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REUNION REMINDER

All alums and especially milestone class members (1930, 1935, 1940, 1945, 1950, 1955, 1960, 1965, 1970, 1975, 1980, 1985, 1990, 1995, 2000) are invited to attend the Alumnae/i Association's General Reunion on Sunday, June 5th at the High School (94th Street & Park Ave). The day's program begins at 9:30 with check-in and a continental breakfast and includes individual class gatherings, a general assembly and a buffet luncheon. The day will end at about 3:00 p.m.

To pre-register, please use the form on the back page of this newsletter. We're looking forward to seeing you all there!

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We have archival photos and articles, past issue of *AlumNotes* (in pdf format), a directory of alum email addresses, links to class Websites and egroups, and a guestbook you can sign.

The common password for any page of our site requesting one is: *purple* (all lower case).

We welcome suggestions and comments about the Website—just drop us an email to hchsalums@yahoo.com.

HCHS STUDENTS SHINE

Senior David Vigliarolo Bauer wins national Intel Science Talent Search; Junior Kirill Skok scores perfect 2400 on New SAT

Two current HCHS students recently made the news in a big way—David Vigliarolo Bauer for winning the prestigious Intel Science Talent Search (previously known as the Westinghouse) and Kirill Skok for being one of only two New York City juniors and 107 nationwide to earn a perfect score of 2400 on the new SAT exam.

Bauer, a 17-year old resident of the Bronx who is president of Hunter's Science Club, was awarded a \$100,000 scholarship by Intel Corporation for his first-place win in the nation's oldest and most prestigious high school science competition. His project was the design of a new method using "quantum dots" (fluorescent nanocrystals) to detect toxic agents that affect the nervous system. Bauer believes his project could save thousands of lives by rapidly evaluating individual exposure to these agents. Intel CEO Craig Barrett congratulated the winners at a black-tie banquet in Washington D.C. "We look forward each year to uncovering new scientific and mathematical talent, and each year we're rewarded with an outstanding array of students whose ability to explore, imagine and discover absolutely amazes us."

This year, more than 100 scientists from a variety of disciplines reviewed 1,600 entries from 47 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia. The students ranged in age from 15 to 18, with girls representing half of the entries. From this group, 300 semifinalists were named; 40 finalists were selected to compete in Washington D.C.; and the top three winners were chosen by a 12-member panel. Science Service, a nonprofit

organization with a mission to advance the understanding and appreciation of science among people of all ages through publications and educational programs, has administered the program since its inception in 1942 (www.sciserv.org).

In addition to his love of research, Bauer is a member of the varsity fencing team and founded a nonprofit organization that raises money for social justice in Liberia. He plans to attend the CUNY Honors College in the fall to study chemistry. Interestingly, Bauer is the first New York City student to win the science competition since 1997—and the winner that year was also an HCHS student, Adam Ezra Cohen, who is currently at Stanford University.

When the SAT exam expanded from two sections to three this year, the perfect score rose from 1600 to 2400. Of the 300,000 students who took the first sitting of the new test on March 12th, the College Board reported that 107 scored a perfect 800 on each of the three sections—writing, critical reading, and math. Among them was HCHS student Kirill Skok, an immigrant from Ukraine, who said that he wasn't expecting a perfect score and when he first looked up his score online and saw the 2400 next to his name, he kept checking it again and again, afraid it was an error. The junior said that his secret to success was 12 hours of sleep the night before, confidence, and not "overthinking" the questions. He is considering applying to Columbia and the University of Chicago to study law and possibly go into politics.

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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Greetings to our fellow Hunter alums and friends! How wonderful it is to finally have spring weather upon us and tax season behind us!

Let's start with the search for a new Director of the Campus Schools & High School Principal. As we reported in the last *AlumNotes*, the search began in January for a replacement for Dr. Laurenson, who will be leaving the school at the end of June. We are delighted to report that Dr. John Mucciolo has been asked to fill the position and has accepted. He comes to us from Ridgewood High School in New Jersey where he spent the last eight years as Principal (see letter from Hunter College president Jennifer Raab on page 3 for more on Dr. Mucciolo). Much thanks to the Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Anne Prisco of Hunter College, for all its hard work to bring us to this happy conclusion. We would like to extend a warm welcome to Dr. Mucciolo, with whom we look forward to working.

We also have an update on our fundraising feasibility study. To date, our consultant, Matt Blumenfeld (HCHS '83), has completed approximately 45 face-to-face interviews with alums from many different classes. So far, the response has been generally favorable towards a campaign, and many alums feel the time is right to reach out to our community to support our alma mater. The next step in the study is to launch a survey that reaches a broader sample of the alum universe. Towards that end, we have included the survey on page 9 and encourage everyone to complete and return it to us in the enclosed envelope by June 15. We need your feedback to make this study as comprehensive as possible so that our Board of Directors can make well-informed and timely decisions about a potential fundraising campaign and the direction of the Alumnae/i Association.

