

AlumNotes

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Alumnae/i Directory Project Nearing Completion

By now, all alums should have received a questionnaire and a postcard regarding the 2000 Alumnae/i Directory, which will be published later this year by the Harris Company. The final date for changes to your information is September 2, 2000. Please call the Harris Company directly at 1-800-328-0315 to verify your data or to pre-order a copy of the directory (\$59.99 for the standard edition, \$69.99 for the deluxe edition or CD-ROM version, and \$89.99 for the deluxe edition plus CD-ROM). Your listing can include the following information if you so desire: email address, up to three degrees earned,

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Welcome Alums of 2000!

With this issue of AlumNotes, we welcome almost 200 new members of the Alumnae/i Association—the graduates of the class of 2000! We're glad to have you join us and we wish you all the best with your post-high school endeavors. The Alumnae/i Association publishes this newsletter four times per year in an attempt to keep our alums informed about each other as well as our alma mater. We sponsor several get-togethers during the year, with our largest being the annual Reunion each June. Please keep us informed of your whereabouts so you can continue to receive our mailings. You can call, email or snail mail us with your news and address updates. If we can ever be of help to you in any way, please don't hesitate to call on us. □

Reunion 2000

With more than 275 alums in attendance, Reunion 2000 was held on Sunday, June 4th, at Hunter College High School on 94th Street and Park Avenue. This year's Reunion began at 10 a.m. with check-in, followed by class gatherings, a general assembly, and a buffet luncheon. We had the special added attraction of a student performance of Shakespeare's *As You Like It* in the school's courtyard.

The General Assembly was enjoyed by all, with short speeches given by the association's president, **Eve S. Ferdman '79**, treasurer **Joan Rosenthal '72** and members of the milestone classes in attendance (the highlight being some alums from the class of '35) and the singing of a rousing rendition of our *Alma Mater*, led by **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61** (in case you've forgotten the words, we have printed them on page 5). Details of individual class activities can be found beginning on page 7 and Helene's letter on page 2 also provides a nice synopsis of the day.

Thanks to the generosity of the various milestone classes, more than \$13,000 in contributions has been received or pledged and will be disbursed to the high school as directed by the classes. Members of milestone classes still wishing to contribute to their class gifts may do so by mailing a check to the Alumnae/i Association with the notation "Class Gift." □



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

I stopped by the high school's general reunion on June 4th to see if I might meet some old friends from my Little Sister class (1965) and from the Class of '60. I found some 35 women from the Class of '60 sitting in a modified semi-circle in their designated room — the way we used to sit in our ancient social studies classes with Miss Keyser — but holding forth was our former adviser, the noblest Latin teacher of them all, Irving Kizner! I only heard about 10 minutes of his talk, but he hasn't lost his touch: He held the group spellbound with his wit and comic timing, acting out the story of how Miss Busch appointed him as a guidance counselor. She decided to appoint him because he was "A MAN!" He added that it wasn't that he was the only male on the faculty, but he was the only MAN (and here he got a sultry, breathy, grainy quality in his voice, and sort of flexed his muscles) who was married and therefore safe. He objected that just four months short of his 30th birthday, he felt woefully inadequate for the job. "What should I do?" he asked Miss Busch. "Well," she replied, "just listen." So he showed us his listening pose, furrowing his brow, pursing his lips, clutching his chin in one hand, pressing an index finger to his temple, and looking very serious. He said people came to him years later and thanked him for helping them! At the end, he spoke fervently about "being a Hunter girl," and applauded the group, which responded with one of their "Sing" pieces ending with the lyrics, "Mr. Kizner, we love you!" I was astonished to realize how young he was then — many of us have male children who are around that age now. No wonder he related so well to us. He began teaching at Hunter at the age of 25, and taught there until 1985. (He is now 70.)

That was the highlight of the reunion for me. As I mentioned above, I had planned to visit old friends, and in the process of corresponding with Marge Kolb, the Alum. Assoc. administrator, I volunteered to lead the singing of *Alma Mater*. I even roped Leonard into coming to the reunion to accompany the singing! But since he was to play, he needed sheet music, and Marge Landsberg Goldsmith '61 acquired one from (I guess) what is now the Music Dept. To my dismay, I found errors:

melodic, harmonic and rhythmic. I phoned Anna Napoli (who has in the past referred in an amusing way to her ability to remember unrelated details) to corroborate my recollection, and also called Kathryn Hinton, who at first demurred that she couldn't POSSIBLY remember, it had been so long; but then sang along with me. Leonard then transcribed it into a music publishing program on his computer.

During the general assembly, speeches were made by five gutsy octogenarian women from the Class of '35, who recalled the adventure of attending Hunter in a condemned elementary school building on East 96th St.. They were given a standing ovation by the (mostly female) crowd. After that, spirits were high, and everyone was ready for the *Alma Mater*. Len sat down at the piano and played a few chords to get everyone's attention. I took the microphone, introduced him, and he started the *Alma Mater* at a brisk tempo. Everyone rose and sang along — the words were printed out. It was a tremendous success! Many, MANY people came up and said it was the only time in recent years that the *Alma Mater* went as we had learned it and had sung it with Charlotte Hochman! I need to find a copy of Miss Hochman's accompaniment somewhere. However, if I can't, I'll pick brains of fellow musicians Sandra PINKER Hermann Janet FENSTERER and Betty BERNECK Belina and any other volunteers to reconstruct the details (like the little arpeggio figure after "who love and serve her well"). Len will then write out the accompaniment (I'm being VERY nice to him) on the computer. Next candidate for this treatment is Sarah Maria Jones!

Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61

To the Editor:

Another letter about SING in 1944 at HCHS. Muriel PASKIN Carrison's letter (Spring, 2000 *AlumNotes*) deserves an answer. As a member of that class who participated in SING, I was also puzzled by the letters from people who said SING didn't exist from 1943 to 1947. So I asked my friend and past classmate, Elayne SHAPIRO Hallarman, what she remembered about it. She said that SING, as it existed at Hunter College, a competitive activity in which Freshmen, Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors each

prepared what amounted to a chorale program, did not exist. What we did in 1944 at the high school was an activity solely of the Senior class and performed for the school, on a non-competitive basis. Elayne was, indeed, our leader. And Muriel is quite correct about the enthusiasm and enjoyment of our class of 1944 in participating in the activity. It is certainly one of my fondest memories of our Senior year.

Rita HEISLER Paleschuck '44

To the Editor:

The HCHS Shakespeare Club, newly formed in September of 1999, presented its first courtyard production in May and June, 2000 of the play *As You Like It*. We chose the courtyard at first because we had nowhere else to go; the auditorium was booked for most of the month of May, so rehearsals there were impossible. We also believe that performing out of doors will give our students a unique experience to exercise their abilities to project their voices and broaden their gestures and, after all, Shakespeare is so often played out of doors in the summertime.

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Alum Profile - Patricia Anne Williams '61

by Tai Wong '88 & Judy Chin Wong '88

"There [is] no excuse for failure, you failed because you didn't work hard enough," asserts Acting Justice of the Supreme Court of the State of New York Patricia Anne Williams '61. That was how Judge Williams summarized the work ethic with which she grew up and to which she still adheres today. Judge Williams has had a long and distinguished legal career which included a stint at the respected NYC firm of Willkie, Farr & Gallagher, followed by a decade of service as an Assistant United States Attorney and for the last 15 years, a Criminal Court and Acting Supreme Court Justice. (The appellation 'Acting' is due to a wrinkle in the New York State Constitution and does not in fact impart any impermanence to the position.)

As a Criminal and Supreme Court judge, Ms. Williams presides over felony criminal matters in Bronx County. Judge Williams has a no-nonsense reputation, once summarily fining an Assistant District Attorney for being 15 minutes late without explanation and sending witnesses home for being immodestly dressed. She was appointed by Mayor Ed Koch, and subsequently reappointed by Mayors David Dinkins and Rudolph Giuliani. Her current term runs through 2009. She was the presiding judge in the Amadou Diallo trial before the NYS Court of Appeals ordered a change of venue.

