

AlumNotes

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Reunion/Homecoming Preparations Underway

Vera Julia Gordon

Classes are organizing for Reunion/Homecoming to be held on Sunday, June 2, at Hunter College High School, Park Avenue and East 94th Street, Manhattan. All graduates are invited to participate, but it will be an extra-special day for the Milestoners—those who graduated in the years ending in "1" or "6."

Events will begin at 11:00 AM with coffee, teas, and danish, and class reunions in designated rooms. There will be a special Homecoming program for non-Milestoners. At noon, everyone will gather in the auditorium for the general session. There will be greetings by Margaret McKinney Nichols, Association President, and news of current activities at the high school will be presented by Dr. Anthony Miserandino, the principal. Dr. Yvonne Naum '49 and the members of the NY Metro Area Networkers will discuss their group and its activities. Milestone class representatives will share special memories with the assembled graduates, guests, and faculty during the Roll Call of Classes, always a Reunion highlight. After elections and a brief business meeting, everyone will adjourn to the cafeteria at about 1:15 PM for the continuation of reunion fellowship while enjoying a delicious kosher dairy buffet prepared by Riverside Caterers.

Some Milestone classes have chosen their contact persons and have plans underway for outreach to classmates. Many are arranging for extra activities to make it a Hunter Reunion weekend. Get in touch with your class contact person 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 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 Vera Gordon at (718) 282-6693 (an answering machine activates after four rings). Phone also if you have any questions about Reunion/Homecoming.

Here are the coordinators as of press time:

1936 Marian Barrow Lewis
(212) 724-0933 (home)

Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee, chosen by the Executive Committee according to the requirements of the By-Laws and consisting of Mildred Speiser '49, Bunny Hauser '49, Jean Geiger '73, and Francine Eisen '42 (alternate), met in January and produced the following slate for officers for next year:

President
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Third Vice President
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Vera Gordon '47
Marilyn Zinder '47
Joshua Burstein '89
Elizabeth Gerber '63
Jody Leight '72
Elaine Brandt '65
Francine Eisen '42
Yvonne Groseil '54
Anne Hoffman '60
Theodora Christon '42

Founding Member-At
Large

The official election will take place during the Business Meeting portion of Reunion 1996 on June 2nd. Other nominees for the above offices are welcome and may be made by contacting our Administrator, Clare Dowling, at (212) 772-4079. And before you ask, yes you may nominate yourself!

This is a notable occasion. Not only do the nominees span five decades of HCHS alums, but the first male nominee for office appears on this slate! The Nominating Committee hopes that the above slate evidences a sense of inclusion, and thanks the Executive Committee members for their input and assistance.

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New Fingers on the Keyboard 2

Since last summer, I have had the rare opportunity to combine two of my favorite things: writing and Hunter High School. After the graduation ceremony of June 1995, I bumped into Peg Perrin and jokingly asked if an editor for the newsletter was needed.

Little did I know what I was getting into! Not only have I been given the privilege of editing AlumNotes, but also the honor of becoming a member of the Executive Committee.

Being a part of the Committee is a lot of fun as well as work. Being able to contribute ideas to make the Alumnae/i Association better and more viable for future alums has been an added bonus.

In future issues I hope to discuss some of the issues facing the Association, the High School and us alums as we prepare to face the coming millennium. Right now, I am just happy that this issue is being "put to bed" and I can relax just a bit before reunion and the planning of the Fall 1996 issue.

This is a short and sweet editorial; I have been so concerned with everyone else's articles that my own was put to the side, night after night. Those of you who know me may be surprised that I don't have more to say. But the hour is late and this issue goes to the printer tomorrow! There will be more next time, you can be sure!

I look forward to meeting many of you at Reunion. See you in June!

Respectfully submitted,

Jean Murray Geiger '73

KEEP IN TOUCH!

Don't forget the Alumnae/i Association when you send out change of address forms!

If you receive a new address for another alum, remind them to send a change of address to us too.

Let's keep in touch!

Mihi Cura Futura Mine is the Care of the Future

The Hunter College Motto also represents each alum's commitment to Hunter College High School. As we treasure the fond memories of our adolescent years spent there we certainly wish to help assure the presence of the school and expand its resources so that other intellectually gifted New York City teen-agers may have similar fruitful experiences. The special environment did so much for us all!

As we head toward the year 2000, large numbers of us must help to raise funds needed to counterbalance severe budget cuts and must arrange as many substantial individual cash gifts as possible. (One good source is arranging bequests in our wills.)

Special efforts will be made (I am sure) to improve our communications with each other to these ends through the Association. AlumNotes, class leaders, and your letters and phone calls to our office will help.