Speaking of fundraising, as of the writing of this letter, we have received donations of more than \$57,000 for our current annual fund drive. This money will be disbursed to the High School soon and will be in addition to the more than \$100,000 we have already given in the current school year. Again this year, we're seeing increased giving to milestone class gifts, with the 50-year class of 1955 having already donated more than \$4,000 (and hoping to raise more) and two individuals from the 20-year class of '85 pledging \$15,000 as a challenge grant to the rest of their classmates. Thank you all for your generosity and school spirit.

We close with a reminder that our General Reunion is just around the corner on Sunday, June 5th at the High School (94th St. & Park Ave.). If you have not yet signed up, I encourage you to do so. Come see your alma mater and join your classmates and other milestone classes in remembering the wonderful experience that Hunter was for you.

Cordially,

Mimi Eng '84

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Congratulations to [Intel winner] David Bauer and to HCHS. What a change there must have been in the high school's science program from what it was when I attended in the years from 1941–1944. They never even told me that since I had become infatuated with physics, I ought to take all the math courses I could. Of course, I made up for that at Hunter College. Not a complaint, I always loved HCHS and was grateful for the opportunities it opened to me and the way it changed my life.

Rita HEISLER Paleschuck '44

To the Editor:

I am saddened to receive news of Dr. Lester Rubenstein's passing. Doc was certainly not your conventional teacher. Some students found his methods difficult and could not take his class seriously. I feel that Doc put his heart into the profession and that's what made it good.

One thing I remember especially about chemistry class was the homework. At the end of each class, if any work was getting done, Doc would usually scribble seven or eight textbook problems on a sideboard for us to complete as homework. When he wrote any more, the classroom would let out a collective groan for every extra homework problem that was assigned. That was funny.

Dr. Rubenstein was a knowledgeable, helpful and lighthearted man. He will be dearly missed.

Pak Wong '97

Dear All:

I was sad to hear about Doc Rubenstein, yet pleased to see moving memories of his devotion to students. Also, my congratulations to Tai and Judy [Wong] for their loving tribute to Ira Marienhoff who was the most memorable of teachers.

Best wishes to all,

Irv Steinfink (Retired Faculty Member)

NEW DIRECTOR/PRINCIPAL OF CAMPUS SCHOOLS SELECTED

On April 14, 2005, Hunter College president Jennifer J. Raab (HCHS '73) announced the selection of Dr. John Mucciolo as the new director of the Campus Schools and Principal of Hunter College High School. The hiring of Dr. Mucciolo came after a Search Committee, comprised of faculty members, parents, alums and College representatives, interviewed a number of candidates over the past few months.

The letter from Jennifer Raab announcing Dr. Mucciolo's appointment follows.

Dear Members of the Hunter College Campus School Community:

I am pleased to announce the selection of Dr. John Mucciolo as the new Director of the HCCS and Principal of Hunter College High School. Dr. Mucciolo brings to the position many years of experience as an educational leader and is looking forward to getting to know the Campus Schools community.

Dr. Mucciolo is currently the Principal at Ridgewood High School in New Jersey. During his eight years as Principal, he has been engaged with every aspect of the school program, including curriculum development, teacher training, student governance and service projects, facilities and budget management, and the creation of many new school and community-wide initiatives. He held two prior positions in New Jersey: Principal at Ramapo High School, and Supervisor of Instruction and then Interim Superintendent for Mountain Lakes School District.

Dr. Mucciolo began his career at Xaverian High School in Brooklyn where he worked for thirteen years, first as an English teacher and then as Assistant Principal. Dr. Mucciolo earned his undergraduate degree from the State University of New York at Stony Brook, an M.A. in English Literature from Hunter College, a Professional Diploma in Educational Leadership from St. John's University, and a Ph.D. in English Literature from the City University Graduate Center.

Dr. Mucciolo lives with his family in New Jersey. His wife, Francesca, is an artist-print-maker and an arts educator. They have two children. Their son attends Seton Hall Law School. Their daughter will receive her bachelor's degree from Hunter College in May.

Dr. Mucciolo's leadership skills, energy, and vision, along with his deep commitment to education, will bring new vitality to our community. His teaching, administrative, scholarly, and mentoring experience will enrich and strengthen our schools.

I thank everyone for supporting and participating in the comprehensive search process which has brought Dr. Mucciolo to our school. We are grateful to the members of the Search Committee, chaired by Dr. Anne Prisco, for their dedication. It is an exciting time for all of us and we look forward to Dr. Mucciolo becoming a part of the Hunter community.

