days, why not consider becoming involved in the Alumnae/i Association? You will find an interesting group of women and men (OK, so it's one man at the moment--guys, we need your participation!) and have fun as you contribute something back to the school and people who gave us all such a great foundation for all the things that life throws our way.

There is a vacancy on the Executive committee which you could fill. The Executive Committee is always looking for new ideas for Association events and projects. And Reunion always takes a lot of planning and work. Even if you are not a Milestoner, you can still volunteer to help a Milestone class or assist Angelica in her new role as Executive Vice President with its Reunion responsibilities. Remember, it's **your** Association. Keep it vital!

I jumped in last year with AlumNotes. Jump in yourself, the water's fine!

President's Letter

Yvonne Naum '49

At our last annual meeting, in June, I was elected to be the 6th President of the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association. I took office as we began the 25th Anniversary year since some alums met to do what they could to save the High School from threatened closure. The High School survived, and continues as a center of educational excellence. For this fertile foundation, we are grateful to those who persevered before us. And the Alumnae/i Association has grown: we have almost 750 dues-paying members, we have a fine newsletter, AlumNotes, and the potential for doing significantly more to benefit both the High School and Alums.

I'm excited about US! I feel we've barely begun to tap our collective potential. The members of the Executive Committee (an enthusiastic, willing, varied group) have been brainstorming what we'd like to see us doing as we move into the 21st Century. We want to support the High School and the opportunities it offers and represents. We want to offer programs to inform, enrich, and support our alums. We want to encourage continued interaction among alums. We want to do more in the community.

Some of the goals I have for us are: double our dues-paying members, support the formation of a network of chapters throughout the country, have more programs alums want, make AlumNotes more current and useful by increasing its publication to quarterly.

Our years-old computer system broke down this summer, and its successor is up-to-date and state-of-the-art. We'll even soon have our own e-mail address so we can all more easily communicate with each other.

I want to hear from you. **WHAT DO YOU WANT?**
Send me a note or a card: HCHSAA, Att: Y. Naum, Box 373, Hunter College, 695 Park Avenue, NY, NY 10021.

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Hunter On-Line

Peggy Perrin '55

The Hunter College High School Computer Advisory Committee begins the new school year with pride, gratitude, and excitement.

The Committee is proud that, with the energetic fund raising of the PTA and the support and cooperation of High School principal and Campus Schools director Dr. Anthony Miserandino, and of Hunter College, the Alumnae/i Association, and other friends of the High School, it has achieved its original three-year goal to upgrade and expand the two computer laboratories and to connect Hunter to the Internet.

Today, 1,400 accounts are in use, including account for all students. The building is fully wired, and all department offices are connected to the local area network. A mobile computer system for classroom use is in place. And approximately one-third of the faculty returned to school in July for a week-long training session on administrative and classroom applications of the computer system.

The Computer Advisory Committee was delighted to thank two more supporters of this essential and far-reaching project. City Council members Gifford Miller (C.D. 5) and Andrew Eristoff (C.D. 4) won approval of a combined appropriation of \$130,000 for the computer laboratory. The money has not only helped the school reach its three-year goal, it also makes it possible for the Advisory Committee to look ahead and begin to plan the immediate next-stage enhancements.

Top priority items of future plans are the upgrade of the library, which led the school into the on-line age, and the development of a third, high-technology lab that would support advanced applications such as sound and video. The opening of a third lab would not only support innovative programs of the Music and Foreign Language departments, but would also relieve scheduling and maintenance problems in the existing two fully utilized labs.

Other desired enhancements include replacement of the old XTs in the "slow" lab (which currently supports only word processing), purchase of at least one laser color printer, a scanner, a large monitor, and the addition of laptop or notebook computers for field or laboratory work.

With the exception of the councilmanic funds, the successes of the past three years have all been accomplished with grassroots efforts. They have been made possible through PTA fund raising, winning grant proposals by individual teachers and the Advisory Committee, and the in-kind and financial contributions of the Alumnae/i Association and other friends of the school.

The computer lab is only one of many programs and activities the Association has supported over the past quarter century. But the lab is unusual in that, like the library, it has

become basic to the teaching and learning of every department in the school. Support of the lab ultimately supports other subject work. Milestone classes and other alums make a long-lasting contribution to present-day students and staff when they support the computer laboratory.