Another aspect of alum life, the sharing of activities and similar interests with each other, will undoubtedly be broadened in scope. Hopefully, we will travel together in groups, enjoy more cultural events together and enjoy wearing alum jewelry we have purchased from the Association. Sharing achievements, reviving old friendships, and having job opportunities brought to our attention will all continue via AlumNotes.

Since this is my last written presidential message to you, I wish to thank all of you for the privilege of serving as your President for the two terms the By-Laws allow. I especially thank those of you who cooperated so beautifully with the special efforts of the Executive Committee.

Let's keep our new chapters as vibrant as they are now. The one in Washington, D.C. and the one in Fort Lauderdale, Florida are flourishing and are full of enthusiasm and joy! One is in the making in Seattle, Washington. I predict that more such chapters are on the horizon.

Let's try to get the alums who have not been active on board. Please do your bit to urge them. Have them call our office for the information they may need.

I, too, shall remain active!

Sincerely,

Margaret McKinney Nichols '41
President

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NY Metro Area Networkers

Yvonne Naum

Almost 50 NY Metro Area Networkers, from the class of '21 to the class of '90, came together for dinner and networking at the Omega Diner on October 26th. This great turnout was in response to invitations sent to known Alumnae/i in the Metro NY area. Many thanks to the Alumnae/i Association for underwriting the cost of this mailing. We have continued our monthly meetings, alternating breakfast on January 18th with dinner on February 15th. If somehow you have been overlooked, please give us a call.

Why are we meeting? Some reasons are: to brainstorm about life decisions, to celebrate our individual talents and personal achievements, and to share leads for business or personal needs. This seems to be the time for alums of diverse ages to interact more with one another. We are an adventurous, multi-talented and accomplished group, and can offer each other much inspiration and support.

We now have a mailing list of about 60 HCHS alums who believe some good can come of closer contact with each other. Upcoming meetings are April 25th at 6:00 PM and May 15th at 8:30 AM, both at the Omega Diner, 122 West 72nd Street, NYC. Please reserve a seat! The April meeting will feature an Entrepreneurship Forum, with brief presentations by Rita Marx '63, Jody Leight '72, and Yvonne Naum '49, along with ample opportunity for networking. Do you have a program idea for a future meeting? Come network with us and suggest it!

Networker Borisse Paulin, herself caring for an aging parent, has called for the formation of a support/informational group to consider and problem-solve the elder-care issues that many of us have to face. Contact Borisse at (212) 837-8467 for more information or if you have suggestions for this new group.

An important role that NY alums can play in the community and for the High School is to assist less advantaged young children to qualify for Hunter High. Call me about how you can volunteer your skills, knowledge and caring at the Booker T. Washington Learning Center on East 101st Street.

For more information about our programs, and to reserve a space for upcoming meetings, call Yvonne Naum (212) 362-4698 or Elizabeth Gerber (212) 242-5026.

Poetry and Prose Reading

Thursday, May 2 6:30 PM
At the home of Francine Abrams Eisen
144 East 84th Street

Please call Francine at (212) 249-0771
for further information.

Hunter High Career Network Wants You!

Peggy Perrin

Metropolitan-area alums are invited to participate in the Hunter High School Career Network. A project of the High School Parent-Teacher Association, the Career Network is a resource database of parents and others who are able to provide internship or paid-job opportunities after school or during the summer to Hunter students. The database is housed in the High School computer laboratory and is readily available to students. Information is added to it or updated regularly, and use is supervised by school staff.

Many Hunter alums are still New York City residents. Not only do we represent a major resource for current students, they can be a resource for us. And they are links to the High School today.

Interested alums are invited to provide the following information about available positions to Hunter parent Audrey Cohen, 500 East 63rd Street, 18C, New York, NY 10021, (212) 486-1963:

Hunter Career Network Information Sheet

☐ school year ☐ paid job
☐ summer ☐ unpaid internship

Position available

Age or grade preference

Hours and wages (if applicable)

Name of company or organization

Location of internship

Name and phone number of contact person

Your name and phone number

Today's Date

For additional information on the project, please call Peggy Perrin at (718) 426-1341. We hope this project is one you will enjoy supporting.

E. Ira Marienhoff, We Fare Thee Well

To him, homework was inevitably "collected on the morning after the night on which you did not do it." A test was "a written opportunity." Mayor John V. Lindsay was "Young John Lochinvar" and if he thought something was highly improbable he would attest, "if that's so, then I'm a prima ballerina in a pink tutu."

