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YOU'RE INVITED TO WINTER BRUNCH!

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2006

The HCHSAA annual Winter Brunch is Sunday, February 5, 2006. We will once again be gathering at 12:30 p.m. at Raymond's Café, 88 Seventh Ave. (between 15th and 16th Streets), in Chelsea. For just \$25 (\$30 at the door), you can enjoy the company of fellow HCHS alums as well as a cocktail, entree, dessert and coffee or tea. To reserve your spot, please use the back page to submit your payment to our office.

REUNION 2006 PLANNING

SUNDAY, JUNE 4, 2006

For members of 2006 milestone classes (those ending in 1 or 6)—it's time to start thinking about reunion plans for next year. The annual Alumnae/i Association sponsored all-class reunion will take place on Sunday, June 4 at the High School and is a great opportunity to see the school as it is today, meet current and former faculty members, and share reminiscences of HCHS with fellow alums. Most classes plan a separate gathering for the same weekend, but some classes (such as 1961 and 1966) have already chosen alternate dates, so all milestone classes should check with their individual class coordinators. In addition, many classes have set up websites or egroups. Turn to page 15 for information about individual classes. If your class does not yet have a reunion coordinator and you would like to volunteer, please contact our office.

AUTUMN RECEPTION AT HCHS



HCHSAA president Mimi Eng '84 with new Director of the Campus Schools & High School Principal Dr. John Mucciolo

More than 70 alums and friends were in attendance at the Alumnae/i Association's Autumn Reception on Wednesday, November 2 in the HCHS library. Attendees had the opportunity to meet the new Director of the Campus Schools & High School Principal, Dr. John Mucciolo, hear from three current students as they spoke about Hunter today, and enjoy the cool jazz sounds of a student trio before and after the informal speeches.

This, the third HCHSAA-sponsored reception at the High School in recent years, boasted an interesting mix of alums from classes dating from the 1940s right up to 2005. HCHSAA Board Vice President Ruth KAUFMAN Davis '56 introduced fellow Board members Mimi Eng '84, President; Errol Bakal '99; Cheryl KATZ Chiovetta '80; Amy Farber '71; Marge LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61 (and HCHS Science Department Chair); John Marks '83; Betty Walker '50; Doris MEIBACH Wallace '62; and Marguerite LIAO Williams '91, Treasurer. Ruth also noted the presence of

HCHSAA founding president E. Mildred Speiser, Jan. '49, and past presidents Margaret "Peggy" BETZ Perrin '55 (also a former HCHS faculty member), and Joan Rosenthal '72.

The first of three current students to speak, Lily Mandlin, a senior, is the president of the G.O., the opinions editor of the student newspaper, *What's What*, and a member of HTE (Hunter Theater Ensemble). She especially appreciates the strength of students in the school's student organizations—relating that last year she was lectured by a fellow student on journalistic ethics; this year she has been given notes and comments during HTE rehearsals from someone she met on Spirit Day in 7th grade; and every week she attends several meetings where students express their opinions about the school. The G.O. is currently redrafting its constitution, which will henceforth be known as the School Constitution, and its framers are striving to get input from students in all grades as well as take into account the interests of faculty.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to all! It's hard to believe that it's December already—and that we are about to greet 2006!

We had a great turnout for our Autumn reception on November 2 at the High School. Those who were able to make it were rewarded with entertaining testimonials from current students as well as some insightful remarks from the new Director of the Campus Schools & Principal of the High School, Dr. John Mucciolo.

Speaking of the High School, we are pleased to report that we have disbursed more than \$100,000 to HCHS since July 1; thanks to all who made this possible! Our Annual Giving letter should have already reached you (a copy is included on page 6). We hope you will continue to show your support for the needs of the High School by responding to this yearly request.

Back at the Alum Association, we have been busy getting organized for what promises to be a very busy year and have established committees to focus on activities such as social events and fundraising. We welcome any alums who are interested in working on a committee, so please contact us! We are also expanding our staffing and are currently looking for part-time help in the area of alumnae/i development. Please see the job description on page 3 and contact our office if you are interested.

As always, please send us your latest contact information, including email address, because we have an exciting year ahead and would love to stay in touch with you via email, our website, and *AlumNotes*.

Cordially,

Mimi Eng '84

P.S. If you are not current with your dues, please consider paying them at this time. You can check the back page for your dues expiration date—MM/YY—printed above your name and address (if you have sent your dues payment within the past four weeks, your dues expiration date may not yet be updated).

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

I wanted to share this remembrance with other alums:

I could hear the snow crunching underfoot as we walked east on Ninety Second Street that cold morning in January of 1939. I was wearing my good teal colored coat with a little beaver collar and a matching hat with a small brown feather. My father also looked very nice, I thought, in his gray herringbone tweed overcoat and his best gray fedora. He was accompanying me to the elementary school building where I would take the entrance exam for Hunter High. It was so early that the snow still had a little pink color from the dawn.

In the auditorium we sat in the molded wooden chairs fastened to the floor similar to the ones in the auditorium at the school I attended, P.S. 102, and we waited while more and more young girls came in. To my chagrin, only a few were accompanied by a parent. Several were noisily greeting friends, and after watching them with disapproval, my father remarked that it was possible that even if I were to be accepted, this might not be the best school for me.

Soon several women teachers arrived, parents were directed to return when the exam was finished, and my father asked again if I had change for the bus and subway before he left as I was to make my own way home to Queens. One teacher called the names, each name preceded by Miss, and after each small group assembled, it followed another teacher from the room. I recognized only one name, Trellies Crume, a girl who had been in my religious instruction class once, but she was not present. She was a quiet, attractive girl with a much better understanding of the religious topics than I. I wondered why she did not come for the exam.

The exam was straightforward, and after I finished, I asked to visit the restroom, and walked around looking at the school I hoped

to attend. The building was no different from my elementary school except that the paint seemed fresher and brighter. Returning to the classroom, I reviewed my answers until it was time for the second part of the exam.

As I walked alone back to Lexington Avenue through the slush, I wondered if I really wanted to attend a school where I knew no one, where I would be called Miss Maloney, and which looked very little different from the school I had attended for five years. The only advantage I could think of was that it was called Hunter COLLEGE High School, and from what I could discover, everyone who graduated was admitted to college.

On the following Tuesday, when the Art teacher said that the principal wished to speak with me, the class tittered a bit as I rushed off. Miss Allen had sent for me to tell me that I had been admitted to Hunter COLLEGE High School, speaking the words just as I thought of them. She chatted for a bit, mentioning that I would miss my friends, but that attending such a fine school was really worthwhile. My test scores indicated that I could do well at the high school and later at college. Before I could ask a question, her phone rang, and my pass was initialed to return to class. Her words convinced me, and in a few weeks I was commuting daily to Manhattan, finishing my homework as I clutched the subway poles. That May, I turned thirteen.