But don't just take my word for it! Log on to Hunternet on the WorldWideWeb at

<http://heimdall.hchs.hunter.cuny.edu>

and see for yourselves. You'll visit the student-designed and maintained High School home page and catch up on school and Alumnae/i Association news. Read the latest issue of AlumNotes. Exchange e-mail addresses with other alums, and more. For more information on the computer lab, to volunteer to serve on the Advisory Committee, or for how you or your milestone class can support this exciting project, call me at (718) 426-1341. With Hunter students and staff, I thank

OPPORTUNITY for HCHS Alum

Mentor 5th-grader, Alexandra, public school student & after-school participant at Booker T. Washington Learning Center (E. 101 St., NYC). Help her qualify for HCHS. Call Yvonne Naum for further information: 212-362-4698.

NY Metro Area Networkers

NY Metro Area Networkers have two new coordinators: Rita Marx (212-724-1748) and Eve Ferdman (212-725-1999). The Networkers continue to gather monthly at alternating breakfast and dinner meetings. Rita generously hosted a holiday dessert event in December - a wonderful eating time was had by about 20 alums who attended. The January meeting will be on January 22, at 8:30 am, at the Omega Diner (122 West 72nd St.). Call Rita or Eve to confirm you'll be there, or for further information.

Do You Know of Someone We've Missed?

When our computer crashed, we lost many address changes. We're asking your help to restore our data base. Please call or write us if you know of an alum who has not received recent issues of **Alumnotes**.

About our Privacy Policy...

All information in our Alumnae/i database is confidential. We share no information, even with other Alums. There are two modes of communication available if one dues-paying Alum wishes to communicate with another: you may purchase an "Alumnagram" or send a note to the office (it will be forwarded by our Office Manager). As we go on line and increase our membership and communications, we will need appropriate privacy protection in place. Please call us with your suggestions (or send us a note).

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Several times, non-Milestoners have networked at Reunion/Homecoming to plan for their future Milestone year or to continue the happy fellow/galship of a past reunion. Remember, any class can plan for a special day in June--you don't have to be a Milestone class. Telephone Angelica Petrides to arrange for a room for your group.

Interested parties should contact me soon so I can arrange for you to receive a printout of your class members' names and latest addresses and a set of mailing labels. The Alumnae/i Association will reimburse each class for the cost of one mailing--printing and postage--upon submission of receipts. After Reunion, each class is expected to provide the Association with a class list, including rediscovered "lost" members, and any changes in addresses and telephone numbers.

I'll work with the class contact person, providing ideas, suggestions, techniques for getting the class energized, and moral support. Now is the time to start telephoning your classmates and forming a core group to work on special festivities for your class. (Milestoners of 1952 and earlier might want to consider having separate January and June contacts to work with their respective groups while coordinating with one another.)

It's a good idea for Milestone classes to send representatives to the Winter Brunch for more brainstorming. One representative per Milestone class can attend the brunch as a guest of the Association.

Reunion weekend is likely to be filled with Alumnae/i activities, including outings and class parties. We also expect you to turn out in force for the Reunion itself. Last year, more than 270 alums attended Reunion, including representatives of the 1931, 1936, and 1941 year classes, celebrating the 65th, 60th and 55th milestone years. Let's top that in '97!

amusing, told about rehearsals for In The Pink and our Senior Show and the performance of Our Town, and of course of Jimmy, our beloved and only MALE, who ran the elevator with smiles, humor and good advice. The army grabbed him; but fortunately returned him before our graduation. We groaned at memories of the "Dawn Patrol"--one year of classes from 7:45 AM to 1:40 PM (the WAVES were at Hunter uptown and Hunter downtown needed our classrooms.

Annals, our senior yearbook, asked Quo Vadis? and also said:

Time goes you say?

Oh, no

Alas Time stays, we go.

Where did we go? Geographically, we've lived all over and traveled to many places. Professionally, we've also ranged widely. Here's a partial list: lawyers, university professors, teachers, psychiatrists, psychotherapists, librarians, marketing analysts, college administrators, bacteriologist, speech pathologist, nursing educator, publisher, kibbutnik, pilot, cartographer, artist. But perhaps as important, wives, mothers, grandmothers, and friends.