To anyone who ever had him, these quotes are instantly recognizable as Marienhoffisms. The Equine Paradox: "there are more horse's asses than there are horses." The four things you could not say in class were (in unison, everyone) "like, man, I mean, you know." And these were the **only** four things you couldn't say, for while he might not agree with you, he would always allow you to speak your mind and would give you the high honor of listening to what you said and responding thoughtfully.

My experiences with Mr. Marienhoff (and even meeting him again after 20 years, I could not call him anything else) were personal: rare yet typical. I have since found that countless others shared similar experiences, sad and funny, recent and long ago. The best way I can convey to you the depth, wisdom, humor and humanity of Mr. Marienhoff is to recall those key incidents which are the foundation of my personal relationship with a man who personified dedication and cherished the unique in all of us.

By the necessity of the alphabet and the ever present Delaney book, my seat in Mr. Marienhoff's classroom was at the end of the middle row. Within a few weeks, I became the back of the room kibitzer, trading wisecrack for wisecrack with him, leaning my chair as far back against the wall as it would go. He took a particular delight in those rare occasions when my chair slipped, hitting the floor with a thump guaranteed to wake any dozers. When Parent-Teacher conferences rolled around, I was terrified about what he would tell my mother regarding this back of the room banter. When I cautiously asked her what he had said, she replied, "Mr. Marienhoff said that you weren't afraid to speak up and that you always participated in class." Whew! It was typical of the man not to betray the relationships nurtured in his classroom.

In the Spring of '72, my then 73-year old grandmother met me in midtown on an errand. I had forgotten a book and we returned to the high school, then at 466 Lexington. In the back hallway, we ran into Mr. Marienhoff. I introduced her to him and he said, politely, "This is your granddaughter?" My grandmother answered, proudly, "Yes, she is." He cordially replied, "May I be the first to offer you my condolences on that fact," and proceeded to invite her to meet him for schnapps someday. Some 20 years later, she still asked after "that nice Mr. Marienhoff." Even more amazing was when I met Marienhoff in 1993 and he asked how my grandmother was doing and if she still liked her schnapps!

In that same year, I had some difficulties at home and I was unable to study for one of Mr. Marienhoff's tests. I went to see him before class, intending to explain the situation calmly, and ask to be excused from his test. Halfway through, I broke down, crying. This crusty, cynical man, who had insulted me in class as I had insulted him, closed the door to his office, calmed me down and worked out a solution for me. I took the test, as he asked me to, with his promise that if I did poorly, he would take my situation into consideration. It was a solution that was fair to me, my classmates and to him. It almost made me feel bad about the all the times I had razzed him from the back of the room. (Almost, but not quite.)

Others have related their Tales of Marienhoff. His official picture in the 1973 yearbook shows him holding up the pink tutu made by Pat Steele, a non-ICY '73, for the party preceeding his sabbatical (which he cut short when Rex Slauson, who was to be acting chair, passed away unexpectedly). His acknowledgment of being the oldest person on earth: "when I was in school, back before the flood...." has been heard by every class he taught. The story of the Cookie Boy is one you must discover for yourself in the Marienhoff Scrapbook, now residing in the High School Library.

In one of the Senior Sings, there was a song to the tune of "God Bless America", entitled simply "E. Ira Marienhoff." It consisted solely of teachers' names, with a few witticisms attached. The last lines were reserved for our response to Mr. Marienhoff and his tough reputation. At the risk of offending, a risk that he himself was always willing to take, I re-print them here:

E. Ira Marienhoff, We fare thee well.
E. Ira Marienhoff, You'll burn in hell!

There was much controversy over this song—after all, it **was** the 70s. Before Senior Day, the lyrics were shown to Mr. Marienhoff. He loved them! He was a man who could take it, as well as dish it out. We know now that the song was wrong. He is either holding up Bailey's *Americian Pageant* in the front of a celestial classroom, or running after the American Founding Fathers, offering them a written opportunity!

He was tough, demanding, funny and unflinchingly fair. He had a rapier wit and a heart of gold. He was a gentleman and a gentle man. He will be greatly missed.

The E. Ira Marienhoff Prize

A prize honoring Mr. Marienhoff is being created.
For more information, please see the article on page 5.