Alice MALONEY Beagles, Jan. '43

To the Editor:

Reading about the class of 1955 in the summer issue of *AlumNotes*, I was struck by the fact that of the highlights recounted, no one mentioned Eleanor Roosevelt's visit to the College and HCHS (which was then located at 68th and Lexington). The occasion was, I believe, the 10th anniversary of the founding of the U.N.—which had initially met in the Hunter College auditorium. (Remember the plaque in the back of the auditorium?) Mrs. Roosevelt

addressed the HCHS students at length. Classmate and longtime friend Nancy Keil and I recently discussed the profound impact her speech had on us. She was a national and international leader and a wonderful role model for young women, especially at a time when women had not achieved the political and economic status that they have today. Women of our and succeeding generations owe much to women like her.

Of the various attributes of HCHS, the one that I have always valued most, in addition to the excellent educational opportunity, was a faculty that by precept and example, stirred my intellectual curiosity and drive to learn. In a time and society that generally taught that young women were suited mainly for nursing and secretarial "careers" which would lead to finding Mr. Right and bearing his children, it was helpful to know that no area of pursuit, e.g., engineering, medicine, or law, was beyond the grasp of the female brain. For a poor kid from the streets of Harlem, absolutely mind-boggling!

Helen T. Hoffman Santiago, PhD, '55

HCHSAA Seeks Office Help

The Alumnae/i Association is looking for an individual to work freelance to help support our growing development and alumnae/i services efforts. Part-time, flexible hours, great opportunity to meet Hunterites from many eras. Qualified applicant will be detail-oriented, familiar with word processing and spreadsheet applications and available to work at the AA office as needed. If interested, please send resume to Marge Kolb via email to hchsalums@yahoo.com or fax to 212-772-4074.

LETTER FROM THE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE CAMPUS SCHOOLS/HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

I am honored and delighted to be the new Director of the Hunter College Campus Schools and the Principal of Hunter High. I have learned very quickly that at the heart of the Hunter High experience is the relationship between students and teachers, both inside and outside the classroom. Our students are among the brightest in the country, and our multi-talented staff works with their students in extraordinarily high-order cognitive and affective domains. This relationship is, I can attest, mutually enriching.

I come to Hunter from the wilds of suburban, New Jersey high schools—in particular, Ridgewood High School, Ramapo High School (Franklin Lakes, NJ), and Mountain Lakes High School. Before that, I spent 13 years at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn. While these experiences were, in their own ways, professionally enriching, the Hunter College Campus Schools offers a particularly unique and challenging opportunity.

Everyone has been so welcoming and supportive, from Hunter College President Jennifer Raab to the “Twelves.” Where else could we have at hand one of the country’s leading experts on gifted education, Hunter College’s Dona Matthews? Where else could we take 1,200 students, grades 7–12, on twenty-three buses to Bear Mountain for a Spirit Day, without incident? Our human resources are outstanding. Your support and encouragement are greatly appreciated.

All the best,

John Mucciolo

NEWS FROM HCHS

This year’s 7th grade has 224 students, 10 more than last year—necessitating the creation of a ninth section (class) in this grade. Lower attrition in higher grades has also been a recent trend, leading to some concern about whether it will be possible to maintain average class sizes of 22–25 in the future...Dr. Chris Rogutsky was recently hired as the new, permanent counseling department chair. Dr. Rogutsky previously worked as a counselor at public schools in Westchester, at the Rudolf Steiner School in Manhattan as assistant chair of the upper school, and at CUNY, where she helped develop new schools for historically underrepresented students in grades 6–12...Judy Gibbons and Marni Kaplan replaced Kristen Sheppard as the new learning specialists. Ms. Gibbons will work with grades 9–12 while Ms. Kaplan will be involved with grades 4–8...The acting chair of the foreign language department, Claire Mazzola, was named permanent chair...Betty Kleinfeld is serving as acting chair of the Social Studies department following Susan Meeker’s retirement...Yiyan Bondarenko has been hired as the new programmer to replace Aishwariya Padmanabhan. Ms. Bondarenko previously worked at John Jay University. She will be responsible for maintaining Hunter’s basic database and server, running the SASI student information system, keeping track of each student’s attendance record, schedule and grades, and creating each student’s program...The school’s courtyard renovation was completed in August after two years of intermittent construction (and five years of planning and discussion). Parents George Jeng, an architect, and Adrian Benepe, NYC Parks Commissioner, volunteered their assistance with the project. Improvements include new fencing, a better drainage system, replacement of the cracked surface of the upper level with a soft surface, and repair of the crumbling brickwork. There are also new basketball hoops and stanchions, as well as new water fountains. Colored markings on the floor designate numerous tracks and borders for various sports like basketball, handball and volleyball, and allow multiple games to occur at the same time. The courtyard now becomes an additional gymnasium during warmer months, improving Physical Education classes for the students. An official ribbon cutting was held on September 20 to thank Hunter College President Jennifer Raab, City Councilwoman Eva Moskowitz and the many others who were involved in the project...The cafeteria was renovated over the summer with the addition of purple and yellow floor tiles, a new ceiling, renovated lighting, and the repaneling of the former weight room, which now serves as the Senior Lounge. A food court is also being added, establishing separate stations for hot food, sandwiches and wraps, a salad bar, and an ice cream and milk/water station. This project was entirely paid for with funds from the Elementary and High School PTAs...



Ashley Castro '06

Youngsters enjoying themselves in the renovated courtyard

28 new Dell computers replaced older models in the fourth floor computer lab (paid for by a donation of \$22,500 from the Alumnae/i Assn.)...Plans for renovating the auditorium are underway and are expected to be completed during the summer of 2006. A committee overseeing the project hopes to address lighting, stage proportions, the control room and the seats and carpeting...Brick Prison Playhouse has merged with the English department's Playwriting Festival. Brick will be advised by English teacher Richard Fulco and art teacher Daniel SanGermano and will include an extensive workshop process for playwrights, led by Mr. Fulco. Students will submit plays to Brick in October, with seven to nine then chosen by the advisors and producers to advance to the reading phase of the selection process. Based on the readings, the advisors will choose three to five plays to be performed in early April...The Social Studies elective *U.S. Constitutional History and Law* has been

canceled and replaced with *Current Political and Moral Conflicts and the Constitution of the United States*, a seminar which will be taught by Alan Pomerantz, a lawyer at Weil, Gotshal, and Manges LLP, who had been a regular guest speaker in the past...The girls' Varsity Volleyball team began its season undefeated, running up a record of 4-0 in the Manhattan X division...Girls' Swimming was tied for first place with Stuyvesant through early October...The coed Varsity Bowling Team began its season with a record of 4-0, which they credit to improved practice methods and extensive training during the summer...Jim Essey is the new PTA president, replacing Jolie Schwab...Secretary of the Treasury John Snow's remarks to HCHS students during their May, 2005 trip to Washington, DC (Washington Seminar) can be accessed at: <http://www.treas.gov/press/releases/js2470.htm>.