We remembered the deceased members of the class. Lenore Baumritter Blank spoke of her surprise at being recognized in 1983 in the London Underground by Gloria Saunders, now deceased, who said her primary memory from Hunter was being told "you can do it!" And she did. She became one of the first black women principals in New York City.

We ended with a rounding rendition of "You can always tell a Hunter girl, But you cannot tell her much!"

Milestone Reunion for Classes of '47

Dorrih Leipziger '47

The Classes of 1947 are already enthusiastically planning for their 50th Reunion on Sunday, June 1, 1997.

Class Co-ordinators Marilyn Estreicher Zinder (January) and Debbie Miller Saffian (June) expect this to be the greatest QUINQUAGENARY ever! (Wouldn't Miss Beirne and the other stalwarts of the Classics Department of the '40s be proud of us for locating that word?)

The two classes are hoping for maximum attendance and maximum contributions toward a generous class gift. Dorrih Leipziger (1/47) will be working on perfecting the mailing list and, later, on an illustrated (!) set of brief updating bios. If you are on the AlumNotes mailing list, you'll get all the news about the 50th Reunion doings. If you'd like to help, call Marilyn at (212) 421-3777 or Debbie at (980) 972-8343.

Mark the Date!

Reunion/Homecoming

Sunday, June 1

11:00 AM

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

Reunion 1996

Vera Julia Gordon '47

"Of course I remember you. We were in History together. Remember the day when . . ."

"Which buildings did you go to school in?"

"Whatever happened to . . ."

"Where are they selling those T-shirts and mugs?"

"My son is here too. We're both Milestoners!"

The buzz of happy conversation filled the halls of the present Hunter High School building at 94th and Park Avenue as more than 270 graduates, along with some spouses and children, gathered on Sunday, June 2, 1996 at Reunion/Homecoming to see one another, the faculty members who came, and to celebrate the Hunter experience.

AlumNotes Extra listed the day's events and the rooms where each Milestone class was meeting. Time flew with Hunter reminiscences and news of current positions, of families, of travel, and of meeting other Hunterites. Some classes brought decorations and extra "goodies" for their group, in addition to the coffee and danish.

Then it was down to the auditorium for greetings by Margaret McKinney Nichols '41, President of the Alumae/i Association and remarks by Dr. Anthony Miserandino, the principal, about the current Hunter High students who are continuing the traditions of excellence.

Dr. Yvonne Naum '49 spoke about the activities of the New York Metro Area Networkers, a group drawn from classes from the 1920s to those of the 1990s, who meet monthly to brainstorm about life decisions, careers, jobs, as well as to celebrate achievements and share leads for business and personal life, and to provide resources and support for one another.

Margaret Betz Perrin '55 brought everyone up to date on the ongoing Computerization Project. (For details see the article elsewhere in this issue.)

The Election of Officers followed and then the eagerly awaited Roll Call of Milestoners and recognition of those who traveled from areas of the United States, from Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and other parts of the world. As each group was recognized and stood, there was a round of applause. Spokespersons from each Milestone class brought greetings and reminisced.

The most senior Milestone class was 1931, represented by Rose Bloom Gartner, with four others in attendance; 1936 had 13 present, with greetings brought by Gladys Kanerek Lerman. The fifty-five year class of 1941 had 18 in attendance and Estelle Steinberg Charton reports that she's already preparing for 2001. The Golden Anniversary class of 1946 had more than 40 in attendance, with greetings by Adele Hirschfield Shulman, Esther Weissman Cember and Edith Rollman Wormser.

The 1951 class had 45 attendees, and 1956 was represented by 35; 31 came from 1961. More recent groups were there too: 20 from 1976's twenty-year class, 35 from the ten-year class, and eight from 1991. Space does not permit the mention of all who brought class greetings; the remarks ranged from comments about the various buildings in which the school functioned, to tributes to classmates and faculty no longer with us, to comments on Hunter High's role in creating resourceful women (and men!), to "in" jokes about colleagues, staff, and events, and memories of wars and their impact on Hunter life.

Throughout, there was the thread of tribute to a school which opened minds and created options--a very special world--different for each class, and yet the same because Hunter has always made things possible for its graduates.

After the Roll Call, the meeting ended with the singing of Alma Mater and Sarah Maria Jones, and everyone adjourned to the buffet and continuing conversations as classes made plans for outreach to the absent, and for informal gatherings, and plans for "next year" and "five years from now."