Reunion (continued from page 1)

1941	Estelle Steinberg Charton (718) 549-6789 (home)
1946 Jan.	Edith Rollman Wormser (201) 384-6493 (home)
1946 June	Esther Weissman Cember (914) 268-3671 (home)
1951 Jan.	Joy Levien (212) 734-4323 (home)
1951 June	Judy Shapiro Shapiro (718) 544-0781 (home)
1956	Ruth Kaufman Davis (718) 779-1874 (home)
1961	Helene Williams Spierman (718) 733-6151 (home)
1966	Pending
1971	Beth Berenbaum (718) 667-2066 (home)
1976	Marie De Rosa (718) 625-7293 (home) (212) 713-1155 (office)
1981	Pending
1986	Jodi Della Femina (212) 472-2263 (home) (212) 794-6051 (fax)
1991	Pending

Several times, non-Milestoners have networked at Reunion/Homecoming to plan for their future Milestone year or to continue the happy fellowship 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 Vera Gordon to arrange for a room for your group.

The cost for Reunion is \$20.00 per person if you reserve early. Please mail the form on page 11 by May 11, or send your registration and check or money order through your class contact person. The cost is \$25.00 if paid at the door. We are holding costs down by meeting at the high school. Other venues have been investigated, but the fees proved to be prohibitive. We urge early reservations so that we can better plan for your comfort, activities, and food. All checks or money orders should be made payable to the HCHS Alumnae/i Association.

Most Milestone classes raise money for a class gift for the high school, so please add a gift amount to your check, if you can. This year we are suggesting gifts to the computerization project (see article on page 7) or to the library toward completing its holdings of the *New York Times Index* and microfiche.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, June 2. As you may recall, our school colors are purple and white, so you might try to wear bit of lavender or purple to celebrate. And we are planning quite a celebration!

Coordinator's Council

Vera Julia Gordon

Fourteen alums, representing thirteen classes from 1935 to 1986, gathered in the Hunter College High School library on December 6 for the inaugural meeting of the Coordinator's Council. Members of three other classes telephoned their regrets.

It was an enthusiastic exchange of "how to" questions and answers. The key to a successful reunion was agreed to be getting in touch with classmates—whether by using the National Telephone Directory, networking within the class, or writing to graduates' parents who often are at "the old address."

Next after getting in touch, everyone said, was "Keep in touch," with up to date addresses. Some classes send post-Reunion newsletters citing members' achievements and news, others have small social gatherings. Some attendees suggested "Five Year Plans," but were divided as to whether to start immediately after Reunion to capitalize on the momentum, or to wait a year. It's a matter of class chemistry, they agreed. One class (1968) reports, by telephone, that it is aiming for 100% participation in 1998!

Other discussions covered deciding on the class gift, concern for preserving class and school archives, and the revision of the Coordinators' basic information sheet.

If you are a coordinator, were one, or may be one, be sure to check the next issue of AlumNotes for the next meeting, or call Vera Gordon at (718) 282-6693 for more information.

Marienhoff Prize

A group of E. Ira Marienhoff's former students have decided to establish an annual prize for the best Social Studies paper in his favorite subjects: US Constitution, US History, Public Policy, and Economics. Papers will be submitted through the Social Studies Department, and a committee of alumni will select one of these papers for the E. Ira Marienhoff Prize. The winner will be presented with a certificate and a \$100 prize at a departmental ceremony.

Alumni interested in joining the committee to evaluate nominated papers can contact Ben Dattner at (212) 807-7148 or (benj@xp.psych.nyu.edu); or Jonathan Kirschner at (607) 255-4120 or (jdk@cornell.edu) or at the Department of Government, McGraw Hall, Cornell University, Ithaca, NY 14853.

Contributions may be mailed to Susan Meeker, Chair - Social Studies Department, Hunter College High School, 71 East 94th Street, New York, NY 10128. Please make checks payable to Hunter College High School and indicate on the check the gift is for the Marienhoff Prize.

News

Recent Activities

The Winter of 1996, destined to join the infamous Winter of 1994 in the ranks of seasons we'd rather forget, could not stop Hunterites from participating in traditional get-togethers. The Mid-Winter Brunch, held at ArtePasta, was well-attended and provided a rousing beginning for alums who are preparing their milestone classes for the Reunion. From networking to noshing, the Brunch was deemed to be a success.

Those attending the Theatre Party were treated to a lively performance of Godspell, a rock musical based on the Gospel according to Matthew. Although this year's outing did not have the hospitality room of past years, all there enjoyed a high energy evening.

The Executive Committee welcomes volunteers to help coordinate these events for 1996-1997. If you are interested in assisting with the Mid-Winter Brunch or the Theatre Party, please call the Association Office at (212) 772-4079.

Class of 1945 Gift

The Hunter College High School Class of 1945 is pleased to present a gift in the amount of \$1,100 to the HCHS Library. Part of this gift is earmarked for The New York Times Index for the year 1945 with the remainder going toward other library needs.