Sincerely,
Jennifer J. Raab

By Judy CHIN Wong '88 and Tai Wong '88

Remember the child is still a human being.” That’s the first piece of advice that Joanna STEIN Dalldorf ’50 (Cornell ’54 & ’58), developmental pediatrician and recognized authority on autism, gave parents whose child was diagnosed with the affliction. The admonition is invariably followed by, “It’s not your fault.” Then, “Things can be done. You will see your child progress.” What is really important, according to Dalldorf, who is recently retired, is to work with parents closely and continuously and support them through this difficult process. She emphasized that physicians should call their patients regularly, especially those with chronic conditions.

Dalldorf’s route to developmental pediatrics and North Carolina, where she settled after medical school and still makes her home, is a fascinating one, and her memories offer a valuable insight into Hunter and the field of medicine a generation ago. Dalldorf may be unique in Hunter history as being the only representative of Ward’s Island. Her father, a psychiatrist, was stationed at the state mental hospital on Ward’s Island and the hospital provided housing—cottage #5. She matriculated into Hunter in the ninth grade (turning down Bronx Science) and recalls it as a very feverish, intense place. Already a “worrywart,” she recalls being told about Regents exams on the first day and actually sweating all the state exams even though the Hunter exams were, in truth, much harder. The overall stress, Dalldorf admits, took a bit of the fun out of it, but in payment she learned great study skills that she later applied in college and medical school.

She has vivid memories of the legendary English teacher, Ms. Brubaker, and her iron-clad rules. If a paper contained a grammatical or punctuation error, the paper failed.

Content, in that regard, was less important. As recompense she learned to write so well that instructors in college and medical school would ask, “How did you learn to write like this?” Dr. Helen Wittmer, who taught history, would dictate notes to the class in outline form. “It became an obsession with me. I always took notes in that form. It would drive me crazy when someone promised three main points and only came up with two.” Ray Miller, the physics teacher (and class advisor), “was a delightful woman, also of Lithuanian descent like my father.” All the teachers were very supportive even though sometimes their advice was a bit odd. Charlotte Hochman, who taught music, told them that for their health, they should eat one raw egg a day. “None of us did that,” Dalldorf confides.

Dalldorf remembers fondly some close friends from Hunter including Pat Jackson and Yolanda ASTARITA Patterson. She’s kept in touch with Yolanda, affectionately “Yo-Yo,” who is a professor emerita at California State University, East Bay.

The academic atmosphere to which she had grown accustomed at Hunter changed dramatically when she got to Cornell. Whereas at Hunter the students were highly competitive, Dalldorf found some Cornell students, especially the pre-med males, to be less friendly and to resent classmates who did well, especially female classmates. “Smart women were not always held in the highest regard—it wouldn’t make you very popular among males,” Dalldorf recalls. At Cornell she registered as a pre-med as it was “the path of least resistance” especially since both her parents were physicians and “one was inclined to go a route you had an idea about—there was no ‘career counseling’ at the time,” Dalldorf adds. “At Cornell, one of the first classrooms I entered had 300–400



Dalldorf at Kelmscott, near Oxford, England

chemistry students. I was one of two females. I had never been in a class with men before and I was socially inept,” Dalldorf relates. Thankfully Hunter had prepared her academically. All in all it was a “dreadful” change from an all-girls high school to a co-ed college. She still professes an affinity for single-sex high schools where she believes students can learn better without the distractions of dating and popularity with the opposite sex. In the same vein, Dalldorf also likes the idea of school uniforms based on the fact that clothes for teenagers are not only a significant expense but can be inappropriate and a distraction.

Her Cornell experience improved dramatically in medical school where “everyone was respectful.” She got along well with her classmates and ended up marrying one of them—Frederick Dalldorf. She completed her internship and started her residency at Cornell and finished at the University of North Carolina. “He was going into pathology and I into pediatrics—we had to find a good program that accommodated both of us. We also didn’t want to raise children in New York City—we’re both outdoors people.” Many of her contemporaries regarded their move with a bit of horror: “How could you go someplace where people speak slowly?” Dalldorf laughs. “We love it here—it’s a beautiful, dynamic place with a lot of smart people,” Dalldorf affirms.

Dalldorf's path to the pediatric specialty was a combination of interest, circumstance and the influence of the chair of Pediatrics at Cornell. "At the time there was the issue of being female—some fields, like surgery, were not particularly 'acceptable.' Women, for example, also didn't go into urology but neurology was an option." Ultimately she chose pediatrics because she enjoyed it and preferred a field that required a more cognitive approach and less dexterity. She recalls Sam Levine, the chair of Pediatrics, as "a wonderful man, great and compassionate—I wanted to be like that and surgeons were not known to be that way."