Student Accomplishments

- Madeleine Haddon, Adrian Merrick, Katrina Toal, and Lily Mandlin are members of the Student Community Action Fund Council for Common Cents New York, the group which oversees the Penny Harvest (collection of pennies for charity) in NYC schools.
- Grace Kim was chosen by The Asian American Journalists Association, the nation's largest professional organization for Asian American and Pacific Islander journalists, as one of 42 high school students to attend "J Camp," a free six-day intensive journalism training program designed for young people of color, held August 12-17, 2005, at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis.
- Mariya Rozenblit was selected as a 2004-2005 Regional Finalist in the Young Epidemiology Scholars Competition, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the College Board, for her project, "Location of Squamous Cell Carcinoma as a Predictor of Where Subsequent Skin Cancer May Develop." The judging was based on written Research Project Reports, as well as an oral presentation and question-and-answer session. As a Regional Finalist, Mariya received a \$2,000 scholarship. Karen Kwan was selected as a Regional Semi-Finalist and awarded a \$1,000 scholarship for her project, "Sleep, Stress and the Effects on Asthma."

ANNUAL GIVING 2005–2006

At right is the text of the letter sent to alums and friends in November to kick off the HCHSAA 2005–2006 Annual Giving campaign.

We would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to everyone who has already donated to this year's effort. We encourage everyone who has not yet participated to do so today! Please use the form on the last page of AlumNotes and the envelope supplied with this issue—many thanks!

November 2005

Dear Alum or Friend of Hunter High:

Why, we are sometimes asked, should Hunter alums give money to a school that already receives taxpayer funding? Isn't it government's job to educate its best and brightest, taxes being what they are today? The answer is, of course. But that's not the whole story.

As you know, Hunter receives its funding not from the NYC Department of Education but from the CUNY budget. Buried in the vast CUNY budget, funding for Hunter continues to be inadequate and lags far behind what the other top NYC public high schools receive. NYC spent \$150 million for Stuyvesant's state-of-the-art building (with central air and a swimming pool!) and Stuyvesant and Bronx Science receive roughly \$2,000 more per student per year than Hunter.

Hunter needs the help of its alums to continue to provide an extraordinary free education. Please consider making a tax-deductible gift to benefit Hunter today through this year's Annual Giving drive.

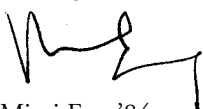
In the past year, our donations helped fund many important projects, among which were the upgrading of one entire computer lab, the purchase of six SMART CARTS (a digital projector cart system)—one for each department that requested one, the purchase of new books and a Lexis/Nexis subscription for the library, the purchase of consumables for the Science labs, the provision of funds for faculty development, and the funding of scholarships for graduating seniors. Every student has benefited from your support—whether in the classroom, the lab, the library, the gym, or in extracurricular activities—and faculty and students are grateful for our needed support.

Think about what your Hunter education made possible for you.

What can you do now, in return?

We hope you'll choose to help enrich the Hunter experience for the next generation by giving today.

Best regards,



Mimi Eng '84

President, HCHS Alumnae/i Association, Inc.

P.S. We are generally eligible for employer matching gifts and can accept gifts of securities. Please contact our office for more information.

P.P.S. If you haven't paid dues in the past twelve months (which support our office operations, including production of *AlumNotes*), please consider paying them now, in addition to your contribution to our Annual Giving drive.

NEW HCHSAA BOARD MEMBERS

The HCHSAA welcomed five new Board members at its September meeting. Brief biographies of the new members follow. In addition, Ruth KAUFMAN Davis '56 and Doris MEIBACH Wallace '62 remain to serve their second terms. Marge LANDSBERG Goldmith '61 returns to the Board to serve the two years remaining of the seat vacated by Harriet WHITMAN Aufses, Jan. '44.

Errol Bakal '99 graduated from the University of Pennsylvania after taking a dual degree from The Wharton School and The College of Arts & Sciences, with a concentration in Finance, a major in Economics, and a minor in Mathematics. He is currently employed with Merrill Lynch & Co. as an Investment Banking Analyst within the Financial Sponsors Group. Errol believes HCHS offered him an unparalleled education, deep friendships, and a peer group he respects and misses to this day. He credits Hunter with all his subsequent accomplishments. He believes alums must think of Hunter as still being present for them and that we should all be active members of the Hunter community.

Amy Farber '71 earned a degree in Urban Studies from the University of Rochester and a JD from NYU School of Law. She practices general corporate/commercial and real estate law. She views HCHS as being the best educational experience of her life, which opened up for her worlds such as theater of the absurd (via the Humanities program) and historiography (thanks to Mr. Marienhoff). She believes that the best way to thank Hunter is to volunteer so that others can have the same or greater benefits than she had. As a member of the Board, Amy would like to increase the fundraising efforts of the Association.

Susan Spector '64 attended Syracuse University, earning a BS with a dual major in Broadcasting and Russian Language and Literature, then earned an MA from Teachers College, Columbia University and much later, a JD, *cum laude*, from Cardozo School of Law, Yeshiva University. She has worked in the entertainment industry, as a public school teacher, and in law. She is now retired and

spends her time indulging her love of the theatre and NYC's rich cultural life. She feels HCHS was one of the best educational experiences she's ever had (the other being HCES). As a Board member, she hopes to help the school, its students, faculty and alumnae/i work together to continue to provide extraordinary educational experiences.

Maiko Tomizawa, DDS, '92 attended the University of Massachusetts at Amherst with an additional year at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, graduating with a BS in Biology and a BA in Japanese Language and Arts, with minors in Greek Classics and Fine Arts. She worked for a couple of years and then went to Columbia University's School of Dental and Oral Surgery to obtain a DDS. After a residency at the Long Island College Hospital in Brooklyn Heights, she began working in private practice on Central Park South. Maiko is proud to have been a part of Hunter, and glad that she is finally able to give back to the school which helped her get to where she is today.