The Alumnae/i Association congratulates the Class on the occasion of your Golden Anniversary!

Class of 1955 Gift

In celebration of their 40th Reunion, the Class of 1955 is happy to present a gift in the amount of \$1,300, to be divided between the library and the computer lab. The Alumnae/i Association congratulates the Class on achieving this milestone.

Memorial Gift

Mr. Paul Fried, father of the late Judith M. Fried '81, has made a generous gift to the High School in Judith's name. The gift is to be split between the computer lab and the library. In addition, Mr. Fried has donated books from Judith's personal library. The Alumnae/i Association would like to express our condolences to the Fried family on Judith's passing and our deepest appreciation for this support of Judith's *alma mater*.

Association Administrator

The Alumnae/i Association would like to welcome Clare Dowling, our new part-time office administrator. Clare has been working with us since September 5th and is a graduate student at Hunter College in the Urban Affairs program. Among her responsibilities are maintaining our computer database of alums, preparing correspondence, and taking minutes at the Executive Committee meetings. Glad to have you with us, Clare!

Save These Dates!

April 27, 12 Noon	Upstate NY Chapter Luncheon
May 2, 6:30 PM	Poetry/Prose Reading
June 2, 11:00 AM	Reunion/Homecoming and Business Meeting

Details are given in the appropriate articles elsewhere in this issue.

Chapter Notes

Upstate New York alums met for a luncheon in Ithaca in 1994, and in Rochester in 1995, to get together and share experiences and memories. This year the luncheon will again be held in Ithaca at the home of Barbara Stamm Nosanchuck '57, 964 Cayuga Heights Road, Ithaca, NY 14850. The date is Saturday, April 27th, at 12 noon. All alums are welcome. If you need directions or have questions, call Toni Miele Wilkinson '36 at (607) 257-7750.

Chapters are currently active in South Florida, Washington D.C., and Chicago. One is in formation in Seattle and interest has been expressed in a Connecticut chapter. Please remember to send updates on your local chapter to the Association office for inclusion in AlumNotes.

Reunion/Homecoming Classes of 1946

Esther Sarfatty Confino

The annual Reunion/Homecoming scheduled for Sunday, June 2, 1996, will be a special day for the graduating classes of January and June 1946. In the 50 years since we left Hunter, we've lived through many personal, national, and world events, both silly and serious. We're hoping to come together to talk about where we've been, what we've participated in, and how we were affected. Perhaps we'll laugh or cry, or share views, or remember departed classmates.

And, since we know that many may be coming from a distance, we want to plan opportunities to get together on Saturday as well. Please join us for these special activities.

We'd like to achieve maximum attendance, so please help us to reach as many graduates as possible by sending complete names and addresses, or clues to the whereabouts of the missing, and suggestions for the Saturday program, to the class coordinator, Esther Weissman Cember, at 822 Sherry Drive, Valley Cottage, NY 10989 or phone her at (914) 268-3671. Once we have completed a master list, there will be a mailing with all the necessary details. Let's strive for 100% attendance at Reunion 1996!

Hunter On-Line

Peggy Perrin

The long-awaited fall issue of AlumNotes had a wonderful effect on alums. The Association received e-mail addresses. We received an eager phone call from an eager West coast alum who was unable to log onto the Hunter Home Page. (The College computer was "down" and since the High School is connected through it, the High School was inaccessible, too. Receiving that alum's call absolutely made my day!) An upstate New York college instructor, browsing the 'Net, found the Home Page, and through her own connection, linked the High School with other educational groups. A recent alum, employed by a major computer corporation, called the computer lab and volunteered to provide support and, possible, donations of hardware. And a parent in Brooklyn, who still receives his daughter's mail, was moved to make a memorial gift in her name to the computer laboratory and the library. Thank you to everyone!

A great deal has happened since our last issue. Members of the Alumnae/i Association executive committee met at the computer lab and received a hands-on introduction to computer activities from computer teacher and lab instructor Carolyn Mayadas. We browsed the

Hunter Home Page and viewed some of the material available to students today. Ms. Mayadas told us that AlumNotes had been loaded onto the Home Page and now takes its place beside What's What and other student newspapers, the PTA newsletter, department news, and school activities. Hunter College offered to help negotiate for the wiring of the Campus Schools site. Now, with funds raised by both the High School and the Elementary School, the wiring is expected to be finished by the end of February and the school operational by the end of March. Once the wiring is in place, department and administrative offices can be connected. They can then begin automating administrative tasks and, best of all, tapping the teaching potential of this exciting electronic tool.