Dalldorf started first in general pediatrics and eventually directed a cystic fibrosis clinic which led to her involvement with families with chronically ill children. "While it was more satisfying to give penicillin, chronic illness is more challenging—there's more chance of family disharmony and divorce—it can be a challenge in coordinating care," Dalldorf explains. "But I loved working with the families—as time went on I became interested in chronic illnesses like cerebral palsy and autism." Eventually Dalldorf gravitated towards autism, "where the challenge is even greater—and more unpredictable—and frustrating for parents."

In the last ten years of her active career, Dalldorf worked with TEACCH [Treatment and Education of Autistic and related Communication handicapped CHildren] at the University of North Carolina. "It was very satisfying helping parents who were very challenged by their autistic children. It's very hard to tell the effect of an autistic child—sometimes it destroys families but other times it energizes them."

With regard to commonly asked questions about autism and whether the apparent increase in cases is real or illusory (better diagnosis), Dalldorf feels that it is a bit of both. It is also her view that while there are tantalizing links between certain conditions and autism, science is not really close to finding the root cause (or a cure). There is,

Dalldorf believes, some kind of genetic connection as the incidence of autism in siblings is higher than what one would expect in a random sample. As for treatment, "timely and appropriate intervention is essential," Dalldorf emphasizes. "The earlier you intervene, the less you have inappropriate behaviors. Behavioral management is key; if you can enhance communication skills you can limit the outbursts." Many autistic children can be taught and function reasonably under controlled conditions. She described the Carolina Living and Learning Center where young men in their 20s with autism collectively earn a living by making soap and baking bread. Each adult in the program has found an area where he can succeed. These adults are living comfortably and making a living.

Dalldorf retired slowly over a number of years. She eventually closed her office as new managed health programs made it more difficult for her to continue a practice that emphasized individualized care. Today, she has found a new love and career as an art docent working with the North Carolina Museum of Art. She teaches art history to retirees and also works with young children; she has found that her love of art and teaching is as intense as her love for medicine and pediatrics.

While pursuing her career, Dalldorf raised three children. Today, she has ten grandchildren. She put her children first and has no regrets. "I didn't work full-time when my children were young. I reached the level of clinical assistant professor but that was about as far as I could go without doing a lot of research. It's a choice you make. Raising a family is not easy; you have to make some compromises." She's very pleased with the way it worked out. Two of her children are physicians today and the family is very close. "The fact is you realize that nothing is more important than people loving you."

For an example of Joanna Dalldorf's work, please go to <http://www.teacch.com/treatmnt.htm#Treatment>.

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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 alums 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. And in case you didn't know, Sarah Maria (pronounced Mariah) Jones was the name given to the archetypal Hunter High Student.

ANNUAL GIVING 2004–2005: THANKS TO OUR DONORS!

Our current fundraising drive, which began in November 2004, has met with success comparable to drives of prior years, with more than \$57,000 donated to date. These monies will be disbursed in the coming months, both to areas earmarked by the donors and to areas chosen by the HCHSAA Board of Directors (after consideration of funding requests received from the High School).

Contributions to the 2004–2005 Annual Giving drive are still being accepted (please see back page). For those who wish to make a stock donation, we maintain an account with Charles Schwab for such purposes. Please contact Marge Kolb at the Alumnae/i office (email hchsalums@yahoo.com or telephone 212-772-4079) and we will be delighted to give you the transfer information.

The Board of Directors would like to thank the more than 600 individuals who have already donated this year and encourage others to send in their donations! The following individuals have given \$100 or more:

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ALUM SPEAKERS VISIT HIGH SCHOOL

Two alums visited Hunter High on March 16th to speak with current students. An excerpt from an article in the student published newspaper, *The Observer*, follows:

Array of Speakers Arrive On March 16

By Grace Kim

During the first two periods, the Macroeconomics class, taught by Martha Curtis, was excused from classes to meet and listen to Judy C. Lewent (HCHS '66), the Chief Financial Officer for Merck & Co., Inc., a global research-driven pharmaceutical company. As CFO, Ms. Lewent is responsible for the financial aspect of Merck, such as investor relations, taxes, and treasury functions. A Hunter College High School alumna, Ms. Lewent grew up in New York City, according to her lecture, and received her MBA from MIT's Sloan School of Management. Although she was the only woman in the finance major at MIT, Ms. Lewent did not encounter any stigma while working in the male-dominated business sector. "I dealt with people who only cared about how I did my job, not that I was a woman," she said.

Her lecture also touched upon the financial scandals of large corporations in the past several years as well as Merck's determination to continue researching HIV-AIDS.

Before working at Merck, Ms. Lewent was recruited by Pfizer, also a pharmaceutical company, where she worked for five years. Prior to that, she worked as an analyst for an investment bank. "I wanted to work on Wall Street," she said during her lecture of her early ambition and impetus to attend MIT and enter the business world.