Judge Williams graduated in the top 10% of her class at Hunter College High School before matriculating at Cornell and graduating with a degree in Government. She holds a masters in International Relations and African Studies from Columbia and a Juris Doctor from Yale Law School where Hillary Rodham, Bill Clinton and Clarence Thomas were contemporaries.

Judge Williams has many fond memories of Hunter, painting a picture of a school for the gifted substantially different from yet strikingly similar to HCHS today. At Hunter, "your mind mattered," not race. Her graduating class of 137 had only a smattering of minority women (10) but being African-American didn't prevent her from being president of her class for three years. Her most vivid memories of HCHS revolve around the extraordinary camaraderie among the students and the quality and dedication of the teachers.

"Many of the girls were extraordinarily close and we were more open with each other without boys around," recalls Ms. Williams. There were many discussions about politics, family and philosophy but nearly none about boys—simply because real experience was quite limited. She remembers in particular a long discussion about premarital sex, ethically and philosophically—but theoretically—as virtually no one had engaged in it! The fact that Hunter was a commuter school actually promoted close relationships between students; "since students came from every borough and not from the neighborhood, we would try to spend as much time with each other after school—often riding the subways back and forth." Many a Friday afternoon was spent with friends at Phoebe's Wamburger on 68th and Madison (near where the school was located then) which "served everything in huge, hearty portions." Many friendships survive from those days and Judge Williams was particularly moved when she "got a marvelous set of sympathy emails when my father passed away in January 1999 after one friend got the news out."

Of the faculty she remembers particularly the dedication of Dr. Astuti, her Latin instructor, who went

to the trouble of revisiting research she did in Etruscan (!) simply to answer the casual question of a student who had long since forgotten the question she posed when the answer arrived. When Dr. Astuti was married "all the students were quite excited as she was not a great beauty - not blonde, tall and beautiful—but with brains and all these degrees and yet she was still getting married!"

An example of cutting-edge education at HCHS even then, Ms. Williams remembers Dr. Ruth Lilienthal who taught botany, nature, cooking and hygiene - "what we called sex ed in those days." The school and Dr. Lilienthal took hygiene very seriously - if you failed - you didn't graduate. "The final exam required drawing the male and female organs freehand," she remarked. Finally, she remembers Irving Kizner, a name familiar to HCHS students even a generation later, who consented to be one of her class advisers even though her class had a reputation of being rebellious. "We loved him, he would always walk around the classroom holding a window pull and we all knew all about his daughter, Ivy."

To students today, she emphasizes that "you should learn as much as you possibly can." Learn about other cultures and languages, art and music, and even the geography of your neighborhood. Breadth of knowledge and education are important because we live in a democracy where people decide what the future will be. Education helps assure that "decisions are ethically, morally and sanely made" and limits the pernicious influence of propaganda. She counsels that HCHS graduates, many of whom have so many advantages, should give something back.

Judge Williams serves as a Youth

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We are especially proud that our group encourages students from the seventh through twelfth grades to perform together and in our first production, we had such a wonderful mix of ages. Two of the featured actors were seventh graders who worked brilliantly on stage with the seniors. Every student who auditions will be given a part and when we run out of parts that Shakespeare wrote for the play we are producing, we will write in parts from other plays, as we did in *As You Like It* (a few lines from *Midsummernight's Dream* were added to Act V). In the future we hope to produce more Shakespearean plays indoors and out, as well as other kinds of classical theatre. Already a famous translator/critic, Eric Bentley, has approached us with a script for our consideration for next year. This is the kind of avant garde theatre Hunter students should be doing.

We really want to keep this activity going forever in one form or another, and many of our efforts and expenses are start-up efforts toward this end. However, our outside venue is bringing with it expenses that are not common to auditorium productions. We have already purchased a new sound system for \$1,750 and had to pay a sound engineer to work the system, organize the student sound committee and protect the instruments. We also had to pay professional guards to protect the equipment after school hours, rent movable stage flats to define the playing area, purchase large carpeting and rent some period costumes. We did receive a private donation of \$2,500 and the PTA gave us \$1,500, but we could use as many donations as we can get, which can be made payable to Hunter College High School and sent to my attention at the High School (Nan Asher, Hunter College High School, 71 E. 94th Street, New York, NY 10128-0798).

Nan Asher, for The Shakespeare Club

Welcome New Board Members

Joshua BURSTEIN '89 is very proud of his Hunter experience and is thrilled to return to service on the Board of Directors. As the nephew of Deborah BURSTEIN Karp '39 and Miriam BURSTEIN '41, and as the brother of Jonathan BURSTEIN '84 and Michael A. BURSTEIN '87, Josh feels a strong connection to the school and its history.

After Hunter, Josh graduated from Harvard College cum laude with a degree in American History in 1993 and from New York University School of Law in 1996. Since then, he has worked as a litigation associate at three law firms: Rogers & Wells in New York from 1996 to 1998; Ervin, Cohen & Jessup in Beverly Hills, California from 1998 to 1999; and at Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler in New York from 1999 to the present. He is admitted to the Bar in both New York and California.

Josh previously was a member of the HCHSAA Board of Directors from 1996 to 1998, including a stint as Vice President. In his prior term, he served on the Bylaws Revisions Committee and the Diversity Committee, and helped start the Recent Alums Group. Josh's other non-profit management experience includes service on the Board of Directors of the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts from 1991 to 1993 while in college. This September, he will begin a three-year term as a Member of the Committee on New York City Affairs of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York.

Most important to Josh, though, are his wife Rachel and his cats Serta, Rose, and Bentley, with whom he lives in Battery Park City and without whom none of the rest would really matter.

Cheryl KATZ Chiovetta '80 graduated from Hunter in the first co-ed class. Hunter holds many memories for her. The Hunter experience has filled her with a sense of pride and achievement from the moment she was invited to take the

entrance exam through today. Hunter provided an intense intellectual experience, but more important, it was a place where she could grow, make mistakes, develop lifelong friendships and ultimately become the person she was capable of being. After Hunter, Cheryl received her BA in three years from SUNY Purchase and then received her JD from Case Western Reserve University. She practiced law for 10 years and then returned to Columbia for an MBA. Since graduation she has been at Goldman, Sachs in Commodities Middle Office and the Document Management Group. She has been married to her college sweetheart for seven years and they have triplets who turned one in July. She would like to serve on the board to be able to help insure that the future classes have similar experiences and to get other alumni involved as well. □

News from the High School

Congratulations to members of the Fed Challenge 2000, who reached the highest level of competition in New York State. The members have to use their economic skills to simulate the decision-making process that occurs at the Federal Open Market Committee...About 50-60 members of the High School Choruses traveled to France on a concert tour from April 24-30... The class of 2001 has chosen for their mascot the Quantum Sheep... Dr. John Webb, chairman of the foreign language department, is leaving to take a senior administrative position at Princeton University... Social Studies teacher Jennifer Lee recently married and is relocating to Washington D.C...Other faculty members leaving the school are Mr. Krishna, Mr. Stoenescu, Mr. Haag, Ms. Yaloz, Mr. Wray, Ms. Refkin, Ms. Jawanda and Mr. Rosenberg... The High School still does not have a permanent principal and Sue Leung Eichler has stated she will not continue as the acting principal come September, 2000. □



President's Letter

Dear Fellow Alums:

Thanks to all who made Reunion 2000 such a success! I was thrilled to meet and greet so many of you who attended, along with various faculty members such as Dr. Bernard Miller, Adrienne Barnhardt, and Irving Kizner. I would especially like to thank **Marjorie LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61** and **Marge KOLB '78**, our office manager, for their time and energy in planning and organizing this year's festivities, as well as all the volunteer class coordinators, who did such a great job contacting their classmates and planning extra get-togethers and activities. We are also grateful to our crew of alum volunteers who helped out on the day in a variety of ways—particularly with check-in and merchandise sales. This year's reunion differed from last year's in that the high school cafeteria was transformed by the use of round tables with purple tablecloths and colorful balloons adorning them (as opposed to the usual, uncomfortable school cafeteria tables with benches). All attendees enjoyed the wide variety of delectables at the buffet brunch. It was difficult to end the brunch portion of the day due to the enthusiasm which the alums continued to express, despite the lateness of the hour. The best part of Reunion is *always* the camaraderie and shared school spirit.