What more is there, you might ask. Well, plenty. As the school moves steadily into the second stage of its computer technology plan, its two great concerns are staff development and money. We know that many metropolitan-area alums are busy in this field. We hope that you might view this moment as an opportunity for you to make an important contribution to Hunter: to lend your expertise to advise and help train faculty as they adapt the new technology to their classrooms. Alums are also urged to donate training manuals they no longer need so that experienced faculty members can work on their own. For details on these opportunities, please call Carolyn Mayadas directly at the lab (212) 860-1314.

The bottom line, of course, is money. We hope milestone classes will consider the computer lab—now a vital resource to every department in the school—as they think about a class gift. Network hubs, hardware, software, additional mobile cart set-ups, and more can be purchased in the name of a class or an individual.

Join us in this wonderful project. Log onto Hunternet at <http://heimdall.hchs.hunter.cuny.edu> to read the Hunter news of the day. And be sure to send us your e-mail address for the High School directory. For more information on any aspect of computing at Hunter, call Peggy Perrin at (718) 426-1341.

Thank you for your enthusiasm and generosity to Hunter.

Log On to Hunternet

Read the latest news at Hunter High! See an electronic version of AlumNotes! How can we do this, you ask? By logging on to Hunternet. Yes the Hunter High Home Page is up and running on the World Wide Web. Use your web software and visit us at:

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

C'mon! Jump in and surf the 'Net!

All About You and You and You

1920s

Fromma WELLMAN '29 writes that it was a traumatic experience to read ALumNotes—not one reference to anyone from the 20s! Fromma retired from her position as dean at Julia Richman High School in 1968. She is still in touch with Lillian MELTZER Alcaly, Dorothy TECHEFSKY Robbins and Bernice LEVINSKY Dickes, and her daughter, Elisabeth WELLMAN Vazquez is class of '60.

1930s

Bessie HOCHBERG Hyman '35 sends her regrets that she was not able to join Doris GOLDBLUM Faerber '35 and the rest of her classmates at Reunion 1995 to celebrate the 60th anniversary of their class. You may be unaware that Bessie attended the High School and later Hunter College with a hearing impairment. Although it was a struggle at times, front row seating and other assistance from the faculty enabled her to graduate from both schools. She is now a member of the deaf community, a veteran of the 1994 Northridge earthquake in California, and has written about her former teacher, Martha Schott Lyons, for the Temple Beth Solomon of the Deaf newsletter. If you are interested in a copy of her article, please send a stamped, self-addressed envelope marked "Lyons Article" to the Alumnae/i Association office.

1940s

Ellin JACOBS Cohen '46 has retired from teaching art and

music, and is looking forward to the 50th Reunion. ••• Lita LINZER Schwartz '47 has also just retired as Distinguished Professor Emerita at Penn State, but keeps busy doing child custody evaluations, photography, and writing. Her book *Why Give Gifts to the Gifted*, was recently published. She sees Joy KANER Cornfeld '45 every couple of months. ••• Una HUNT Ratmeyer '55 has also been recently published. Her book is *Hands, Hearts, and Voices: Women Who Followed God's Call*, a history of women's ministries in the Reformed Church of America. Una is a former urban missionary, a minister's wife, a grandmother, and a curriculum writer.

1950s

Chana Florence FAERSTEIN Bloch '57 has a new book, *The Song of Songs: A New Translation, with an Introduction and Commentary*, in collaboration with Ariel Bloch, published by Random House in spring 1995. ••• Joanna MILLER Bukszpan '58 has been appointed by Attorney General Janet Reno to the post of United States Immigration Judge in New York City.

1960s

Renee DUBOFF Altman '60 is president of Personal Computer Training. Her company provides customized training in word processing, spreadsheets, graphics, and databases. She lives in East Windsor, New Jersey. ••• Since graduating from HCHS, Susan S. AARON '67 has earned a B.S., M.Ed., M.B.A. and professional certification as a Certified Financial Planner. After working for the New York City Board of Education for 16 years, she

In Memoriam

Clara E. Treubig Rutledge '34 died on August 20, 1995 after a one year battle with cancer of the esophagus. She was proud to have attended both Hunter High and Hunter College.

Ethel C. Ledogar '39 died in March 1995. Her yearbook cited her "easy nature" as "the thorn in her side." She carried that trait for a lifetime—and was loved by all who knew her. Ethel graduated from Hunter College in 1943. She is remembered by her sister, Dorothy Ledogar Pfeiffer, Hunter College '48.

Marie Demetrius Demetriades '42 President of the Class of '42.