Betty Walker '50 holds a BA from Hunter College with a major in Philosophy and a minor in English; an MS from Hunter in Counseling and Guidance; and a Doctor of Philosophy from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. She taught and counseled students in the South Bronx, where she grew up, and continued to work in education in California while earning her doctorate. She then joined the University of Southern California's Division of Counseling Psychology and taught as an Associate Professor until she retired in 2002 and returned to New York. Her research interests as a professor and psychologist were broad and varied—and one of her most meaningful investigations was her study of female HCHS graduates throughout the 20th century, performed under a grant from the USC Education Department. Her life was profoundly changed by attending HCHS—which gave her the opportunities that came from an enriched education in one of the best schools in the country. She is eager to serve on the Board as one way of offering to others some of the deeply enriching and meaningful experiences Hunter afforded her.

ALUM SPEAKERS SOUGHT BY HCHS

HCHS would like to create a directory of alums who would be interested in visiting the school to speak with students about their fields of expertise. If you would be interested in participating in a speaking engagement at the High School, please mail, fax or email the Alumnae/i Association your name, contact information (email address and/or daytime telephone number), your field of expertise, and when you are available.

S.S. DEPARTMENT SPACE PLANNING

The Social Studies Department is planning renovation of its office space and would love to receive advice from any alums with interior design/space planning expertise. If you would like to volunteer your services, please contact Acting Chair Betty Kleinfeld at bkleinf@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu.

Email Us Your Email Address

Within the past year, the Alumnae/i office acquired the ability to send bulk email messages—allowing us to advertise upcoming events and inform alums of news more frequently than our newsletter allows. If you are not already receiving our periodic email messages, please drop us a note to hchsalums@yahoo.com and we'll gladly add you to our distribution list—and don't worry, we won't share it with anyone who's not an alum. If you want to display your email address on our website—hchsaa.org—click on the "Find Alums" section of the front page and then the "Alum Email Directory" section. This area of our site is password protected with our common password—purple—so only other alums will have access.

ALUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Elsie LAUE Raffensperger '45 was the featured artist at a reception held August 3 at Out of the Blue Gallery, with her work exhibited from August 3–28. All of her grandchildren, children, and their spouses were present at the opening reception—twelve in all. Raffensperger helped found the gallery (a cooperative) in Lewisburg, PA.

Lita LINZER Schwartz, PhD, Jan. '47 announces the publication of a book she edited entitled *Welcome Home! An International and Nontraditional Adoption Reader* (The Haworth Press, Inc., Jan. 2004). This is an essential guide to the process, pros, and cons of adopting children from outside the United States, with special needs, and/or from a different racial/cultural background. The book documents every aspect of the adoption process—from working with facilitators, adoption agencies, and attorneys

to mixed reactions over a child's possible loss of heritage as the result of a transracial or multicultural adoption. To order, call 1-800-HAWORTH or go to www.haworthpress.com/store/product.asp?sku=4966 (use special offer code BKD20 to receive a 20% discount).

Jo ASARO Manning '58 announces the publication of a biography entitled *My Lady Scandalous—The Amazing Life and Outrageous Times of Grace Elliott, Royal Courtesan* (Simon & Schuster, September 2005). This portrait of the life and times of one of eighteenth-century London's most beautiful and sought-after courtesans illuminates the infamous morals and mores of a period known as much for the profligacy of its upper classes, as it is for being at the forefront of the Age of Enlightenment. Manning is also the author of two Regency romances, including *Seducing Mr. Heywood*

(a Booklist Ten Best Romances of the Year Selection), a contemporary romance, an audiobook, and several short stories, two of which were anthologized in *Herotica 4* and *A Regency Sampler*. She is the founder and director, for more than 20 years, of the Reader's Digest General Books Library.

Marilyn BAND Meyers, PhD, '59 has authored a chapter entitled "When the Holocaust Haunts the Couple: Hope, Guilt and Survival" in a book entitled *Psychoanalytic Perspectives on Couple Work* (Society of Couple Psychoanalytic Psychotherapists).

Meredith Trede '63 announces the publication of her poetry chapbook "Out of the Book" within the book, *Desire Path*, a collection of poems published by toadlily press as part of its Quartet Series. The book is available at

ALUMS SEEN & HEARD...

Evelyn HAUSNER Lauder '54 on local NYC cable news channel NY1's *One on 1 with Budd Mishkin* on October 9. Lauder is the Senior Corporate Vice President for Estee Lauder and started The Breast Cancer Research Foundation in 1993...**Betty LEVIN Sternberg '67** on the August 24 *NewsHour with Jim Lehrer* on PBS. Sternberg is Connecticut's Commissioner for Education and appeared to discuss the announcement that Connecticut is suing the federal government over the No Child Left Behind law. The state accuses the Bush administration of being "rigid, arbitrary and capricious" in the enforcement of its signature education law and seeks relief from a requirement that it scrap its own testing program in favor of one the state says will not help children but will cost millions...**Marvin Young '85** (a/k/a rapper "Young MC") in a video currently making the rounds on the internet of his 2002 appearance on an all-rapper version of *The Weakest Link*. The video can be viewed at: <http://www.filecabi.net/v/file/weakest-link-rappers/wmv...>**Dr. Nora Bensahal '89**,

Senior Political Scientist at the RAND Corporation, as a frequent news commentator on the insurgency and evolving political situation in Iraq, on NPR's Morning Edition, C-SPAN's Washington Journal, the BBC World Service, and the Associated Press. Nora also had an op-ed entitled "Stopping the Insurgents" published in the August 9 *Baltimore Sun*...**Bobby Lopez '93** at the September 8 opening of his show, *Avenue Q*, in the \$40 million theater at the new Wynn Las Vegas Hotel. Lopez writes that it's pretty much the same show as on Broadway, complete with intermission, but they did have a chance to fix a few things they always wanted to fix, which was a nice luxury...**Sewell Chan '94** on the August 25 *Brian Lehrer Show* on public radio, WNYC, discussing the MTA's \$200 million plan to upgrade subway security. Chan is a reporter for *The New York Times*...**Daniel Engber '94** and **Casimir Nozkowski '94** on the *Tonight Show with Jay Leno* on August 10 discussing their website—www.cryingwhileeating.com, designed as an entry for a "contagious media"

contest. The rules of the contest were to make a (nonpornographic) website, promote it in any way, short of paid advertisements—with the page having the most visitors after three weeks being declared the winner (their site didn't win). The transcript of an interview with Nozkowski on MSNBC's *Countdown with Keith Olbermann* can be accessed at: <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/9087565/> and an article written by Engber appearing in the online magazine *Slate* can be accessed at: <http://slate.msn.com/id/2121384...>**Steve Hofstetter '97** at the M Bar in Hollywood on September 20 as one of the first comedians taping a special for Comedy Express TV, a forthcoming basic cable network, which will probably air after New Year's and will also be available as a combo DVD/CD at most major retail stores. Hofstetter subsequently headlined two shows on October 5 in NYC at the Underground Comedy Festival at The Laugh Factory. He can also be heard on the Sirius Satellite Radio show "Four Quotas" on channel 147 every Saturday and Sunday at 7 p.m. Eastern/4 p.m. Pacific.

toadlilypress.com. Trede has also had recent work published in many journals including *The Paris Review*, *Gargoyle* and *Diner*.