It was a grand day. "See you soon!"

Class of '65 Holds Post-31st Reunion

Elaine Brand '65

What was really a "milestone" about the recent reunion held by the Class of '65 was that, although not a milestone year, we had a reunion anyway! Our post-31st--not to mention pre-Big 5-0 Birthday--celebration was a warm, nostalgic, catching-up afternoon attended by 35 to 40 class members on Saturday, September 28, 1996. The principal organizers were Sherry Buys Connors, who came from Spokane for the occasion, Susan Ackoff Ortega, and Ronnee Fried Misciagna, who generously offered the use of her beautiful, newly renovated Soho loft apartment.

The event grew out of the disappointment of some alums who had been unable to attend our 30th in 1995. We hugged, chatted, and reminisced over a catered buffet lunch, and then gathered as a group to allow each of us about two minutes in which to boil down 31 years of life since Hunter. Amidst jokes about the rather large number of lawyers and third marriages, we became aware of the wonderful variety of career and personal pathways taken by our classmates. The end result was a strong sense of connection, and an appreciation of how we had changed, matured (not just aged!), and become more interesting people since back when we first became known as the Class of '65.

Chapter Search

Vera Julia Gordon '47

Hunter alums find each other everywhere! Sometimes it's just a casual meeting, but other times it blossoms into a friendship. Then friends, and friends of friends, gather occasionally for lunch, theatre, or conversation. Suddenly it's a chapter, although a very informal one.

Sometimes it is a group that spins off from one of the NYC high school graduates' groups in California or Florida. Nowadays, the Internet permits cyberspace meetings, too.

We're here to help you to contact fellow Hunterites so you can establish chapters, or to help you make an existing chapter grow. Maybe you are thinking geographically, or in term of special interests.

We will publish news of your coming events, your past events, your contact persons, IF we get the information from you.

Part of my duty as First Vice President is chapter outreach and coordination, do please let me know who you are, where you are, what you have been doing, and how we can help you.

We plan to have a regular feature on news from the chapters, but we need your input to make it a success. My telephone is (718) 282-6693 with a tape after four rings, and my address is 334 Argyle Road, Brooklyn, NY 11218-4342.

Get in touch so we can grow some chapters!

Networker Notes

Dr. Francine A. Eisen '42

At a Networkers meeting, Joyce Levien announced that her foundation had seed money available for grant proposals. The one condition was that it had to be possible to replicate the experiment.

After a number of telephone conversations, Francine A. Eisen and Joyce devised a proposal. Six John Jay College seniors majoring in Forensic Science (Interns), will visit three sixth grade science classrooms in an Intermediate School. They will tell a bit about themselves and what had drawn them to Forensic Science. An experiment in fingerprinting will follow, with the students doing their own fingerprints under the guidance of the interns. The sixth grade science teachers will follow up the visit with a unit on fingerprinting.

After a second visit and demonstration, a month later, the interns will guide a group of sixth graders through the Forensic Science laboratories at John Jay College. Hopefully, with this closer contact, the interns will have an opportunity to become mentors to the students.

Chapter News

Florida Chapter

The second Florida reunion of Hunter College High School Alumnae/i was held on March 9, 1996. Sixty-six of us reminisced and honored the superb education that we have received. We enjoyed good company, a luncheon, and entertainment by the Singing Principals. For information about future activities, call Edythe Rishin at (954) 978-9824.

-Edythe Rishin, Publicity Chairman

Recent Alums Group

The Association has started a Recent Alums Group, to serve as a way for women and men who graduated in the 1980s and 1990s to maintain their Hunter ties in a new and exciting way.

The Group's mission is multi-faceted :

- to organize social events
- to serve as a networking group
- to give advice to each other and to younger alums on decisions related to college, graduate and professional schools, first jobs, careers, and family
- to serve in conjunction with the Association, its office, and AlumNotes in updating information on people's lives and locations
- to foster ties among each other and between us and other alums
- to undertake any other tasks that the Group decides will foster these purposes.

For more information and to become more involved, please contact Josh Burstein '89 at work at (212) 878-3063 or at bursteij@rw.com.

Joshua Burstein '89

Attention Chapters!

Make news in AlumNotes!

We will print any and all Chapter news!