During lunch, the AP science and 9th grade biology classes gathered in the auditorium to listen to Dr. Gwen Zornberg (HCHS '73), a current researcher at one of the world's largest pharmaceutical companies, Pfizer. Dr. Zornberg is a physician who specializes in issues like substance abuse and pharmaceutical drugs and is currently studying psychiatric epidemiology. There is a genetic component of schizophrenia that disrupts fetal brain development, and Dr. Zornberg's research at Pfizer consists of trying to find a drug that would fix that disorder. After spending more than a billion dollars in research, Pfizer has still been unsuccessful in finding such a drug. As a physician, she works with patients who have personality disorders, attention deficit disorders, and depression.

"It is harder to be a woman in science," she said of her years working in the medical field. "However you can still be whatever you want to be." Another Hunter College High School alumna, Dr. Zornberg credited the school for giving her the confidence to pursue her goals. "Hunter gave me the confidence to do whatever I wanted to do," she said to students. "I thought the lecture was interesting and informative, and I never knew that research could be so much fun," said Fahmul Kha, a junior in one of the AP Biology classes...

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Jeffrey Mass '82
Jane Walk Meisel '61
Melissa Starlight Metz '82
Barbara R. Miller '62
Kathi Ann Mintzer '71
Anne Simon Moffat '65
Maureen K. Molloy '49
Uli Beigel Monaco '52
Paula A. Rutkowsky Monroe '52
Nicole Morgenstern '75
Linda Mui '82
Joy Neil '93
Karen Ng '90
Annette Cassidy Noe '38
Rachel Kenyon Perkel '83
Margaret Betz Perrin '55
Chris Pieratti '65
Jane Lagoudia Pinchin '60
Laurie Ferber Podolsky '69
Grace Noguero Polakoff '77
Jennifer J. Raab '73
Janis Checkanow Nelson Ruxin '67
Hanna Kaiser Papanek '44
Marion Emanuel Parkyns '38
Miriam Sandberg Pellman '47
Chris Pieratti '65
Lois J. Radisch '68
Elaine Hanauer Ravich '66
Phyllis Reisner '51
Jocelyn Schneider Reznick, Jan. '33
Tracey Greene Riese '74
Ellen Galson Ritteman '59
Joseph Rogove '91
Esther H. Rose '71
Marcella Rosen '51
Catherine J. Ross '67
Masha Kabakow Rudman '49
Judith Sachs '64
Judith E. Schaeffer '70
Frimye Srulovitz Schaffer, Jan. '50
Carol Rosenfield Schneebaum '54
Sara Robbins Schoenwetter '65
Farimah Farhadi Schuerman '68
Ruth Schwartz '72
Shirley Bomart Schwartz, Jan. '36
Marilyn Kuperman Scott '55

Marcia Settel '70
Ronit Setton '82
Eleanor Schwarzbart Singer, Jan. '47
Wen Shen '87
Brenda Sirovich '81
Jane S. Solomon '63
Edmund Wong Soong '82
Neal A. Sotsky '84
Helene Williams Spierman '61
Gail A. Cohen Steen '54
Cecile Gerletz Steinberg '53
Frances L. Stern '66
Carol M. Stewart '41
Carol Kahn Strauss '62
Barbara N. Cohen Stratyner '68
Ruth Frankel Swift '54
Diane H. Tabakman '69
Leona Avery Tabell '60
Roshini Thayaparan '95
Dale Olsen Tritschler '83
Ursula Wolff Ulrich '55
Ira Unschuld '82
Doris Meibach Wallace '62
Judith Ruskin Wasserman '60
Hannah Brand Wayne, Jan. '52
Maira Weigel '02
Judith Weisman '69
Karen Wexler '77
Est. of Elaine M. Chase Williams '42
Marguerite Liao Williams '91
Michele L. Winter '67
Jonathan Wolff '97
David Woloch '85
Doris S. Wong '77
May Wong '72
Elaine Postelneck Yamin '54
Corinne Chin Yang '80
Nancy Yao '90
Frederick Yee '93
William Yee '84
Shelley Yu '75
Judith Segal Zabar, Jan. '50
Mireille Erdman Zarin '54
Vera Lenchner Zolberg, Jan. '50
Cathy Hutchings Zumoff '64

*List is current as of April 22, 2005.
Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this list.
We regret any errors or omissions.*

Please note: This list does not include names of individuals who have made contributions to their Class Gift.

PLANNING TO GIVE

by Christina M. Mason '75

There is a common perception that planned giving is something that only very wealthy individuals should consider. However, this is not the case and two relatively simple techniques are available to those of lesser means to benefit their favorite charity (including HCHSAA) while achieving other goals for themselves and their loved ones.

What is a planned gift? A planned gift is a gift to charity that will take effect upon the occurrence of a future event, typically the death of the donor or the expiration of a specified number of years. These types of gifts are unique in that they can accommodate both the desire of the donor to support his or her charity of choice and the need or desire of the donor to retain use of the property for him- or herself or family members.