Donna ZIEGLER Steinhorn '68 has left her role as Executive Vice President of Coachville.com to form the Association for Coaching Excellence, along with coaches Julia Stewart and Heidi Costas. Steinhorn is Founder of Coaching To Success, a Life and Executive coaching company, and former Dean of the Schools of CoachVille. She has coached coaches, published authors, executives and entrepreneurs, and has more than 30 years of corporate and business experience. With her multiple roles, she's learned how crucial it is to embrace change and create inspiring, sustainable environments for success. Her humor coupled with her love of innovation and practical approach to life and business has earned her the "title" of Bottom Line Visionary. She's currently involved in several additional projects including: Brazen Babes, a program for high-achieving women who want to be authentic and brave in their businesses and lives; The Coaching Greenhouse, a place for businesses and coaches to grow; Spring Coaches Retreat—A Conversation Among Masters—bringing coaches into conversation with True Masters of other professions and realms, in the hope that they can glean new insight into their own True Mastery—creating a new level of Master Coaches; and more, which can be seen at <http://www.coachingtosuccess.com/>

projects.html. Steinhorn is an engaging speaker whose no-nonsense style and profound front-of-the-room coaching skills make her a favorite among coaches and other audiences. She is married, with two grown children, and lives with her husband at the New Jersey shore. She can be reached at donna@coachingtosuccess.com.

Jessica Jiji '83 announces the publication of her debut novel, *Diamonds Take Forever*, by HarperCollins. The first two words of the novel describe a massively popular sex act—and the action gets even better from there. Lyssa Keusch, senior editor for Morrow/Avon, said, "Jessica Jiji has a talented and edgy voice rarely seen in women's fiction." Writing chick-lit—complete with cityscape, mad friendships and lots of lust—served as an antidote to the weighty topics with which Jiji grapples at her day job as a news editor for the United Nations. Still living in Manhattan with her husband and their two sons, she invites friends to contact her through www.jessicajiji.com.

Judd Greenstein '97, a composer, is one of the directors of the group Free Speech Zone Productions, a group of musicians united by musical and political concerns. They share the belief that music can inform, provoke, and inspire listeners, with consequences that reach beyond the concert hall. In November, the group presented four nights of politically-themed music and film in NYC, New Haven

and Cambridge, including a November 9 date at The Knitting Factory and a November 11 date at Galapagos in Williamsburg, Brooklyn. For more information, please visit their website: www.fszproductions.com.

Macauley Peterson '97 announces a new feature film, *The Instrument*, for which he was the editor. The plot involves an art school custodian who dies and leaves behind the blueprints for a new system of ritual worship—one based on music. Seven students are selected to live together in his sacred space, which soon becomes a magnifying glass for the fantasies and horrors hidden in the human mind. Featuring an eclectic original score ranging from orchestral to electronic music, and all points in between, *The Instrument* stands as a narrative portrait of musical meditation—the spiritual power of Sound and of Silence. *The Instrument* was featured at New York's Anthology Film Archives' New Filmmakers Series over the summer, and at the Dances With Films festival in Los Angeles, where it received praise from *L.A. Weekly* and *Variety.com*. For more information and to view the trailer, visit www.TheInstrumentMovie.com.

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HUNTERITES IN THE NEWS

Dr. Ann OAKLANDER Klein '75 was extensively quoted in an article in the October 10, 2005 issue of *The New Yorker* entitled "The Big Hurt" about reflex sympathetic dystrophy, an intense chronic-pain syndrome, and its implications for our understanding of pain. Klein is affiliated with Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, with specialties in neurosurgery and surgical management of chronic pain.

Elbrun Kimmelman '60 was featured in a June 12, 2005 article in *The New York Times*

entitled "A Drawing Room of Their Own" about the Causeries du Lundi, a club founded by Alexander Hamilton's granddaughter, Elizabeth Hamilton Cullum. The club's name means "Monday chattering" and according to the *Times*, is one of the oldest women's literary societies in the country.

Annabelle SANTOS Volgman, MD, '76 was featured in an article in the August 20, 2005 issue of *Today's Chicago Woman*. Volgman is the medical director of the Heart Center for Women at Chicago's Rush

University Medical Center. Every Friday, she wears a red suit to reflect her allegiance to the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women, a campaign to raise awareness about heart disease in women, and publicize the fact that since 1984, there have been more women dying of heart disease than men. She cares for her patients (including Oprah Winfrey) and pursues her passion for heart health education with utmost zeal. The full text of the article can be accessed at: www.barnard.edu/alum/action/1005volgman.html.

CLASS NOTES

1930s

Myra SPRUNG Waldinger '35 celebrated her 88th birthday, her husband's 90th, and their 67th wedding anniversary in November. Myra began her work career as secretary to Avery Fisher, who loved words and language as well as music, and along the way, she earned an MA in the Teaching of English from Queens College, a Master's in Rehabilitation Counseling from NYU and an ABD from St. John's University. She retired long ago from teaching expository writing at Queensborough Community College. She guesses that it was parsing sentences at Hunter that started it all!

1940s

Helen WINARICK Henderson '42 writes that in August, four members of her class met in San Francisco at the home of **Gloria PENACHIO Gilberti**. **MarEl ZIMMERMAN Adler** and **Eleanor McDONALD Barron** came from the Washington, DC area and Helen from Tahoe. Even with their hearing aids and canes, they enjoyed two days of oral history and were reminded that it's been 63 years since they were graduated. One evening, around a table laden with Chinese take-out, Gloria's son, T.J., and MarEl's son, Jim, joined the ladies for a fascinating inter-generational conversation. The easterners are looking forward to the class's 65th milestone reunion in 2007.

1950s

Ellie PRUGER Seepes '55 writes that based on the success and great feeling enjoyed at her class's 50th reunion last June, 13 classmates got together for a mini-reunion on October 29. Alums from as far away as Philadelphia and Rensselaer, NY, Long Island, and NYC were guided by a docent at the Isamu Noguchi Foundation in Long Island City. Dinner at a local Peruvian restaurant was an ideal second half of the day. People are now thinking about an early

summer "sleepover" somewhere, and the class recommends that all regional alums enjoy each other's company in a special way.