Send copy to Jean Murray Geiger at the
Alumnae/i Association Office
Hunter College, Box 373
695 Park Avenue

All About All of Us

1920s

Henriette Judels Rattner '28 was disappointed to miss Reunion in 1996 but hopes to attend in 1997. Her and her sister Nettie Judels Rattner '28, who passed away two years ago, graduated together. Henrietta was GO President and Nettie was Vice President.

1930s

Grace Giarratano Hill '37 remembers attending the high school when it was at 96th Street between First and Second Avenues. If her dear friend Alice Schwartz '37 is going to be at Reunion, Grace would love to attend!

1940s

The Class of '41 reports in: Jane Michel Alwais had a 40-year teaching career, a 48-year ongoing marriage and currently serves on four boards including the Mid-Island Branch of the American Association of University Women and the L.I.Z. of NYSRTA. • • • Marilyn Shilkret Brown retired from teaching elementary school to raise two sons and returned to teaching when her husband opened his own furniture stores. She had a second career buying accessories and supervising decorating of their four stores. She is now retired and having a ball! • • • Harriet Starolitz Fruim taught in the NYC public school system for 26 years, sang for several years with the Zilberts' Choral Society and played in a recorder group entertaining senior citizens. • • • Norma Broadman Smuckler completed college, went on to marriage and two children. • • • Marie Delia DePaola left Hunter College in her junior year. After retiring from Suffolk County Department of Social Services, she returned to college in 1990 and received her B.S. in June 1993. • • • Marie Roach Griffin has a large extended family, including three children, four grandchildren, eight godchildren and a Nigerian family of eight. She has travelled around the world, done volunteer work and still participates in vigorous physical activities. • • • Ruth Kahn Hochberg was Assistant

Professor at the Neuropsychiatric Institute of UCLA from 1977-1995 and has been in private practice since 1974. • • • After a short career as a dietician at St. Luke's Hospital in New York, Anastasia Papalexis Kangus married a pediatric cardiologist and had two sons and a daughter. • • • Lora Katz taught at high school and colleges in New York and Boston and has toured the U.S., Canada, and Europe. • • • Helen Oken Lieberman retired from a career that included teaching in New York City, in a little red schoolhouse in Indiana and in Livingston New Jersey, as well as Assistant Principal. • • • Her 30 months in the Marine Corps as an airplane mechanic and crew chief were followed by a post World War II marriage and children. Martha-Sue Whipple Pepe has also had a career in recreation at a children's facility and retired from a position of recreational therapist in a nursing home. She still participates in a 50-year old round-robin letter with her Marine Corps buddies from Squadron 46. • • • Dr. Alexandra Dombrowiecki Robertazzi retired from the Department of Anesthesiology at Coney Island Hospital in Brooklyn after 33 years, with the title of Director/Chairman of the Department. She was widowed in 1971, but enjoys the accomplishments of her daughter and son. • • • Estelle Steinberg Charton retired from the Board of Education. She has two daughters and five grandchildren. • • • After a career as a professional artist and a second career as a computer systems analyst, Jessie Lindholm Conroy is happily retired, playing golf and bridge, and painting portraits of her grandchildren. • • • Jean Gordon Cooke pursued editorial projects and was a hearing officer in Domestic Relations Court in Northampton County, PA. • • • Alma Delfino retired from a career in systems development where she achieved Vice President at Equitable Life and at Mutual of America. • • • Ophelia DeVore has won numerous honors and awards during her 50 years in business. • • • A former member of the New York City Council, Carol Hutter Greitzer has also been First President of the National Abortion Rights Action League, a founder of the Parks Council and a founder of the Transit Riders Action Committee. • • • After teaching and counseling in pre-school through grad school, Ruth Rosner Harley spent the last 25 years as professor of psychology and counselor at Rio Hondo College in California. She has had three marriages and two

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In Memoriam

Birdie Amsterdam '17 (ca.), a pioneer for female judges, died on July 8, 1996 at the age of 95. First woman elected to Municipal Court in New York County in 1940, she had a judicial career that carried her to the State Supreme Court. A graduate of Hunter College as well as the High School, she was an eloquent friend of the downtrodden, a champion of women's rights and a diligent Democratic party worker.

Dr. Marion L. Koomey '44, valedictorian of her class, died on March 13, 1996. She had a pediatric practice, and worked with children who had emotional problems at the Sagamore Children's Center in Melville, NY. Her ashes were scattered in St. Augustine.