The simplest form of planned gift is a bequest under the donor's Will. Since the donor will have full use of his or her property until death, and can change the provisions of his or her Will at any time up until then, this is a simple way of benefitting a charity without making a major commitment of funds during the donor's lifetime. Even a small gift of \$1,000 or less can be bequeathed to charity by Will. If there are family members who need to be provided for (such as a spouse, life partner or children), the gift to charity can be made contingent upon one or more family members predeceasing the donor. In the alternative, property can be held for the life of a family member and then paid to charity.

For individuals who have estates that will be subject to estate tax [Federal estate taxes are imposed on taxable estates in excess of \$1,500,000 (which amount will increase to \$3,500,000 between now and 2009) and New York imposes tax on taxable estates of more than \$1,000,000], a cash gift to charity can reduce the amount of tax that is paid. Assets passing to charity are deductible for estate tax purposes. For a New York taxable estate, this can result in estate tax savings of up to about 55% of the value of the gift to charity. Even if the donor's estate will not be subject to estate taxes, the donor will still have the satisfaction of knowing that his or her favorite charity will benefit from his or her support when he or she or family members are no longer in need of the assets.

Individual retirement accounts and similar plans are an even better way to make a gift to charity and will result in tax savings even for those estates that do not pay estate taxes. IRAs and similar plans are generally designed to be consumed during the life of the plan holder and his or her spouse (who receive preferred treatment under the tax laws). These types of plans are not a very efficient way of transferring assets to children or other individuals. Consider an IRA owner with a taxable estate in the maximum brackets for Federal and New York estate tax purposes. Not only will the IRA be subject to an estate tax of up to about 55%, but income taxes will be levied as well. The beneficiary of an IRA belonging to

a resident of New York City or other high tax jurisdiction may receive only about one-third of the IRA's value after payment of all the taxes. Estates of people with more modest means will pay income tax on a retirement plan, even if the estate does not pay estate tax. In either case, the beneficiary of the IRA does not get the full benefit of the plan holder's generosity.

If the plan holder's favorite charity (including HCHSAA) is designated as the beneficiary of the IRA or other plan, the plan holder's estate will get a charitable deduction for both estate and income tax purposes. The charity will get the benefit of the entire account (or whatever percentage has been designated for the charity) and the plan holder's loved ones can enjoy his or her other property at a reduced tax cost.

The rules governing retirement plans are quite complex and even the simplest Will provisions can have unintended consequences. Anyone interested in making a planned gift with his or her Will or retirement account should consult with his or her tax and legal advisors.

For those interested in learning more about helping HCHS, please call the Alumnae/i Association office at 212-772-4079.

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Preserve the Future & Join a Special Group

Not everyone can make a large gift to benefit HCHS during their lifetime, but you can help future students by remembering the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association in your will. Your legacy can mean a brighter future for our alma mater. By including the HCHS Alumnae/i Association in your will or estate plans, you will help continue the special enrichment projects that we fund at HCHS. If you have already included HCHSAA in your will, thank you! If you'd like to include us, please use the designation: "Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, Inc., a New York not-for-profit corporation."

HUNTER COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNAE/I ASSOCIATION SURVEY

As reported in the last issue of *AlumNotes*, the HCHSAA is working with alum Matt Blumenfeld '83 on a fundraising feasibility study. Please take a few moments to fill out this survey and return it by June 15 to the Alumnae/i Association in the envelope provided. You only need to fill in the questions that you feel comfortable answering. If you prefer, you may take the survey online at <http://surveymonkey.com/s.asp?u=980201008227/>. Thank you for your participation.

Name (Optional): _____ Class Year: _____

City/State where you live: _____

1. How would you characterize your experience at HCHS? ☐ Highly Favorable ☐ Favorable ☐ Unfavorable

2. On a 1–5 scale with 5 being the highest rating, how would you evaluate:
the overall quality of education you received at HCHS _____
and HCHS's importance to you today _____

3. What are your fondest memories of HCHS? Check any that apply.

☐ Favorite classes/teachers, for example: _____

☐ After school programs, for example: _____

☐ Sports, for example: _____

☐ Performing arts, for example: _____

☐ Other, for example: _____

4. Do you feel sufficiently informed about HCHS and the HCHSAA today? ☐ Yes ☐ No

5. What do you like/not like about *AlumNotes*? _____

6. Do you visit or use the HCHSAA Website? ☐ Yes ☐ No

7. Do you think the HCHSAA should play a more active role in supporting the school? ☐ Yes ☐ No

8. Would you be willing to come back to HCHS to share your career and life experiences with current students and/or recent graduates? ☐ Yes ☐ No

9. Over the past twelve months have you contributed to HCHSAA?

☐ Dues ☐ Annual Fund Drive ☐ Milestone Class Gift

Why/Why Not? _____

10. What types of events or gatherings could the HCHSAA sponsor that would interest you? **Check any that interest you.**

☐ Networking Events

☐ Discussion Groups

☐ Dinners or Galas

☐ House Parties

☐ Readings Featuring Alums

☐ School Presentations & Performances

☐ Athletic Events

☐ Homecoming at the School

☐ Other (Please Comment): _____

The HCHSAA is considering embarking on a major fundraising drive in order to provide greater assistance to current and future generations of HCHS students.