• **June ALLNACH Noble '59** is the musical director of two choruses that sing *a cappella* in the barbershop style—Harmony on the Hudson, a Harmony, Inc. women's chorus based in Rockland County, and High Point Harmonizers, a SPEBSQSA men's chapter based in Sussex, NJ. June also sings with Song of the Valley, a Sweet Adelines chorus based in Goshen, NY. Barbershop harmony is an original American art form of music. June retired after 18 years as a dispatcher for police, fire, and ambulance for the town of Woodbury in upstate NY. She was also an EMT and a 10-year member of Woodbury's Volunteer Ambulance Corps. She taught Health and Physical Education in the NYC school system before moving upstate.

1960s

Sister Sarah (nee Sandra) Schwartzberg '64, a member of the Benedictine Sisters of Perpetual Adoration in Sand Springs, OK, recently earned a Master's degree in Jewish Studies from the Spertus Institute. She is now concentrating on a doctoral degree, which will probably take about five years to complete. After Hunter, she attended NYU where she earned a degree in sociology and then was employed by the state as a case worker. It wasn't enough for a young woman with a passion for justice and helping the poor, so she began a journey of discovery that would lead her to new places and new faces. She soon began teaching at the Turtle Mountain Reservation of the Ojibwe tribe in North Dakota and later entered the Benedictine Sisters community in 1971 to pursue a life of prayer. Its atmosphere of inter-religious dialog is what drew Sister Sarah and appealed to her interest in exploring all faiths. Sister Sarah is also a board member of Monastic Interreligious Dialog, an organization dedicated to exploring relationships among spiritual practitioners of various faiths and she has participated in Nuns of the West, a summit of Christian, Buddhist, and Hindu sisters. • **Vivian GOLAN Weisman**

'64 received the Rhode Island ACLU Civil Libertarian of the Year award on November 18.

• **Theresa Kudlak '67** is an anesthesiologist at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine.

1970s

Dr. Harriet Seldin '70 has been appointed by Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger to the Dental Board of California. • **Felice Lifshitz '75 ('76 ICY)** took a direct hit from Hurricane Katrina, but in Florida, when it was still a Category 1 storm—so she is counting her blessings. Last year, she was promoted to full professor of history at Florida International University in Miami. She also recently published a book entitled *The Name of the Saint: The Martyrology of Jerome and Access to the Sacred in Francia, 627–827* (Univ. of Notre Dame Press, 2005). Among other activities, Felice is the section editor for Medieval Europe for the website History Compass (www.history-compass.com), which is intended to help teach history by providing solid, up-to-date and accessible information for instructors and students. It's mostly aimed at the college level, but Felice is sure HCHS classes could use it and she would welcome ideas, comments and suggestions from the HCHS community. Another activity with which Felice is involved is the Society for Medieval Feminist Scholarship—she's on the advisory board as well as the editorial board of the group's journal (*Medieval Feminist Forum*). • **Teri ROMANOS Foskolos '77** is married with three children and lives in the Ft. Lauderdale area. She'd love to hear from other alums in south Florida via email to jofko@aol.com • **Judy Goldsmith '78** has been promoted to full professor (of computer science) at the University of Kentucky.

1980s

Andrew P. ("Moose") Karamouzis '82 was elected to a four-year term as a Village Trustee of the Village of Rockville Centre, NY on June 21. He is also a partner with the law firm of Moran & d'Arcambal and con-

centrates his practice in complex civil litigation, real estate, and employment matters.

• **Kenny Shillingford '86** and his wife Allison are proud to announce the birth of their son, Hamilton Geoffrey. • **Liza B. Zimmerman, CAS, '87** has moved to Seattle to become vice president of sales and marketing for Vinum Wine Importing and Distributing LLC. She will oversee the growth of the importer's wine portfolio and its sales and marketing, both locally and nationally. She is also the spirits columnist for the *Seattle Weekly*. • **Arthur Staple '89** and his wife Kathryn welcomed their first child, Elliot, on May 2. Arthur reports that the baby is doing great, despite being delivered by a Stuyvesant graduate! Arthur is working as a sportswriter at *Newsday*, in his first season covering the Giants. He'd love to hear from fellow alums—football fans or otherwise—via email to artstape@aol.com

1990s

Alix Gallagher '90 and her husband are living in the Bay Area. They are the happy and sleepy parents of six-month-old Rhys. • **Abigail Hornstein '90** received her PhD in economics in May 2005 from NYU's Stern School of Business. She is currently an assistant professor at Wesleyan University where she teaches economics and finance. In July 2005, she married Seth Bittker in Englewood, NJ. **Cynthia Lai**, **Mary Lee**, and **Hok Leung**, all classmates, and **Coby Rajwan '91** attended. Cindy, Hok, and Abigail all worked in Hong Kong right after college and Coby was a colleague of Abigail's new husband for many years. • Additional news from the class of 1990 as compiled by **Nina HABIB Spencer**: **Lori Hoepner** and hubby **Jeb Harben** welcomed Aiden Thomas Harben into the world on September 7, 2005, making him the newest member of a growing list of kids with double Hunter class of '90 pedigrees! Nice going, guys. Newly married is **Nancy YAO Maasbach**, who is living on the Lower East Side with her husband and who, after six years traveling the world for Goldman

Sachs, has started a new position at CFRA, an independent research company. **Randy Eng** is becoming more and more a full-time composer, and expects to have his full professional production next summer at Lyric Opera Cleveland. The last time Randy was heard from, he was set to marry his fiancée Katie, a playwright and bookwriter of musicals, and also an aerial theatre (trapeze) performer. **Michelle ROONEY Harriman** and her husband Mark are eagerly awaiting the arrival of their first child, due any day now. **Melinda Lopez**, already the happy mom of 6-year-old Jaxon, is expecting her second child around New Year's. She is planning a May wedding and is still teaching in Rhode Island. **Vincent Gong** is still with Morgan Stanley in NYC, but has been increasing his online photo archive in his spare time. He's a real train buff—check out his pics at <http://public.fotki.com/vingong>. **Darryl Siry** is celebrating his fifth anniversary with wife Keri, and also has a new title at Fireman's Fund Insurance Company: Senior VP and Chief Marketing Officer. **Roy Gal** is back on the east coast: since August he's been a research assistant professor at the University of Virginia in the astronomy department. He's also a volunteer firefighter at the Seminole Trail FD in Charlottesville. **Keisha Sutton** and her husband Michael welcomed their daughter Nola on Keisha's birthday, June 12. Those of you who were at reunion even caught a little glimpse of her! **Joe Lazauskus** is starting a new job with American Express as Manager of Finance, Global Business Travel, and continues volunteering with the New Jersey emergency management departments. **Chuma Hunter-Gault** is still acting on the west coast and is hugely into motorbike racing, Grand Prix style, on circuit courses. He rides a 400cc Yamaha FZR (for those of you who know your motorbikes) and took third in the National in Atlanta a few weeks back. Finally, **Brad Miles** and wife Rachel had their second child, Zachary Miles, in September. Brad reports that **Josh Newman** and his wife, Hope, had their second child