I am delighted to announce that I awarded six \$1,000 scholarships on behalf of our association at the Honors and Awards Ceremony held at the High School on June 12, 2000. The scholarships were given to the three winners of The Thomas Hunter Memorial Award: Sara Newland, Margaret Samuels-Kalow and Matthew Winfield and to the three winners of The Mildred Busch Award: Minh Andrew Bui, Avraham Mowshowitz and Alisa Nutakor. I was also pleased to present a check in the amount of \$17,515 which represents some earmarked gifts from alums to areas of the school such as: math/science/language labs, computerization, clubs and teams, arts

Our Alma Mater

Sing to our school
Forever may she stand
Forever sheltering those who
love and serve her well
Strive for her fame
With firm and willing hand
Let all Hunter ring
When we sing alma mater
Then sing her name loud and clear (3x)
Sing Hunter
Who will be there
To think of us again
Remembering once long ago
we loved and served her well
Strove for her fame
With firm and willing hand
With love and devotion to
you alma mater
Then sing farewell loud and clear (3x)
Sing Hunter

programs, etc. to Acting Principal Sue Leung Eichler. These monies represent a portion of the proceeds received as a result of last fall's fundraising effort.

I would like to recognize and thank departing board members **Andrew CLATEMAN '84**, **Winston DONG '82**, **Katherine FRINK-Hamlett '82** and **Borisse PAULIN '57** for their service to the association. Our three new board members, who were elected by acclamation at Reunion, when the number of nominees did not exceed the number of empty slots, are **Amanda EDELBAUM Moszkowski '85**, **Joshua BURSTEIN '89** and **Cheryl KATZ Chiovetta '80**. The board will be seeking to fill the one remaining opening pursuant to the terms of our by-laws.

Cordially yours,

Eve S. Ferdman '79

P.S. Please note a change to the association's email address—it is: hchs alums@yahoo.com.

Brief History of the HCHS Alumnae/i Association

In 1972, small ads were placed in the *The New York Times* announcing the formation of the Hunter College High School Alumnae Association (there were no male alums at that time and thus no need for the addition of the /i at the end of Alumnae which was adopted in the 1980s after the graduation of the first men). This association followed on the heels of one which was formed in the 1960s which subsequently folded due to financial and other difficulties, including the loss of their records when the High School moved out of its former location on 68th Street.

The new association was conceived by several parents of students of the High School who realized that an organized association of alums could be a powerful advocate for the school. A reunion was planned and several alums picked up on the work from there. In 1974, the first issue of *AlumNotes* was published and mailed to 3,000 alums. By-laws were passed and the first Officers (**Mildred SPEISER, Jan. '49**, **Rose WIESEN Reiss '60**, **Sara ROBBINS Schoenwetter '65**, **Mary DiPERNA '70**, **Pat FRESK '54**, and **Susan SCHIFFRES Nachamie '59**) were elected at Reunion '75, which was attended by more than 400 alums.

Today, the association has its own office (donated by and located at Hunter College), maintains a mailing list of over 9,000 alums, publishes a quarterly newsletter and has a part-time Office Manager. □

Desperately Seeking Sarah Maria Jones

If you are in touch with a classmate who isn't receiving *AlumNotes*, tell us how to reach her (or him). We rely on our members to help keep our database up to date. You can also let us know if you are looking for a "lost" classmate. We may be able to help you get back in touch. (In case you didn't know, Sarah Maria Jones was the name given to the archetypal Hunter High student.)



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Special note to chapter leaders: If you have any news or notices of meetings or get-togethers that you'd like us to publish, please let us know by September 30.

Attn. Washington D.C. Area Alums

The Chapter Coordinator for your area, Deanna GORKIN Okrent '60 wants all alums in the greater Washington D.C. area to know that the chapter meets bi-monthly in Maryland, DC or Virginia and would love to welcome any and all alums in the area. Please contact Deanna with any inquiries.

Attn. Southern California Area Alums

Ann DECHTER Litvin '54 is looking to start a chapter in southern California and would like the help and input of other alums (there are at least a couple hundred of you). Ann can be emailed at testsmart@yahoo.com. (Email her your email address even if you can't help out at this time—at least she'll know how to contact you.)

Central New York Chapter News

Barbara STAMM Nosanchuk '57 & Toni MIELE Wilkinson '36
Hunter High graduates living in central New York were invited to a

luncheon in Ithaca on April 29. The 10 alums attending were: from Ithaca - Priscilla KASDEN Kershaw '58, Blanche RIVERO Mayner '52, and Ellen RICH Rosten '48; from nearby Trumansburg - Caroline G. HECHT '72 and Daphne SCHUYLER Sola '42; from Syracuse - Gloria Evangeline HOOPER-Raspberry '49 and Sue SLOAN Klineberg '58; from Rochester - Susan BLOCK Meyerwits '47; from Binghamton - Roberta SCHEER Melville '60 and Alice LEVINE Mitchell '43. We didn't notify graduates in distant areas, like Buffalo, Utica and Albany, as none had attended earlier gatherings. However, we would be happy to put on our mailing list anyone who is interested in future activities. Send requests, additions and corrections to B. Nosanchuk, 964 Cayuga Heights Rd., Ithaca, NY 14850.

This year's luncheon at the Statler Hotel on the Cornell University campus was as successful as earlier dish-to-pass luncheons. We had lively exchanges both individually and as a group. As we each briefly reviewed our backgrounds and shared memories of Hunter, there was a surprising amount of enthusiastic chiming in and additions, considering the span of graduation dates. As usual, it was impressive how many had pursued advanced studies and held significant positions. We will try to get together again next year. □

Fundraising Update

The response of alumnae/i to the fundraising drive we initiated last fall has been extremely successful, with donations currently exceeding \$60,000. In addition to the donors thanked previously, we would also like to thank the following contributors to this effort:

\$250-\$499 Donors

Felicia R. GIRONDA '70

\$100 Donors

Minna MEYER Greenberg '60
Anne T. HOFFMAN '60
Audrey O'BRIEN '38
June E. PATRON '61

Maria L. HEKKER '80
Laurie KAMAICO '72
Lois GREEN Schwoerer '45
Anna SONG '84

NEW ENGLAND REGION BRUNCH:

The New England Chapter will hold a brunch on Sunday, October 29, 2000 beginning at 10:00 a.m. at the home of Susan Elberger '68, 10 Ellison Road, Lexington, MA. For more information and to reserve your place, please contact regional director Nancy Weissman '76 at 617-439-0110.



Milestone Class Reunion Activities

January, 1950 - Coordinator: Phyllis LeKASHMAN Glantz The Class of January 1950 was delighted with the response to its Fiftieth Milestone Reunion. From a list of seventy contacts, over forty classmates attended one or more of three fabulous events. A Californian said that her friends were astounded that she would travel to New York for a high school reunion. "They didn't get it, that feeling we have for a very special school," she said.

We began our weekend with a luncheon in Judith and Stanley Zabar's West Side apartment on Saturday, June 3rd. Vera and Ari Lenchner increased our euphoria level that evening with a cocktail party for class members and their guests in their Soho loft. Classmates appeared who had had not made contact for fifty years. When we met again the next day at the official Hunter College High School event, fears of a Sunday "letdown" quickly dissipated. The classes and their spokesmen at the general meeting were inspiring. Our favorite was our own class president, Florence COHEN Sacks. We enjoyed the catered lunch and the private classroom that the alumni association organized so well. The fifty year milestoneers appreciated the special consideration given to them.