Sadie J. Stern '26 died on November 3, 1995 from cancer. A retired teacher, she is fondly remembered by her sister Beatrice Stern Levine '32.

Nettie Judels Rattner '28, who graduated with her sister Henriette, died in 1994. She was G.O Vice President and Henriette was President. She is missed greatly by Henriette.

Dina Candon Pellegrini '42 is mourned by her sister members of the class of January '42. Jean P. Binnie reports that she died suddenly and unexpectedly while on a trip to Rome, Italy. She will be sorely missed.

Rachel Ballenzweig '96 was killed in a car accident on November 22, 1996, along with her father, Howard. They were travelling home from Massachusetts where Rachel was enrolled at Simon's Rock College. Mr. Ballenzweig had driven to Great Barrington to bring Rachel home to celebrate the 50th birthday and Bat Mitzvah of Rachel's mother, Susan Ballenzweig. Both will be missed by the Hunter community.

What's What

Rachel Goldbrenner and Zachary Behr
Co-Editors-in-Chief

As you may remember, What's What is the official school newspaper of Hunter High School. We hold a seventy year tradition of excellence and integrity. Unlike most high school newspapers, What's What is primarily self-funded. Purchasing a subscription will give you the closest connection to the Hunter of today. Discover the world of our students through our prize winning news section, opinion pieces on both campus events and national issues, and a wide variety of features which trace aspects of student life outside of the classroom. For these and a sports section devoted to Hunter athletics, subscribe now! One-year subscriptions cost only \$20, and each issue will be mailed to the address you specify.

To help What's What remain financially self-sufficient, any further donation you wish to make would be greatly appreciated. A \$50 donation is acknowledged by a one-year subscription and an honorary title of patron in an issue of What's What. For \$100, you will receive a one-year subscription, the title of benefactor in an issue of the paper, and a What's What T-shirt.

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that we are helping to sponsor
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by purchasing an office subscription.

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You can keep up-to-date with the
happenings at the high school
while supporting this worthwhile publication.

Remember, we all need to know

What's What!

Class of 1931 Remembers

Evangeline Maragakes James '31

Our class of 1931 was represented at the Alumnae/i Reunion by 5 members. Each of us was deeply moved, as we recalled during the proceedings how much Hunter High had meant to us and its effects on our lives.

After the meeting, I spoke to the president and mentioned my most significant particular experience, and how it had helped to shape my life. It was but one example of how this wonderful school always answered the needs of its students.

In my final year at Hunter, just before Christmas, I was forced to drop out of school because my father became incapacitated. I had to go to work so that my parents and three younger siblings could survive. One of the teachers came to my house to learn what had happened. She and the other teachers got together and persuaded my family to permit me to return to school, with the assurance that they would pay to my family weekly, out of their pockets, the sum that I was earning, all the way to my graduation in June!

I remain forever grateful for this most unusual, generous, caring aid, which enabled me to obtain my diploma, and subsequently move on to Hunter College and a rewarding professional career.

Lillian Kopit Slater '31

I, too, have done many things during my long and rewarding life and honestly attribute my many successes to the training and help from my teachers. I am particularly grateful to the two Miss Drapers, one of whom taught physics, the other mathematics, who told me about the Cornell University scholarship examinations. I was awarded a scholarship for four years, and then went on to many other successes I'm still enjoying a "great life" and look forward to many more HCHS Alumnae meetings.

Celebrating Silver!

The Hunter College High School
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Please send any reminiscences you have
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Midwinter Brunch

Marilyn Zinder '47

Is the prospect of another long winter getting you down? Are you dreading the long haul after the holidays? Then plan to get together with fellow Hunterites at the Alumnae/i Association Brunch on Sunday, February 9, 1997. We will meet at ArtePasta at 106 West 73rd Street (off Columbus Avenue) at 12:30 pm. The luncheon, in a private room, will begin with a cocktail, followed by the main course, coffee, and dessert, all for \$23.

Those of you from "2" and "7" classes take note: this is an ideal opportunity to spend some time connecting with other alums to talk about Reunion and get inspired. This year's event promises to be even more festive, as we enjoy a speaker. Ilene Beckerman, a Hunter alum, will talk about her book *Love, Loss, And What I Wore*.