in August. Any news you want to share? Email Nina HABIB Spencer at habibspencer@verizon.net. • **Peter Binas '91** and **Carrie Kei Heim '91** were married on May 21, 2005. • '91 in LA: Spotted brunching with roommates **Jessica Ambats** and **Jenna Halvey** at their place in Silver Lake were **Trissy Walliser** (in town for a wedding), **Michael Wertheim** (in town for the Emmys), and **Marguerite LIAO Williams** (in town for the Petco Park leg of her MLB stadiums tour). • **Jenny Lee '92** writes that after a decade working in publishing and marketing, she's finally found her calling in real estate—handling sales and rentals of apartments throughout Manhattan. She'd love to help her fellow alums find their new homes! Email her at: jenleehong@mac.com. • **Dave Kerpen '94** recently got engaged to Caroline Fisher. They are planning to get married in 2006. Dave would love to hear from old friends and classmates at dave@davekerpen.com. • **Judy Seltzer '96** graduated from the Royal Veterinary College in England and is doing an internship in small animal medicine and surgery at a practice on Long Island. • **Ariel Harman '98** is a second year law student at Cornell University. • **Daniel Jedzinak '99** is living in northern Virginia. He works in major gifts fundraising for the Human Rights Campaign, a non-profit GLBT (Gay, Lesbian, Bi-Sexual and Transgender) political advocacy organization based in Washington, DC. He is also attending George Mason University Law School.

2000s

Elizabeth Rossiello '00 is a graduate student at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs and will be finishing her degree in International Finance and Business in Spring 2006. • **Sita Young '02** is living in Los Angeles and has appeared in three films, the most recent being *Bad Blood*. None have yet been finished or released, but she's hoping this signals the beginning of a career in films.

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HCHSAA Website

Our web address is www.hchsaa.org. Highlights of our site include archives of past issues of *AlumNotes*, an alum email directory and a listing of class websites and egroups. The common password for password-protected pages is: purple (all lower case).

AUTUMN RECEPTION AT HCHS

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Current HCHS students—Nick Tagher '06, William Lee '07, and Lily Mandlin '06—spoke at the reception.

William Lee, a junior, is the Vice President of the Debate Team. He pointed out that the way in which teachers conduct their classes at Hunter is striking—classes focus on students learning from each other. Teachers and administrators are accessible and they facilitate and encourage conversation. He also lauded the independence of student groups—explaining that on the Debate Team, students discuss their own ideas and upperclassmen have a great deal of responsibility to teach lower-terms.

Nick Tagher, a senior, is the president of HUNS (Hunter United Nations Society), a model U.N. club which participates in a conference in NYC each year that is attended by 2,000 students from all over the U.S. as well as a few other countries. Nick stated that the number of opportunities Hunter provides is amazing. He was on the Track Team in the past and also will participate in Washington Seminar—in which students pick issues to study and then try to organize meetings with public officials when the students travel to Washington, DC in the spring. Past officials who have met with HCHS students include Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, Secretary of the Treasury John Snow, and Senator Hillary Clinton.

Dr. Mucciolo welcomed everyone and remarked on what a unique place Hunter

is. His background in education, he said, has been with comprehensive high schools, first at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn, and then as an administrator for 16 years in high schools in New Jersey, including Ridgewood High and Ramapo High. He laughingly recounted that G.O. President Lily Mandlin, one of the first Hunter students he met—over the summer—made no bones about letting him know that “this is the way it is here and you [Mucciolo] shouldn’t get in the way!” He sees Hunter as a “throwback” to schools of 20 to 30 years ago—with students and faculty having deep feelings about the school—not the physical plant, obviously, which has been nicknamed “The Brick Prison”—but the people who comprise its community. As he’s asked students and teachers over the past couple of months what they think of their school, they have pretty unanimously replied, “we love it.” He is amazed by the outside activities of the students, including one senior he met who told him of the class in Algebraic Dynamics he is currently taking at CUNY’s Graduate Center. When Dr. Mucciolo asked what he thought of it, the student replied, “It’s a little over my head, but I enjoy it.” Dr. Mucciolo ended by saying that it’s an honor to be principal of Hunter and he’s happy to be at the school.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR DOROTHY BRODIN HELD AT HCHS

On the evening of November 3, 2005, a memorial service celebrating the life of former HCHS French teacher Dorothy Brodin was held in the auditorium of Hunter College High School. Former colleagues, students and friends gathered to share their memories of this outstanding teacher and friend (see obituary at right).

André Maman, former French Senator and Professor Emeritus at Princeton University, recalled how Dorothy and her late husband, Pierre Brodin, for many years the Directeur des Etudes at the Lycée Français de New York, were pillars of the city's French community, never too tired to help out with a project or go to a meeting or reception hosted by one or another local French organization. Mme. Brodin, he recalled, was considered by colleagues and students alike as one of the most outstanding teachers of French of her time. Senator Jacques Habert, former publisher and Editor in Chief of the French-language newspaper *France-Amérique*, recounted his memories of a dynamic, energetic woman, a deeply religious Catholic who was devoted to her church, her husband, her profession, and to the advancement of cultural relations between the two countries she loved and lived in, France and the U.S. Natalie Yates, representing the alumni of the Lycée Français, read out her brother's recollections of how Dorothy Brodin's techniques of teaching French affected his entire approach to learning and logic, and eventually to the study of advanced computer science.

Both Ellen Ritteman, an Administrative Law Judge, and Carol Stein Schoenfeld, former Hunter High students of Mme. Brodin, recalled a warm, vibrant woman who was interested in dozens of fields, an avid bicyclist who took up sailing when she was in her 40s, a woman who always had

time for her students no matter how busy she was. Dorothy's longtime friend, Dr. Barbara Andolsen, Professor of Ethics at Monmouth University, recalled phone calls to her home at 10:00 p.m. on weekday nights when Dorothy wanted to "borrow" Dr. Andolsen's ten-year-old son as a fourth for tennis doubles. Mme. Brodin's attorney and longtime friend, Thomas A. Conniff of Cusack and Styles, remembered the grace and humor that stayed with her even after her husband's fatal illness and the onset of her own gradual physical decline.