Now we have had time to reflect on the content. It seems as if the conversations in our previous

milestone reunions have often focused on age appropriate concerns: new relationships and marriages, careers, our children's lives. And now what, when we are all approaching seventy? Many have retired from fulfilling careers, or have relocated to new areas, have become grandparents, or sadly have lost life-long partners or suffered physical problems. We look back upon our years as teachers, professors and administrators on every grade level in the field of education; as nurses, doctors and medical researchers; as accountants and financial planners; as an editor at Cosmopolitan; as an owner of a radio station; as published authors; as social workers, psychologists and psychotherapists; as an internationally recognized multimedia artist; as a member of the Peace Corps who then stayed and served in Africa for decades; as the director of the Illinois Theater Center; as a worker in retail; as a student and world traveler in the field of mycology (the study of fungi); and as the backbone of our social and political system... volunteers. Some are still carrying on in the same fields.

But new vistas have opened. We are using our time and abilities to enter new intellectual areas. A mathematician had become a docent at the Chicago Institute of Art. Retired educators are now mentoring beginning teachers. The manager of a

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Milestone Class Coordinators

Reunion 2001:

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Attn. All grads of '96: Please email Elizabeth or Judy as soon as possible to provide them with your current email address. ☐

Attention Graduates of 1936, 1941, 1946, ... 1996 and All Multiples of Five In Between — Your Classes Need Coordinators for Reunion 2001!

If you don't already see a class coordinator listed for your year and if you want to ensure that you and all your classmates get the most out of Reunion 2001, why not volunteer yourself to coordinate the activities? The position of class coordinator is most important, but does not need to be unduly time-consuming, especially if you can draft some of your classmates to help you out. It simply involves contacting classmates and encouraging them to attend next year's reunion (which will be held at Hunter College High

School, 94th Street and Park Avenue, on Sunday, June 3, 2001). Our office will provide you with all the information we have on file regarding names, addresses, and email addresses for your classmates as well as mailing labels so you can easily drop a line to everyone. We'll also reimburse the coordinator for the reasonable costs of one mailing (postage and stationery). Many class coordinators plan a separate social function from the one at the high school, such as a dinner or luncheon the day before the main reunion;

however, that it not a requirement. We also look forward to receiving corrected addresses or names of "missing" classmates so we can update our database. If you are not able to volunteer yourself to be a class coordinator, perhaps you can think of someone who might be willing to do it (perhaps your class president or yearbook editor). If so, let our office know who that person is and we'll try to talk them into the job. If you have any questions about volunteering to be a class coordinator, please contact our office. ☐



Class Notes

1920s Amelie SPIEGEL Rothschild '23 celebrates her 95th birthday in August. • **Elsa Paine TALMEY Mulhern '25** is currently a member of the Board of Trustees of the Arizona Theatre Co., Chair of the Pima County Merit System Commission and she acts as a Hearing Officer, judging cases in Small Claims Court.

1940s Genrose ALFANO '41 writes to say that everything she ever needed to know, she learned at HCHS. When she was a student there, the faculty - all women - were the most learned women around - Ruth Lillienthal, Leah Jonas, Charlotte Hochman, Marie Genevieve Borice, Emily Boggs, Ray Miller and a number of others whose names elude her. Those who got to go to HCHS were fortunate indeed!! • **Jean MOVERMAN Leonard '44** writes to say that she always enjoys reading *AlumNotes* and although she doesn't come across schoolmates of hers, it's great reading about other alums and their lives. She and her husband recently moved from Austin, TX to Ormond Beach, FL to be near one of their sons. If there are any alums living in her area, she'd love to hear from you.

1950s Lyn GOLD Lubliner '51 recently spent two weeks in France. She will be serving as President of the WPLWV (White Plains League of Women Voters). She recently welcomed her fourth grandchild in the last four years. • **Marilyn FISHER Shore '53** has recently retired from her second career as a stockbroker. She lives with her husband Joel in Bloomfield Hills, MI and can be reached by email at mjshore@aol.com. • **Ann DECHTER Litvin '54** has her beautiful daughter Shayna (even her name says so) to thank for surfing the internet recently and discovering the HCHS website thus allowing "lost lamb" mom to come back to the flock after a hiatus of 30+ years having strayed and gotten lost from HCHS. What a joy! Ann completed her degree in Electrical Engineering and graduate studies at CCNY uptown and was soon recruited to So. Cal. to design test equipment and weaponry (her group's work is antediluvian enough to be in the Smithsonian Museum) for early Atlas and Minuteman systems. In the mid-60s, Ann took a memorable half-year leave of absence from engineering to travel throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico to over 30 universities, dance groups and religious institutions as seminar dance notator, demonstrator and assistant to Israel's renowned founding mother of folk dance, Rivka Sturman. Ann, a committed pacifist, turned within a few years to the ethical and intriguing profession of preparing high schoolers for their all important SAT exams and teacher candidates for their credentialing tests, which she continues to this day. She invites all her old classmates and those who love international dance and/or classical music to get in touch: testsmart@yahoo.com or by fax to 714-990-1916. • **Henrietta VARONOW Gordon '55** retired in December '99 after a 30-year career in social work, including 11 years at Jewish Family Service of LA where she ended up supervising a program which provided counseling and home help to frail elderly clients. Her husband, John, an engineer with an MBA, retired from the aerospace industry five years ago. They have two daughters; one lives in San Francisco and the other is married, living in LA and will produce Henrietta's first

grandchild in October. Since retiring, Henrietta is taking classes in Tai Chi and drawing and has traveled to Israel and Hungary. She's also exercising, spending more time outdoors and catching up on sleep; friends say she looks younger already. She keeps in touch with two classmates: **Alice ISAACS Zyetz '55**, who lives in LA and **Rhoda MANDEL Greenberg '55**, who lives in Columbus, OH. • **Josephine WEISSMAN Hall '55** is sorry that she missed her class reunion this year. She has been president of her Medical School Alumni Association and they had a graduation. She's still working and in fact, her OB patients are increasing slightly. Two of Josephine's children are married and she has three grandchildren, so she travels a lot. • **Rhoda KESLER Unger '56** is currently a resident scholar in women's studies at Brandeis University after having retired as a professor emerita of psychology from Montclair State University in 1998. She is still very actively involved in research and writing on the psychology of women and gender and would be delighted to hear from any Hunter alums interested in this area, especially by email at unger@brandeis.edu. • **Reina S. GOTTESMAN Tanenbaum '58** was excited to plan the weddings of her two daughters recently - Ruth, on November 21, 1999 and Betty, on March 5, 2000. They are all enjoying life in Manhattan, while Reina and her husband have lived in Florida for 29 years. She'd love to hear from classmates in the Boca Raton area.

1960s Gladys OESTRICH Sherman '60 has her own business, Talisman & Sherman LLP. She also has seven grandchildren. • **Roberta "Bobbie" SINNREICH Ford '61** and her husband, John, appeared on CNN's Financial News Network on July 13, 2000, following up on an article about their company, BarCharts, which appeared in the *Wall Street Journal* on July 5. Their company was also written up in the July issue of *Inc. Magazine*, in the article entitled, "Companies that Started for Less Than \$1,000." • **Muriel SHUR Kranowski '61** visited NYC during the January 2000 freeze and blizzard. She had a great time with **Renee PACHTER Cafiero '61**, but would like to come back when it isn't 10 degrees. • **Margret ELSON '62** lives in Oakland, CA where she has dual careers as a pianist and psychotherapist. Her specialty is counseling artists and performers. She'd love to hear from other alums in No. California. Please contact her at margret_e@hotmail.com, tel. 510-655-8389 or write to 6215 Harwood Ave., Oakland, CA 94618. • **Nadine MAZZA Huggins '67** lives with her husband, Gary, in a tiny apartment in Georgetown, Washington, DC. After raising the family and joining AARP, Nadine and Gary have simplified their lives and gone back to school. Nadine is beginning her law studies at the District of Columbia School of Law and Gary is pursuing his graduate studies in Distance Education/Information Technology at the University of Maryland. They welcome all HCHS alums and visitors to our nation's capital—stop by and visit them! • **Catherine J. ROSS '67** is a law professor at George Washington University and commutes between DC and Larchmont, NY, where she lives with her husband and 14-year-old son. • **Ronnie SCHENKEIN '68** is a veterinarian practicing in north central Pennsylvania, which is as rural as it gets. Ten years ago, she started her own clinic, Coudersport Animal Health Center,



and both the clinic and her home are in log cabins. Recently Ronnie saved a 10-acre field from developers and planted 6,000 trees. A recovering workaholic, she lives with a dog, two cats, a Nanday Conure (a small parrot that can say a number of different words), and two geriatric horses. She'd love to hear from classmates, especially **Carol STEIGER '68**. • **Christina KALLAS '69** spoke at the American Bar Association convention in July on the use of email "listservs" in law practices. Her chapter on commercial real estate will be part of the new NYS Bar Association Deskbook coming out in the fall. Christina will also be walking in the Dublin Marathon on October 30 to raise money for the Arthritis Foundation. Anyone wishing to contribute can email her at ckallas@juno.com.