Judith Brimberg '44 died January 31, 1996 after an extended bout with cancer. She was an award-winning journalist with The Denver Post for over 30 years and was well-known for her fair and rigorous reporting. She broke into reporting hard news at a time when most women writers were relegated to the "women's pages" of society stories and features. Friends remember her as being tough, witty, and playing by her own set of stringent rules. She was a member of the Denver Newspaper Guild and a founder of the Guild's Professional Standards Committee.

Although Denver was her adopted home, she referred to herself as a New Yorker. She is survived by her mother, Harriet Brimberg of Queens, and her aunt, Hilda Streng, of Manhattan.

Sharyn Teves Stuhler '63 died in September of last year from acute Lymphoma. She left two daughters and a loving husband. She is remembered by Lynne Gertner Jonas '63.

Michele Imberman Cuccio '70. She shared a wonderful friendship with Lynne Ebert Bergman '71. Classmates wishing more information may contact Lynne at 931 N. Larry Place, Tucson, AZ 85710 or at (520) 290-8171.

Judith M. Fried '81 passed away peacefully on October 8, 1995 at home in San Francisco after a valorous two and a half year battle with breast cancer. She is survived by her parents, Paul and Rhea of Brooklyn and her sisters Elise and Barbara '83. The loss of her brilliant and thoughtful mind and of the exemplary integrity and honesty by which she lived will be mourned and remembered for all our lives. Please send any remembrances or anecdotes about Judith to Barbara Fried at 736 Dolores Street, San Francisco, CA 94110.

changed careers and moved into health care. She is presently a finance executive for a major New York City hospital, owns two businesses in financial/retirement planning and income tax preparation, and writes a newspaper and magazine column. She still manages to scuba dive, read and practice her photography. ••• Joanna LISS '69 lives in Massachusetts, after earlier stints in Paris and New Mexico. She is married to Loring Merrow and they have adopted two Peruvian infants, Max and Carolina. He has been a teacher, daycare administrator, and children's bookstore manager. She currently works for E.F. AuPair, a Swedish company that brings young Europeans to spend a year living with and providing childcare to U.S. families. She also is committed to working with several Peruvian artisans to help them find a market for their work. She missed last year's reunion due to her son's birthday party, but still has her copies of Annals, that small stuffed purple and white bear, her Junior and Senior buttons and remembers a remarkable number of lyrics from Field Days dating back to 1963! She'd love to hear from fellow classmates.

1970s

Marcia SETTEL '70 is an administrative law judge for the State of California Department of Social Services. She recently had dinner with Lois KELLERMAN '70 who recognized her at the Carnaval Parade in San Francisco, having not seen her in 25 years! She also runs into Ellen SPEISER '69 and Penney GORCHOFF Mitchell '60. ••• Laurie BLOOM Bell '73 has been living in Weston Connecticut for the last 14 years with her husband Nicholas and three children in an 18th century saltbox house that they restored themselves. She sells real estate for Mila Grieb Village Realty. She can be reached at (203) 227-1263. ••• Jean MURRAY Geiger '73 is tickled purple to be editing AlumNotes. She is writing for the Development Office at Columbia University and working on a mystery novel. She admits she has been married to a Stuyvesant boy for 16 years, although they did not meet until attending Hunter College. You can e-mail her at jlg35@columbia.edu.

••• The Coxsackie-Athens School District in upstate New York has a new Gifted and Talented Teacher in Roberta WEINER Strenka '74. Although she did not have previous experience in teaching the gifted, she explained that her experience in gifted education was on the receiving end. Out of 80 applicants, she got the job and now lives in Scotia, 20 miles west of Albany. She would like to know if there are any other Hunterites teaching the gifted. Her first phone call to spread the good news was to her best friend then and now, Ellen SMITHBERG '74. ••• Diane RODI Makowski '74 is a Ph.D. geneticist in the Department of Biological Science at Florida State University in Tallahassee. She has been married for over 12 years and has three sons, aged 8, 5, and 3. Anyone who wants to say "hello" by e-mail can contact her at dmak@sb.fsu.edu.