Please fill out the brunch reservation form and mail it, along with your check made out to the HCHS Alumnae/i Association, to Marilyn Zinder, care of the Alumnae/i Association office by February 1.

For more information, contact the Alumnae/i Association office at (212) 772-4079.

HCHS Alumnae/i Association Midwinter Brunch

Sunday, February 9, 1997 at 12:30 PM

ArtePasta
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Deadline is February 1, 1997.

Get in Step! Join Us For A Chorus Line

Peggy Perrin '55

Enjoy a spirited evening of theater with other metropolitan-area alums at the Alumnae/i Association's annual theatre party/reception featuring James Kirkwood and Nicholas Dante's *A Chorus Line*, with words by Edward Kleban and music by class of 1960's Terry Hamlich Liebling's "little" brother Marvin. We start with a pre-performance reception of beverages and light snacks and then join students, parents and Hunter friends for a rousing show. The date? Saturday, March 1. The time? 6:30 PM. The place? Hunter College High School, 71 East 94th Street, just west of Park Avenue. The price? For Hunter alums and guests, \$10.

For more information, please call Peggy Perrin at (718) 426-1341. If you plan to attend, fill out the coupon and mail it to Peggy at 51-01 39th Avenue, Apt F-65, Long Island City, NY 11104.

A musical rep theater party is always a delightful way to spend an evening. We look forward to seeing you.

HCHS Alumnae/i Association Annual Theatre Party

Saturday, March 1, 1997 at 6:30 PM

Hunter College High School
94th Street and Park Avenue

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children. • • • Inez Cohn Levene is married, has two sons, five grandchildren and has been very active in the League of Women Voters, including terms as local and Westchester county president. • • • Betty Levy Myers has two sons and four grandchildren. • • • Jean Murgatroyd Stiles has been married to the same great guy for 52 years. • • • Betty Lewis Yanowitz retired from working as a School Psychologist.

Phyllis Weinus Oder '43 has just published *The Clerihews*—one hundred of Phyllis Oder with illustrations by the author. It should be available in New York bookstores by now, or you can contact Phyllis directly. • • • Esta (Elsie) Frost Feedora '48/'49 has moved from Indonesia to Hawaii and would love to hear news of her classmates of '48, graduating in January '49. She can be reached at P.O. Box 2701, Kailua-Kona, HI 96745 and (808) 334-1720 (phone/fax). • • • Ruth Schachter Morgenthau '48 was awarded the honorary Doctor of Laws degree from the University of Massachusetts-Boston. She has devoted much of her attention to issues of equity between developed and developing nations of the world, and has led efforts to help developing countries become more self-sufficient in food production. She has also served as a member of the U.S. Delegation to the United Nations.

1950s

In June 1995, Dorothy Altman Solomon '57 retired from 27 years of teaching junior high school English for the William Floyd District on Long Island. She and her husband have moved to New Hampshire to enjoy a new way of life. While enjoying her new locale, she currently chairs the Breast and Cervical Cancer Education Committee for the Northern Carroll County NH chapter of The American Cancer Society. She is a breast cancer survivor and would be happy to field any questions from fellow Hunterites about this often devastating disease. Dorothy can be reached at P.O. Box 993, Conway, NH 03818. • • • Justice Shirley Schlanger Abrahamson became Chief Justice of the Wisconsin Supreme Court and has received 12 honorary degrees, the most recent a Doctor of Laws from DePaul University College of Law. • • •

1960s

Anita Spielberger Knight '60 and her husband Don recently attended the NYC wedding of the younger son of Janet Koch Potenza '60 at the Harvard Club. The knights sat with Jim Wagner formerly of Brooklyn Tech and prom date and college classmate of Terry Meehan Schmitt '60. Janet looked just like she did 30 years ago, except for a change of hair color! Back home in Chicago, Anita had a phone call from Margaret Heinsohn Bezy '60 who is widowed and lives in San Diego near her son. Anita is trying to contact Joan Karle Varner '60. • • • After 29 years as Director of Personnel for Syracuse Developmental Center, a NYS agency, Liz Delora Clinton '60 has decided to take Governor Pataki's offer and retire early! She wants to change careers and use her Masters degree in history studies and museum technology. • • • Miriam Salholz has been living in Paris for most of the last eleven years, teaching and practicing law. She is married and has a three-year old daughter. At Reunion in 1992, she renewed her friendship with Ruth Katz '67. Ruth and her family visited Miriam's family in Paris and they are looking forward to a second generation friendship between their daughters.