11. How would you characterize your attitude towards the idea of the HCHSAA undertaking a major fund drive to benefit HCHS?

1	2	3	4	5
Unfavorable		Moderately Favorable		Highly Favorable

12. Where would you like to see funds used? (i.e. towards an endowment, for the library, for specific programs, etc.) _____

13. How do you think funds can best be raised? _____

14. Would you contribute personally to a campaign? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

15. Would you consider making a multi-year pledge to maximize the impact of your commitment?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe

16. Do you think your company would contribute to this program via a grant or matching gifts program?

☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Maybe ☐ N/A (e.g. self-employed, retired)

17. Would you consider a planned gift or bequest to benefit HCHS? ☐ Yes ☐ No

18. Would you be interesting in volunteering for a campaign? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If so, would you be willing to:

- ☐ attend meetings
- ☐ help plan and participate in events
- ☐ act as a liaison with your class
- ☐ act as a regional liaison (e.g. New England, Southern California, etc.)
- ☐ help organize an alumnae/i professional affinity group

19. Other comments: _____

Have you paid your annual dues yet? (Check your dues expiration date—MONTH/YEAR—above your name on the back page.) If not, please feel free to return your dues along with your survey in the envelope provided. **Thank you so much for your assistance.**

ALUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rose COSTANZA Tangredi '41 has published a memoir entitled *From the Door to the Gate*, which includes a chapter about Hunter High. The story begins at the Door, an opening in a medieval wall in a hilltop town in Southern Italy, and ends at the Gate, a community for active adults. Tangredi's book can be purchased from: www.lulu.com/Rose.

Toni FARINELLA Rey, who attended Hunter High from 1948 through 1951, just published her new book *Still Working After All These Years* (Llumina Press). It's a nonfiction book about those who continue to work after the usual retirement age of 65. The book is available at LLuminaPress.com, Amazon.com and BarnesandNoble.com.

Ilene EDELSTEIN Beckerman '53 has a new book which came out in April 2005: *Makeovers at the Beauty Counter of Happiness* (Algonquin Books), in which the author mentions Hunter Elementary, which she also attended. The book is a look at the doubts, dreams, and hard-earned triumphs of women, from the Audrey Hepburn era to the era of Britney Spears. *Publisher's Weekly* says of the book: "Beckerman wants to teach her young granddaughters, especially 11-year-old Olivia, not to become preoccupied with externals. She employs funny, often rueful observations, unsent fan letters to movie stars and simple, whimsical drawings to underscore her familiar point: beauty comes

from within." Beckerman is also the author of *Love, Loss, and What I Wore* and *Mother of the Bride: The Dream, The Reality, The Search for a Perfect Dress*, both of which have been reissued in paperback by Algonquin.

Rose Hartman '55, Special Events Photographer, is part of a group show at the Library of Performing Arts at Lincoln Center (through May).

Maggie (Marilyn) SCHNEIDER Cohen '56, a well-known interior designer, was doubly honored at the 2004 ASID (American Society of Interior Designers) New York Metro Interior Design Competition awards ceremony. She won both First Place and an Honorable Mention in the Residential category for her work respectively on the renovation of a multi-functional kitchen in a Westchester Dutch Colonial farmhouse and the transformation of a "style-less" 6-room, pre-war NYC apartment into a "feminine, but strong...practical, yet romantic...traditional, yet not stodgy" space with the "soul of Provence." Cohen is the founding principal in the Manhattan firm of Room Services Designs, Inc. She has also authored and scripted her own layman's video guide to interior design and has been a frequent contributor to design publications.

Carol Rosen '67 has published *Sam Shepard: A Poetic Rodeo* (Palgrave/Macmillan, 2004). This book focuses on the dynamic action and heightened theatricality that characterize

the many plays written by this Pulitzer Prize-winning playwright. In an overview of his career, this book examines Shepard's plays in both a cultural and theatrical context, showing how plays such as *Fool For Love*, *True West*, and *The Late Henry Moss* extend the boundaries of conventional psychological drama. The book also features an in-depth discussion of *Man Fly*, Shepard's unpublished, unproduced version of Faust, as well as a rare major interview with the playwright. Dr. Rosen is Professor of English at Stony Brook University, where she was previously Director of the Graduate Programs in Theatre Arts and Dramaturgy. Her previous publications include *Plays of Impasse* (Princeton University Press). She is currently working on a study of modern responses to tragedy.