Dr. Lynn Visson, Editor, Hippocrene Books, an HCHS alumna and longtime close friend, and the organizer of the memorial service, recalled Dorothy's love of teaching and shared excerpts from the dozens of emails received in the last few months from Mme. Brodin's former students: "A remarkable teacher and elegant role model for those of us in the class of 1955 who were in her French class..." (Dr. Geraldine Schechter); "A terrific French teacher...a kind, caring and compassionate person..." (Helen O'Connor '57); "one of the best teachers I ever had..." (Karin PRAGER Lipson '62); "...her great teaching was life changing. I literally would not have had the career I did without the fluent French she inspired..." (Dana Jacobi '62); "Who does not have indelible memories of Mme. Brodin's French classes?... There is something about those individuals who give us the gift of language—they are forever with us. We hear their voices when we speak" (Margrit STOLZ Bernstein '62). It was noted that this chorus of praise for a French language teacher is all the more remarkable since Dorothy Brodin was a native speaker of English—and yet totally bilingual. A reception followed the memorial service at which Dorothy Brodin's friends informally shared their memories of her and of Hunter with each other.

Dr. Dorothy R. Brodin

Dr. Dorothy R. Brodin, former HCHS faculty member, died on August 20, 2005, at the age of 87. Dorothy taught French at HCHS from 1943–1961 and inspired generations of students with a love for the language and literature. Totally bilingual in English and French, she was a brilliant teacher and a scholar in her own right—she wrote an excellent scholarly study, *The Comic World of Marcel Aymé*. Dorothy and her late husband Pierre, who for years was the director of the Lycée Français de New York, actively promoted French literature and culture in the U.S. Dorothy developed numerous language teaching materials and was an active member and officer of the American Association of Teachers of French. Educated at Bryn Mawr, she did her graduate work (MA, PhD) at Columbia University; she also taught at the Lycée Français de New York and in later years at Lehman College (CUNY), where she was Associate Professor and later Professor Emerita. Her dedication to her students, teaching skills, breadth of culture and ability to communicate her love of language and literature made her one of Hunter's outstanding teachers. It was only Alzheimer's disease, from which she suffered for the last few years, that put an end to her long-standing contacts with her former colleagues, students, and friends in the U.S. and in France, her second homeland.

In Memoriam

Edith Spivack '25 died on July 26, 2005, at the age of 95 from complications from a hip fracture. Her obituary appeared in the July 28 edition of *The New York Times*. She was a pioneering lawyer believed to be NYC's longest-serving employee—she began working at the New York City Law Department in 1934 and continued for more than 70 years, serving under 10 mayors and 23 corporation counsels. During the city's fiscal crisis in the 1970s, Edith helped keep the city out of bankruptcy by successfully negotiating loans and recovering \$90 million in back taxes from the Penn Central Railroad. Tart of wit, Edith had a conversation with Mayor Mike Bloomberg in 2004 in which she told him she had graduated from Barnard College in 1929. When he replied that his mother had graduated from NYU in the same year, Edith remarked, "Well, I guess she couldn't get into Barnard." Edith entered Columbia Law School in 1929, just two years after that school first accepted female students. She was married to a fellow student, Bernard Goldstein, for almost 65 years, until his death in 1998, and is survived by her daughters, Rita Frank and Amy Bass, as well as four grandchildren.

Gertrude HOCHBERG Blumstein '29 (Hunter College '33) died on April 18, 2005, in Norwood, MA at the age of 91. After college, she taught high school French in NY. She married Ira Blumstein in 1942. They raised their family in

Plainfield, NJ, and Mrs. Blumstein also worked with her husband in the family drug store for many years. They later moved to Port Chester, NY, where her husband passed away in 1991; she moved to Massachusetts in 1992. She is survived by three children: Alan Blumstein of Bronxville, NY, Robert Blumstein of Westford, MA, and Carol Turkewitz of Walpole, MA, and eight grandchildren.

Joan LEHMAN Dewar, Jan. '49 died of heart complications in 2004. She had been living in Lake Geneva, WI after retiring from KLM Royal Dutch Airlines.

Dolores CERNUSCHI Fry, Jan. '50 died in September, 2005. She lived in Tarzana, CA and was a retired teacher and school administrator. She is survived by her husband, Blane Huling, and her daughter, Elisa. In the biography she prepared for her class's 50th reunion, Dolores wrote: "I spent the majority of my life teaching at the elementary school level. I did not set the world on fire, but I touched many lives and many lives touched mine."

Joanna STEIN Dalldorf, MD, '50 passed away on August 7, 2005, from lung cancer. Profiled in the spring 2005 issue of *AlumNotes*, Joanna was a retired developmental pediatrician who focused on autism. She is survived by her husband, Frederic G. Dalldorf, three children, and 10 grandchildren.

Paula SOBIN Justl '64 passed away on July 31, 2005, after a brief illness. She was a highly regarded bridge teacher who taught many hundreds of admiring students. Paula was a member of the American Contract Bridge League, where she had attained the rank of Silver Life Master, having won numerous sectional and regional events and placing highly in two national events. She was a 1968 graduate of the University of Wisconsin at Madison. Paula was the daughter of the late Eve and Irvin Sobin. She is survived by her son, Jonathan, of Columbus, OH, a brother, Joel Sobin of Long Island, NY, two nephews, many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Donations in her memory may be made to the American Diabetes Association.

The Alumnae/i Association also has been advised of the passing of the following individuals: **Eloise ULLRICH Schweitzer '25**, **Thelma Murray '29**, **Pearl PERLMAN Rowe '31**, **Ann SILVERMAN Weiss '32**, **Babette KASS Himler '36**, **Ethel Taub '36**, **Nanette HODGMAN Hayes '36**, **Mary Friedland '37**, **Alice VELASQUEZ Haden, Jan. '37**, **Shirley OPPENHEIM Schacter '37**, **Ethel BURNS Beacom '38**, **Estelle SOMMERS Opstbaum '39**, **Joan DILLENBERG Linden '43**, **Betty HUMBERT Estersohn '47**, **Catherine J. CAMPOS Andreacchi '49**, and **Denise KARCHER Lacelle '51**.

MILESTONE CLASS REUNION COORDINATORS

2006 General Reunion: Sunday, June 4, 2006

If you are a member of a milestone class (year ending in 1 or 6) and you don't see a coordinator listed for your class and would like to volunteer, please call 212-772-4079 or email hchsalsums@yahoo.com.

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