1970s **Hillary POTASHNICK Messinger '72/'73** majored in archaeology at Boston U and then attended Cardozo Law School. After a long career as director and counsel to a real estate developer and then at a big NYC law firm, she decided she needed more flexibility and a chance to be with her kids. She is now a solo practitioner specializing in residential real estate and mortgage brokerage, working out of both her city and home offices. Hillary has been married for 16 years to Dr. Robert Messinger and they live in Short Hills, NJ, with their two redheads, Zoe, 9, and Ryan, 6. She'd love to hear from anyone who still remembers the old building on 68th Street, getting tear-gassed during the Kent State rioting in the college cafeteria, and hanging out in the lobby of the 45th Street building, making eyes at the men from the ad agencies upstairs. • **Marie KORN Cohen '75** lives in Chevy Chase, MD with her husband, Tom, and her two children, Rebecca, almost 11 and Michael, 8. After staying home with the kids for eight glorious years, she re-entered the work force part-time three years ago. Marie has a Master's Degree in public policy from Princeton University, Woodrow Wilson School and is a senior policy analyst with the Center for Law & Social Policy, a liberal think tank in DC. She is happy to work during the school day, and then leave at 2:00 p.m. to be with her kids after school, without sacrificing an interesting and meaningful career. • **Beth JACKENDOFF Harpaz '77** is covering Hillary Clinton's senate campaign for the Associated Press, where she's been a reporter for 12 years. Her real job starts every day when she gets home to her two boys, Danny, 7, and Nathaniel, 2. Beth would be interested in the impressions other women have of Hillary and can be emailed at bharpaz@ap.org. She's also curious whether any alums went to Vassar with Rick Lazio, who graduated in 1980.

1980s **Velma J. BOWER '80** is still living in NYC with her primary partner of 18 years, Mark Wm. Richards. Velma is a dancer/actress/model/performance artist and published writer of essays and short stories (in various magazines and anthologies) in the science fiction and radical sexuality communities, which she's sure will come as no surprise to anyone from her class. • **Karen RINKLE Carroscio '80** is the proud mother of Rebecca Luisa, born August 26, 1999, who joined the family through the help of Spence Chapin Adoption Agency on November 17, 1999. **Laurie RINKLE '77** is a proud aunt and **Jane SHUFER '80** is an adopted "auntie." Other class friends **Ann Tani DORSKY '80**, **Laura EDLIN '80** and **Barbara RIORDAN '80** are also happy to have Rebecca Luisa in the

picture. • **Amanda EDELBAUM Moszkowski '85** is living in NYC with husband Neal and sons Jake, 5 1/2, and Ethan, 2. • **Joshua BURSTEIN '89** has returned to NYC after a stint in LA as an attorney at a law firm in Beverly Hills. He now works in the litigation department of Patterson, Belknap, Webb & Tyler and can be reached there at 212-336-2305 or at jburstein@pbwt.com. Of greater importance is that Josh married Rachel A. Rotstein on October 17, 1999 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Times Square. Rachel is also a litigator, working at the New York office of the international law firm Baker & McKenzie. Josh and Rachel were honored with the presence of many Hunter alums at their wedding, including **Margaret TAMULONIS '89**, who served as one of the groom's attendants, **Jonathan BURSTEIN '84** and **Michael A. BURSTEIN '87**, the groom's brothers and **Miriam BURSTEIN '41** and **Deborah BURSTEIN Karp '39**, the groom's aunts. Also in attendance were **Vera GORDON '47**, **Mildred SPEISER Jan. '49**, **Margaret (Peggy) BETZ Perrin '55**, **Jonathan BROWN '84**, **David SAKOWITZ '87**, **Barry KRYSHKA '89**, **Nina SHAPLEY '89**, **Ken TSAI '89**, **Christine YU '89**, **Christine BERGMANN '92**, **Jeremiah WEINER '92** and **Amy GONG '93**. Josh and Rachel reside in Battery Park City with their three adorable cats, Serta, Rose and Bentley.

1990s **Maria CARDONA '90** and **Ian WRIGHT '90** were married on July 29, 2000. • **Laurent CASTELLUCCI** (would have been '90, but transferred out) is a medical writer and occasional stand-up comedian in Montreal. • **Bridget GORIS Klein '90** has been married since 1996. She has a 1 1/2-year-old son, Jonathan, and is currently expecting another baby. • **Melinda LOPEZ '90** loves being a mom to her son Jaxon. • **Gilly NADEL '90** moved back to New York City in early June. • **Dana RATHKOPF Hunter '90** is married to Daniel Hunter. • **Erica MICHAELS '90** is currently living in England. • **Ivan GALIC '90** got married in 1996 and has a one-year-old son named Cameron. He received his MBA in 1999 from UMD. • **Amanda CICARELLI '90** is working as a psychotherapist. • **Eric EPSTEIN '90** is an architect. • **Serena BENEDETTI '90** is married to Frank Pantazopolous. • **Mark NOWAKOWSKI '91** is engaged to **Kathryn (Katie) Golden, Auburn '95**, a production coordinator of TV commercials and music videos; they will marry on September 9, 2000. **Sung Yong SONG '91** will be in attendance as an usher. Mark graduated from Harvard with honors in '95, went on to a Fulbright fellowship in Poland the year after, and spent some time in Berkeley, working two years in risk management at Credit Suisse First Boston. He is now at Lazard Asset Management in NY, developing enhanced index strategies which try to beat selected stock benchmarks with tightly controlled risk. He can be reached at mark.nowakowski@lazard.com. • **Joseph KO '92** will begin teaching Social Studies at Great Neck South High School in September 2000. • **David COLLYMORE '94** graduated from Howard University College of Medicine in May 2000 and will be doing his residency in Pediatrics at North Shore University Hospital in Manhasset, NY. After graduating Hunter, David was able to successfully complete his B.S. in Biology and M.D. degrees within six years through Howard University's B.S./M.D. program.

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



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Advisor to the Corona Congregational Church, an institution with which she has been affiliated for 40 years. To minority students, she admonishes, "you should strive to be ten times better than the best in your class. Set the bar high. Always strive for perfection; it's unlikely you will reach it but you definitely won't if you don't try. 80 is easy. 100 is hard." Racism exists but "you can decide to rail against it and use it as an excuse. You can let it eat at you; I've seen talented people paralyzed by it, or you can ignore it and do your best." No matter what your ethnic background, there have been some remarkable people and feats achieved. Take the trouble to learn what they did and what it cost so their efforts won't have to be repeated, she adds.

Judge Williams realizes that she comes to the law from a different perspective than most and discusses what she feels are unconscious biases that skew the criminal justice system against minorities. From the pattern of law enforcement to representation in the courtroom, minorities often don't get a level playing field, she opines. When asked how she reconciles representing a system she admits to be biased, Judge Williams answered, "but your alternative is what?" "In the 1960s, we thought we

could change everything and in a minute and a half." We have made a lot of strides, but we cannot just fix it. "The more complicated the system, the harder it is to fix." Her answer is to be part of the system, to understand the issues and try to change as many of the flaws as you can. She admits to being reluctant to send minority first offenders away to long prison terms, but would have little mercy on repeat offenders. She admires Thurgood Marshall for the obvious reasons, but especially because "he never lost the sense of who he was and the influence of law on the individual." She sees her duty as a judge to be to understand the law, to apply it fairly and justly and to lead by example and precept.