••• Martha HILLSTROM Mack '74 worked for 15 years as a Credit Manager for her family business until it closed its doors after 70 years, a victim of the New York City economic problems. She currently teaches piano, works part time and is awaiting the adoption of a baby. Martha would

like to get back in touch with her former classmates, particularly Sandy Krater, Robin Harold, Leslie Kostrich and Ilene Schwartz. If there is a class representative for '74, please feel free to contact her. Her e-mail address is mjmack@aol.com. ••• Debora DORWITT '77 earned her MD in 1983 and is board-certified in OB/GYN. She is interested in holistic medicine. Divorced, she lives with her 5 year old daughter, Tova, in Newburgh, NY, and is a performing singer, guitarist and songwriter. ••• Melissa ROSSE Dobbryn '77 is a practicing lawyer at Grimes & Battersby in Stamford Connecticut. She lives with son, James George (who will be one in June), daughter Amanda Elizabeth (3 in August), and husband Colm (a lawyer with Mastercard International), in New Canaan. ••• Susan WEISSFELD Hammerman '79 received her BA from Johns Hopkins and her JD from Columbia. She is Of Counsel to the Denver law firm of Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Strickland, P.C. Formerly Senior Attorney at the Resolution Trust Corporation, she was the Regional Legal Coordinator for their securitization program since the program's inception. Susan has lectured nationally and regionally on the subject of securitization, chairs the American Bar Association Publications Subcommittee of the Committee on Securitization and REITs, and has authored several published articles. She is married to Jan Hammerman, a lawyer in private practice, and has a three year old daughter, Laura Rachel.

1980s

Here is a quick update on Victoria OLSEN '82 and Joshua SEIDEN '82. Vicky and Josh are married and living in San Francisco! Their first daughter, Naomi Olsen Seiden, was born on July 24, 1994. ••• In 1992, Larry COHEN '82 found out that Reunions are worth the trip. He flew in from Los Angeles for the 10th reunion of the class of 1982 and began a long distance relationship with former classmate Martha APPLEBAUM '82. They were married three years later at the Brooklyn Botanical Garden. Classmates attending the ceremony included Gina HAUSKNECHT, Ellen FLAX, Ronnie WEINER '83, Michelle MART, Keith DAWSON, Adam DOLGINS, Danny WEBER, John ATILLASOY, and Andrew KARAMOUZIS. ••• From information collected at the 1995 Reunion, we heard from members of the 10th anniversary class. Roni NEFF '85 has been working in public health education, with side doses of activism and travel. Roni was expecting to attend grad school for an MPH. ••• Zoe NEUBERGER '85 spent 4 years working on health care issues in New York City and is now back in school studying public policy and intends to continue on to law school. Eli ATTIE '85 is Special Assistant to House Democratic Leader Richard Gephardt. Eli was a former speechwriter and press aide to Mayor David Dinkins. ••• Michelle FAST Noris '84 has her Professional Engineering license as well as a Masters in Civil Engineering and is doing a lot of gardening. ••• Adrian JOVANOVIC '85 has put in over 4 years at Microsoft as a Program Manager and Software Design Engineer working with multimedia products such as Encarta, Cinemania, and

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Bookshelf. Adrian is currently founding a multimedia software company (Emedia) and soon will embark on a molecular genetics software venture. ••• Debra REINER '85 is Technology Coordinator for The Calhoun School, covering network administration, software training, and hardware maintenance. ••• Michael A. BURSTEIN '87 spent the summer of 1994 at the Clarion Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers' Workshop in West Lansing, Michigan. Since then, he has had stories published in the the July 1995 and October 1995 issues of *Analog Science Fiction & Fact* and he has joined the Science Fiction and Fantasy Writers of America. Michael was married to Nomi Susan Pearlman in June of 1995. Charles ARDAI, Andrew GREENE, David SAKOWITZ and Jason SHIMSHI of the class of '87 were groomsmen. Younger brother Joshua Burstein '89 was the Best Man and older brother Jonathan Burstein '84 held a Chuppah pole. Other Hunterites in attendance were Priscilla CHIN '87 (see below), Stacey FENTON '87, Matthew LEVIE '87, Tina SORMANI '87, Deborah BURSTEIN Karp '39, and former English Department chairperson Miriam BURSTEIN '41. ••• Priscilla CHIN '87 graduated with a BS in Pharmacy from Arnold &

Marie Schwartz College of Pharmacy in 1992, completed her pharmacy practice residency at Beth Israel Medical Center and received her Doctor of Pharmacy from Albany College of Pharmacy in 1995. She is presently in a Drug Information Residency at Thomas Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia where she ran into Ed TRABULSI '87, who is a surgery resident at the same hospital.

••• Geri WEITZMAN '88 is a first year doctoral student in counseling psychology at SUNY Albany. She has written 2 children's books on creating beadwork jewelry and is engaged to Manny JACOBOWITZ '86, who continues to pursue his acting career. His recent roles have included a part in the Disney movie, "My Father the Hero," and the lead in a NYC play, "The Zero Factor."

1990s

Although no news was received about alums from the 90s, we would like to encourage recent graduates to keep all of us up to date on the interesting things going on in your lives. Remember, your first milestone reunions are just beginning! Keep in touch!

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