1970s

Jean Schulman '72 is alive and well and living in Phoenix, practicing oncology and married to a rabbi. • • • Cara DeVito '72 has been certified as a specialist in Appellate Law in California and is a partner in Berley and DeVito (818) 716-5604. • • • Linda E. Rosenzweig '70 lives in the metropolitan Washington DC area with her husband and three children. She is an employee benefits lawyer, is the Chair of one of the Employee Benefits Law Committees of the American Bar Association, and has just completed the second edition of a handbook on health benefits law. • • • Susan Tobachnik '71 was to be in the class of '72 but left for early college admissions in '71. She is a physical therapist in San Francisco, is married, and her life is run by her year-and-a-half old daughter. • • • Laura (formerly Laurie) Paull '70 attended the

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Calendar of Events

December 19, 1996 10:45 AM	HCHS Homecoming HCHS, 94th and Park
December 19, 1996 7:00 PM	HCHS Winter Concert HCHS, 94th and Park
February 9, 1997 12:30 PM Street	Midwinter Brunch* ArtePasta, 106 W73
March 1, 1997 6:30 PM	Theatre Party* HCHS, 94th and Park
June 1, 1997 11:00 AM	Reunion/Homecoming HCHS, 94th and Park

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screening of her first film Havana Nagila: The Jews in Cuba at Lincoln Center where Judi Jorrich '70 was in attendance. Former classmate Jackie Salit had seen it at a previous screening at Columbia University. Laura met Chris Tomasino '70 on the plane back to California. Chris has adopted a baby girl from China. • • • Sara Kaplan attended HCHS for four-and-a-half years before graduating from St. Ann's School in '73. She still considers herself part of the class of '73 and has many memories of her sister students and teachers. She has been disabled since 1990 with Multiple Chemical Sensitivities and Chronic Fatigue Syndrome. She is taking care of herself and enjoys walking on the beach, listening to the birds, doing Tai Qi and creating art.

1980s

Dawn Kleinman '83 lives in Chapel Hill NC with her husband and daughter and is a fourth-year student at UNC Medical School. • • • Ulla Kyle Warehol '83 lives in New York with her husband and daughter and works as an architect. • • • Susan Horowitz '83 lives in Chesapeake VA with her husband and is expecting her first child. • • • Gabrielle Steinfeld '83 lives in New York with her husband and is about to begin work on an MFA. • • • Tim Schmidt '83 is married and works as a lawyer in London. • • • Cynthia Nixon '84 and Daniel Mozes '84 were expecting their first child in late September. • • • Daniel Seltzer '82 is the proud father of happy, healthy triplets, born during the blizzard of January 1996. Wife and babies are doing great. Daniel can be reached at

dseltzer@arcus.net. • • • Liz Rogers '87 and Amanda Udis-Kessler '84 are pleased to announce the first CD by their new band, HunterGreen (named after what else?), Feasts and Seasons. Liz sings and Amanda plays piano and writes music along with other non-Hunter musicians. To obtain a copy or just say hello, call Amanda at (617) 776-8540 or Liz at (617) 876-0932. • • • Joshua Burstein '89 graduated from the New York University School of Law and has begun work as a first-year associate at Rogers & Wells in New York. His colleagues there include Eugene Kwon '88, David Sakowitz '87, and Rick Fontana '86. While changing trains in Trenton he picked up a copy of the Trenton Times and discovered that John J. Edwards III '86 is one of their reporters. In June, Josh was elected Third Vice President of the Alumnae/i Association, the first man and youngest person to hold a position on the Executive Committee. Josh asks that people contact him at work at (212) 878-3063. • • • Emma Owens O'Brien '84 celebrated her 30th birthday in NYC with a huge bash, including Maria Russo '84, Andrew Bellak '84, Andrew Clatemen '84, Josine Shapiro '84 and Andrew Chu '84. Emma is a real estate broker with The Halstead Property Company in NYC.

1990s

Aileen Catherine Cangiano '92 graduated from Syracuse University in May 1996 with a Bachelor of Science in Biology and a Bachelor of Arts in Spanish Literature. She is also the proud recipient of numerous awards for her study.

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