Judge Williams remains close to her family, tirelessly pursues her tennis game, and regrets not learning to play a musical instrument, despite the fact that her mother is a Juilliard graduate and taught piano all her life. She has taught trial advocacy extensively and was the keynote speaker at the inaugural Conference of Magistrates in South Africa in 1998. She has received many awards, including a Citation of Merit from the Office of the Bronx Borough President and Woman of the Year from the St. Alban's Club of the National Association of Negro Business & Professional Women's Clubs. □

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health plan is completing an advanced degree in Jewish Studies. We are making art in our studios, writing in our studies, and contributing to religious and civic communities. Our teachers told us that very first day, that we were the "cream of the crop." That remained our impression.

The class of January 1950 is proud to present a gift of \$3,310 to the high school.

June 1950 - Coordinator: Dorthy BERRY Simon The Golden Landmark Anniversary class of June 1950 met Saturday evening, June 2, 2000 with a wine and cheese party at Anna Lou

ELIANOFF Aldrich's west side apartment. We were 47 including some husbands and some friends from other classes. Judy MASLANKO Jacobson found many missing members, although changed names at marriage made tracing difficult. Computers, email and the web helped as we recalled that in our days at HCHS, right after WW II, "the big one", we were lucky if we could touch-type on a manual typewriter. Maxine KOENIG Scherl did the shopping for the great wines and snacks from Zabars (a bow to our January, 1950 class.)

As I chose era-appropriate tunes for the evening I realized that "Annie

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The E.I. Marienhoff Prize in Social Studies

The E.I. Marienhoff Prize was established in 1995 in memory of Edwin Ira Marienhoff, beloved teacher and chair of the Social Studies department at Hunter College High School from 1967-1995. The prize, along with an honorarium of \$100, is given each year to the best student paper, as selected by a committee of former Marienhoff students, in his favorite subjects: U.S. History and Government, Public Policy, and the Constitution. The following is a list of winners to date:

1996 - **Christopher Park:** An Analysis of Nullification: Theory and Evolution

1997 - **David Isaacson:** Whether Strictly Legal or Not: Abraham Lincoln's Unconstitutional Actions During the Civil War

1998 - **Benjamin Rapaport:** A Veblenian Interpretation of the Civil War

1999 - **Sara Newland:** The Land of Opportunity: Prostitution in American Mining Towns and Urban Centers

2000 - **David Gopstein:** Presidential Removal Power and Andrew Johnson's Impeachment

If you would like to serve on the committee that evaluates the papers each year, please contact Jonathan Kirshner '82 at 607-255-4120 or email to jdk5@cornell.edu or Ben Dattner '88 at 212-501-8945 or email to bdattner@yahoo.com. If you would like to make a contribution to the prize fund, please send a check payable to Hunter College High School (memo: Marienhoff prize) to: Susan Meeker, Chair, Social Studies Department, Hunter College High School, 71 E. 94th Street, New York, NY 10128. □



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Get Your Gun and *"Kiss Me Kate"* are again winning prizes on Broadway, Pete Seeger is still singing, and Frank Sinatra is an icon forever. We were there at the start of so many new directions. When we graduated, the Korean war was upon us, then the Vietnam war which divided the nation. The feminist revolution, the sexual revolution, the importance of TV, new medical procedures, electronic music, the computer age - we lived through all this and the ramifications are still going on. We talked about these things and the problems of gifted women as discussed by our classmate Betty Ann Walker in her book about HCHS. Soon the mutual experiences of HCHS took over and we were back in time in that gothic castle on 68th St. & Lexington, fresh out of the subway, listening to those banging locker doors and facing the challenges of our demanding days there. The subway was a nickel and Jimmy the elevator operator was our only resident male. We were the Medieval searchers (the theme of our yearbook) and indeed we crossed over into the present day global renaissance and information age. We went in children, and came out women.

At the wine and cheese party we talked so intently to one another that there was no need to have the carefully chosen music in the background as inspiration. We went around the room, and every classmate told a little about herself - great diversity and many similarities. Patricia MULHALL sang a song from our Senior play, and then we repaired to various restaurants all over town in clumps of friends as if we were going to Mike's for lemon cokes and sodas after school once more.

Sunday, in another castle, a Romanesque one, we had a splendid lunch in our own room with more reminiscence. We gave out souvenirs of our class and mingled with our pals in the January class. (If anyone reading this couldn't come and would like a souvenir, please contact me c/o the alum. assn.) Many promises and vows of future meetings were made.

Thirty one of our classmates contributed a total of \$1,635 as a class gift. We are looking forward to a Golden Yearbook compiled by Yolanda Astarita Patterson from all the information we so painstakingly entered on the forms that were sent out. We still need information about missing classmates.

1955 - Coordinators: Anita VALENTE Mule & Margaret "Peggy" BETZ Perrin

On June 4th, sixteen happy and hardy members of the class of '55 celebrated our 45th reunion. Classmates reading this will wonder where the rest of our class of 246 was. So do we. We have only 138 reliable names and addresses, but we're determined to find a good many more by 2005, when we convene for our fabulous 50th! The smallness of the group meant more time for everyone to bring us all up to date since we last met and enough time to share email and snail mail messages from some who were unable to attend. A much appreciated surprise was the appearance of class president, Josephine CHIAINI Falkner, who is also staying true to her word to keep in touch by having lunch with some of us in August. We congratulated retirees and achievers alike, including new Hunter College Hall of Famer Shirley ABRAHAMS Whitney. We "wished we were there" with traveling classmates. And we shared news and greetings of teachers who helped form our Hunter lives. Most of all we celebrated feeling confident and good, fulfilled by the pleasures of hearth and home, of a long day's productive work, of multiple careers, of paintings, poems, dance, and books created.

Were we concerned about some issues (other than the abiding life issues of health, separation and loss)? Yes. We were concerned about Hunter's current female students and whether they had really come as far as we might have hoped. We wondered whether they have, as we had in an all-female environment, a sense of being able to do anything (and everything). We worried about the glass ceilings and closed doors they are encountering. We hoped they were forming the deep, lifelong friendships with female classmates

like those that have supported us through all life's challenges, joys and sorrows.

We had a wonderful time. You can all help us prepare for a great 50th. Send the names and addresses of Hunter '55 alums to the Association office. We look forward to hearing from you. Thanks to all.

1960 - Coordinator: Jeanette ISENBURG Bersh "Reunion" is reconnecting with some of the most wonderful women ever to graduate from Hunter. Our 40th reunion evoked a visceral response which we still cannot categorize: 79 women met on Saturday at the College for a luncheon and 45 attended the general reunion on Sunday. Women who had never communicated before emailed, called and wrote saying, "This is where I can be reached, send my regards and tell my old friends to contact me," if they couldn't make it. Many attended for the first time and were sorry they had missed all the other joyous reunions. It was funny, spiritual and self-affirming. Even the sadness at so many deaths and illnesses that brought us face to face with our own mortality stimulated us to be a more cohesive and interdependent group. We are promoting "the old girl network" to help each other through problem situations. No matter what our present careers, marital status, crises, successes or failures, the common denominator is still there; whatever brought us to Hunter in the first place, the experiences there 40 years ago keep us united. It was evident in our laughter-filled reunion with [Latin teacher] Mr. Kizner, who hasn't changed a bit. He transported us back in time and at one point we weren't quite sure if it was 1960 or 2000. The feeling of class spirit was most apparent when we found that even 5 hours on one day and 4 on the next are not nearly enough time to renew old friendships and embark on new associations. Email has made our connections easier and who knows what technology the next 40 years will bring us, but it will only enhance the feeling that the Class of '60 continues to be a cohesive group of women!

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We were inspired by the women from the Class of '35 at this year's Reunion and are all determined to attend our 65th reunion and then some.

1965 - Coordinator: Barbara FALK Sabbeth & Marian COHEN The class of '65 had a truly wonderful reunion. It began weeks before the event—Deborah ROSENFELD Landes created a home page and many of us who had not been in touch for 35 years began to communicate via e-mail and the message board. The website address is, and remains: <http://home.att.net/~deborah/index.htm>. It contains pre- and post reunion messages and photos from some of us who attended the reunion and some who couldn't make it. Please continue to be in touch.

Many of us came to the official reunion at the High School and then reconvened with still more classmates at Patricia Crown's house. It would not be possible here to mention everyone; our accomplishments - personal and professional - are tremendous. Check the website for more details. Suffice it to say that it was very moving to see how the lives of girls with whom we had been bosom buddies developed... how we had changed... and how we had remained the same. Many of us are grateful to Hunter, its teachers and students, for providing opportunities that significantly enriched our lives. Many of us hope to create or renew friendships with one another as we embark on the 2nd half-century of our lives.

1970 - Coordinator: Bonnie QUINT Kaplan On Saturday, June 3rd, 74 members of the class of 1970 met at the home of classmate Elizabeth OLMSTED. We ate delicious food, prepared by Elizabeth, and talked for about six hours. A class report, produced by Susan NEIDICH Gonen and a team of Susan BOIKO, Barbara TETA Hillery, Didi LACHER, Elaine MOISE, Judith SCHAEFFER and Ellen WALLENSTEIN was distributed.

We started planning our reunion a year in advance, which gave us time for volunteers to come forward,

minimizing the work of the class coordinator. Susan SOLOMON was a mentor; Louise DODENHOFF tracked down missing classmates; Mary DiPERNA gave advice on computer issues; Denise RAYMOND phoned classmates.

Collectively we have explored many paths since high school. Despite the many tests in life since the Hunter Test, the predominant look, at Reunion, was one of radiance.

1975 - Coordinator: Deborah Beth KAHN The class of '75 celebrated its 25th Reunion beginning first on Saturday night June 3rd, with a gathering at the Cafe Centro at the Met Life building (a/k/a the old Pan Am Building) and continued the next day at the High School. Both gatherings were well attended and a good time was had by all. The class is proud to present a class gift in the amount of \$3,750 to the High School.

1980 - Coordinators: Chris LOMBARDI & Nancy LEWIN For the class of 1980, our 20th Hunter reunion began not the weekend of June 4th but two months earlier - and is still going on. Like a lot of the other classes, we decided to use the Internet as a way to get hold of people, and expand June attendance beyond the handful that had been able to make it in 1990. Starting with a small number of email addresses and helped by

some intrepid detective work from classmate Marni Centor, we began to introduce ourselves in the virtual space. We learned how many of us are lawyers (quite a few), how many college professors (even more), how many artists and community organizers and poets; who's stayed in New York, who's gone farther afield. Andy, a classmate with a radio show in Baltimore, gained new fans from classmates in the area and others on Real Audio (www.jhu.org, if you're interested); we posted photos and reminisced about favorite teachers. At its height, the list had 70 members, over half of our graduating class. We debated current events, politics large and small, and where to go for dinner on June 3. We also agreed that our class gift should be given in memory of Melody Wong, a classmate who died of lupus soon after graduation.

By the time that dinner rolled around, then, at Ernie's Restaurant in Manhattan, for many of us it was a triple challenge—matching faces to names to memories to the voices we'd heard on the Net. (I was a little tongue-tied.) For those of us in the cyber-reunion, the routine initial questions were gone. Special points to Anthony Richter, formerly known as Tony, the only one of the 18 boys in our class to show his brave face among all these alpha females. (Two or three

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others are on Hunter1980, the listserv.) I was struck by the ease with which we all spoke; the particular semi-random configuration of those who came to reunion, which was not quite the groupings we ran in at school. Years, kids, lives lived, and this odd cyber-intimacy made the difference. (Though actually it was harder to start, with those we knew online: you couldn't ask the obvious questions, as you were supposed to remember what everyone said they're doing.) How much we still looked and sounded ourselves! A little grayer, maybe with a child or spouse in tow—but eyes and shoulders and mouths and energy brought back to you the seventh grader across the room, the lead in PGID, your *Argus* co-conspirator. Most of us were, after a mild adjustment, quite recognizable—and certainly our personalities seemed relatively unscathed. We wore out that room at Ernie's, and many of us went on to Kellie Cope's family flat in the East Village to continue reminiscing.

The school reunion the next day, then, was a reaffirmation: I was personally awed, inspired, humbled by the women from the class of 1935 who were present. May we be as vibrant when we get to be their age! In the meantime, the Hunter1980 community is still evolving, still talking. We continue to find new class members, and in the months since reunion we've discussed religion, literature, kids and cats. If anyone's interested in joining, go to www.egroups.com/group/Hunter1980, or contact me at cml_blue@yahoo.com.

We're planning a fall reunion, to accommodate those who couldn't make it on June 4. We're also planning on staying in each other's lives, and that is undoubtedly the greatest gift our 20th reunion has given us. Finally, it's not too late to contribute to our class gift to the High School in memory of Melody. Checks should be made payable to the HCHS Alumnae/i Assn. and mailed directly to the association (memo: 1980 class gift).

1985 - Coordinator: Erica

RODRIGUEZ Aside from setting up our own home web page at <http://www.egroups.com/invite/hchs85>, the class of '85 has had two mini-reunions so far and will be holding a third! The first was held immediately following the main Hunter reunion on the beautifully sunny Sunday, June 4, when we met at Central Park. The second was held on Friday, June 23rd at the Chelsea Brewing Company. The groups attending—each of about 20 people—were small enough in number for folks to comfortably catch up with each other.

We're planning the third reunion for mid-September. By then we're also hoping to distribute amongst ourselves a current e-mail/snail mail directory for people who'd like to reestablish contact with each other. Anyone interested in enrolling/attending may contact Erica Rodriguez at 212-636-5474 or email to: erica.rodriguez@dccomics.com.

1990 - Coordinators: Lori

HOEPNER, Bridget GORIS Klein, Francisco BAYRON & Nina HABIB Spencer The Class of '90 had a terrific turn-out of 104 people at their 10 year reunion party on Saturday, June 3, 2000! A few alums even brought their spouses or significant others. Many kudos to Vincent Gong as webmaster for the class' very own reunion website. Additionally, due to the great generosity of the Class of 1990, the school will receive a gift of \$1,625. The class chose to donate the money to the Science Department for the purchase of laboratory equipment.

Members of the Class of 1990 reacquainted themselves at Jet Lounge on Spring St. in Manhattan while the DJ spun 80s tunes in the background. About 30 additional and unexpected classmates showed up at the door, greatly thrilling the coordinators who had originally expected only about 75 people. While the interior was dimly lit, nobody had too many problems recognizing their former classmates. Most people

stayed past the two hours when the lounge was closed to the public in order to continue the fun. There were rumors of an after-party and some classmates did leave in groups around midnight in search of other watering holes or after-hours eateries. If you missed the reunion, or just want to relive it, visit the website and click on the photo album to see lots of great pictures!

Among the usual lawyers, doctors, bankers, and dot-commers, some interesting career tidbits about the class include: Serena BENEDETTI is an opera singer in Philadelphia; Justine FONTINELL not only has her Masters of Journalism from Columbia, but she has a book deal with expected publication in 2001; Anne MADSEN is working towards her degree in midwifery at Columbia School of Nursing; Jacob PINE is a chef with his own catering and cooking instruction business, New York Cooks!; and Michael SANCHEZ is an officer in the Navy. Some classmates have gone international: Debra BERNSTEIN Dane is married and living in Australia; Aimee SPITZ Hartmann is married and living temporarily in Iceland; Adam SHAPIRO is living in Israel; Judy TSENG is married and living in Japan; and Nancy YAO is in Hong Kong, working for Goldman Sachs. Congratulations are also in order as (so far) there has been one "intra-class" marriage between Amanda CICARELLI and Eric EPSTEIN (May 1998) and there is one pending "intra-class" marriage between Ian WRIGHT and Maria CARDONA (July 2000). Finally, in keeping with tradition, Donna LAYNE was the last person whom the reunion coordinators were able to find and she also arrived late (as scheduled?) for reunion!

The reunion coordinators would like to thank everyone who helped them contact "lost" classmates through the grapevine. If anyone is trying to contact someone they want to get back in touch with, write to the class email: hchs1990@yahoo.com ☐



In Memoriam

Carolyn EISELE '19 died earlier this year. She was a Professor Emerita of Mathematics at Hunter College and an internationally acknowledged mathematician, scholar and lecturer on the history and philosophy of mathematics and science of the late 19th and early 20th centuries; she was also one of the leading experts on the life and works of Charles S. Peirce. After attending the high school and Hunter College, she did graduate work in mathematics at Columbia University and the University of Chicago. Her teaching career at Hunter College spanned almost 50 years, until her retirement in 1972. In 1953, with C. Doris Hellman and Carl Boyer, she founded The Metropolitan New York Section of the History of Science Society, which consolidated in the early 1990s with the History and Philosophy of Science Section of The New York Academy of Sciences. A Fellow of the Academy and 1985 recipient of the Academy's Behavioral Sciences - History and Philosophy of Science Award, she was a member of several learned societies in the fields of mathematics, philosophy and history of science. She was also honored with the award of a Doctor of Humanities degree in 1980 by Texas Tech University (Lubbock), where she was a member of the Institute for Studies in Pragmatism, and a Doctor of Science degree in 1982 by Lehigh University (Bethlehem, PA).

Dorothy GERLICH Horne '25 passed away on May 11, 2000. Dorothy was raised in Yorkville and Astoria and attended Packard Business School after graduating from HCHS. Beginning in 1926, she was employed in the office of the dean of students at NYU for 16 years. In 1955, she and her family moved to Valhalla, NY where she became an active member of the Scarsdale Auxiliary of White Plains Hospital, of Pleasantville Presbyterian Church and of Whipporwill Country Club. She then moved to Somers, NY and

after her husband's death in 1989, she became an active member of the United Methodist Church of Purdys, NY and served as a volunteer at Field Home in Yorktown, NY and as a trustee of the Field-Hall Foundation. In 1992, Dorothy moved to Kimball Farms and was a volunteer at the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge and a member of the First Congregational Church, Church on the Hill. She leaves a son, Field Horne, of Saratoga Springs, NY.

Jeannette AARONS Goldberg '32 died on March 19, 2000. She was a proud alumna of both the High School and Hunter College. She edited her high school yearbook and her family still marvels at the photographs stamped "unretouched proof" that she retained from the process of deciding which shots would be used of each of the graduates. Her daughter, Naomi Goldberg Honor, recalls her mother being of "independent mind and spirit" and of her traveling cross-country by herself at a time when many young women might not have taken on such an adventure. After a variety of jobs during the war years, Jeannette attended NYU and earned a Master's degree in Education. She then taught primary grades for many years in New York City, retiring from CES 104 in the Bronx. She is survived by her husband, Jack, to whom she would have been married for 53 years the week of her death. She is also survived by four children and 10 grandchildren. Practically up until the time of her death, she was working on organizing a mini-reunion of classmates. She always enjoyed attending both high school and college reunions, even when she had to sit with the "younger girls," who were only celebrating a 50th or 60th reunion.

Penelope PALMOS Abell, Jan. '44 passed away on September 2, 1999. She was a teacher and administrator with the New York City Board of Education. Her

memorial service on October 10, 1999, was attended by fellow alumnae Eileen O'CONNOR Connelley, Joan THOMPSON Balkenberg, Marcia ARONSON Grey and Florence BUCH Hacker. Those wishing to send remembrances of Penny, please email Florence at: alex.hacker@sympatico.ca and she will forward your messages to Penny's husband, Charles Abell, and family.

Judith ANDERMAN Person-Lind, Jan. '48 passed away suddenly from a heart attack during the early morning hours of June 29, 2000. She was an extremely caring and generous woman who touched many lives during her "too-short" 69 years here on earth. Her friends and family loved Judy for her good humor, good spirit, great hugs, radiant intelligence and her innate goodness. She leaves behind her husband, Robert, and two daughters, Leslie and Nancy, all of whom adored her and looked upon her as their shining light. Judy will be sorely missed.

Isabel Hecht '49? died on April 7, 2000 from complications following surgery, at the age of 69. Isabel and her husband, Judge Burton Hecht, were Riverdale residents for more than two decades. She received a bachelor's degree from Hunter College and became a dedicated teacher, serving the children of the Bronx at PS 59, PS 46 and PS 24, teaching a variety of subjects, including Art, at every grade level before retiring in 1988. She was also an accomplished painter and writer of short stories and poetry. In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, one son and four grandchildren.

The Alumnae/i Association has also been advised of the passing of the following individuals: Margaret E. LOEB Loehr '29, Joanna ALEXION Child '31(?), Thelma JACKSON Stackhouse '35, Anita BRIM Schacht '37, Andrea MURRAY Brock '60, Kazma SHRUPSKE Feldman '61 and Frances HABER '61. □



Alumnae/i Announcements

Corinne DEMAS '64 announces the publication of her memoir, *Eleven Stories High: Growing Up in Stuyvesant Town, 1948-1968* (State University of New York Press, July, 2000). The book is a evocation of a time gone by, a slice of New York City life about which little has been written; it is an exploration of the concept of "home." It examines how a place like Stuyvesant Town—impersonal, symmetrical, utilitarian—shapes a childhood. The book is organized by subject, rather than chronology, and examines aspects of Demas' life in Stuyvesant Town from the time she was a toddler through her teenage years at all-girls Hunter College High School. Topics include her education as a supposedly "intellectually gifted child," being a Gentile in a Jewish world, the secret community of Greeks in America and the contrast between her grandparents' home in "the country" (Mt. Kisco) and her home in the city. Ms. Demas also had four children's books published this year and a fifth one is due in the fall (*Hurricane!*; Marshall Cavendish, March, 2000; *If Ever I Return Again*; Harper Collins,

May, 2000; *The Disappearing Island*; Simon & Schuster, May, 2000; *The Perfect Pony*; Random House, June, 2000 and *Nina's Waltz*; Orchard Books, Sept., 2000). Ms. Demas has previously authored two novels, two collections of short stories and numerous books for children, as well as having more than 50 short stories published in a variety of magazines and literary journals. (Her publications before this year are under the name Corinne Demas Bliss.) Visit her website at www.corinnedemas.com.

Karen SCHULTZ McQuillan '68, who spent time in Africa as a Peace Corps volunteer, has written a series of mysteries about an American woman safari guide, Jazz Jasper, and a Nairobi city slicker cop, Inspector Omondi, who team up for adventure in Kenya's wilds. The three titles in the series are: *Deadly Safari*, *Elephants' Graveyard*, and *The Cheetah Chase*. Signed first editions can be ordered from Gerald Rilling at phone/fax 815-654-0389 and paperbacks can be ordered 24 hours/day from Mysteries by Mail at 800-722-0726.

Amy SOHN '91 announces the publication of the paperback edition of her novel *Run Catch Kiss* on July 1, 2000, by Scribner Paperback Fiction. Amy is one of the most controversial and outspoken columnists at the *New York Press*, where her sex and love column "Ask Amy" appears weekly. Her previous column "Female Troubles" (which chronicled her love and sex life in intimate detail) appeared for two years in the *New York Press*. Her writing has also appeared in *Details*, *Feed*, *GQ* and *Playgirl*. In *Run Catch Kiss*, her debut novel, Amy presents a hilarious roman-a-clef featuring Ariel Steiner, a twenty-something sex columnist who can't decide which is more important: meeting a deadline or meeting the man of her dreams. When men discover Ariel's occupation, they either refuse to date her out of fear of being written about, or beg to date her so that they can be written about. Playing out her private life for a public audience, Ariel is forced to decide who she really is: a nice Jewish girl who wants to settle down or a jaded jade who lives for one-night stands. □

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