Simone Schloss '75 will be performing her first solo cabaret show, *The Girl From...*, on June 19th at 7 p.m. at the Encore Piano Bar and Show Room, 266 W. 47th Street (www.TheEncoreNYC.com, for reservations, call 212-221-3960). The show derives its title from Stephen Sondheim and Mary Rodgers' *The Boy From...*, a comical, gender-bending tribute to Brazilian composer Antonio Carlos Jobim's *The Girl from Ipanema*. Learn where Schloss has been and how that informs her perspective as she shares her love of Jazz, Latin style, musical comedy and the American songbook in this intimate hour of cabaret.

You can have your announcement published by writing or emailing the Alumnae/i office.

ALUMS SEEN & HEARD...

Alison Ozer '70 on WFCR (public radio) in Amherst, MA, with a commentary on reuniting with neighborhood friends and another on the conflict in the Middle East. Audio is archived at http://www.wfcr.org/OLD_WWW/commentary.html...H.H.Cooper '81 working around NYC on the set of the new movie *Freedomland*, starring Julianne Moore and Samuel L. Jackson (Cooper is the Assistant Director). The movie is scheduled for release in January 2006... **Jeff "King Django" Baker '85** performing at the NYC Ska Festival at Rare Nightclub on April 1... **Arthur Chi'en '87**, a reporter for

CBS-2 News, MC'ing the Asian American Tsunami Relief Fundraising Banquet on February 1, at the Golden Bridge Restaurant... Soprano **Serena Benedetti '90** singing in Bach's St. John Passion at the Church of St. Ignatius Loyola on March 18, as part of the Sacred Music in a Sacred Space concert series... **Chuma Hunter-Gault '90** on the March 12 episode of CBS's *Without a Trace* (a rebroadcast from Feb. 5, 2004)... **Amy Sohn '91**, novelist and *New York Magazine* columnist, appearing in a reading of a funny and smart new play by Randy Noojin, *The Complaint*, playing a femme fatale, on April

4 at Baruch College's Engleman Recital Hall... **Judd Greenstein '97** participating in an evening entitled "Emerging Composers" on February 23 at Merkin Concert Hall, where attendees heard his music and then the stories behind his work in an informal discussion from the stage. Greenstein's new, large-scale political work entitled "Free Speech Zone" was performed on February 26 by NOW Ensemble at the Tenri Cultural Institute in NYC... **Jessica Swain '04** playing the lead role of Charity in *Sweet Charity* on March 3-6th, at the Tansill Theater on the campus of Connecticut College, where she is a freshman.

CLASS NOTES

1940s

Marjorie CALDWOOD Parrish, Jan. '40 is on the board of the Salvation Army Borden Ave. Men's Shelter in Long Island City; has been active for many years with the Telephone Pioneers (a community service group); started the Hug-a-Bear program with NYC EMS to provide teddy bears to children; and buys/collects/donates items to care facilities, inmates at Rikers Island, Hour Children and My Mother's House. She also clips coupons for military members overseas and has been involved in reading programs at her local public school. She has one son and two grandchildren; her granddaughter speaks fluent Mandarin Chinese after spending some time in China and will graduate from George Washington University this spring. • **Sandra LONDON Schulman, Jan. '46** (Hunter College Jan. '50), and her husband, Dr. Ben Schulman (also Hunter College Jan. '50), were honored on January 30, 2005, by the Southern California Region and the International B'nai B'rith for their years of service to the organization and the community at large. • **Esther SILVER Hovey, Jan. '46** (listed incorrectly in current alumni directory as class of '36) and her son Daniel are currently completing the editing of the third book of a four-volume edition of *The Songs of Robert Burns* (Mel Bay Publications). The songbooks include all 324 of the Scottish poet's musical compositions as researched and arranged by her late husband, Serge Hovey.

1960s

Sylvia Ruth GREENWALD Stella '69 returned to the professional workforce in May 2004 doing graphic arts and as Document Control Coordinator at Topre America Corp., the first American factory of a Japanese metal stamping and welding company that makes parts for Nissan, Honda, and Toyota. She lives with her two daughters (high school freshman, Clare, and senior, Miriam) in Cullman, AL. Her son, Adam, is at Temple University in Philly. (Yes, they

all have curly hair!) Come down and see us, y'all! (sstella@topreamerica.com).

1970s

Alison Ozer '70 is still connected to Dance—she is an avid Swing, Latin, and Tango dancer and supports her daughter, Mariel Adams, age 14 1/2, as she becomes a Little Lindy-Hop star. Mariel also performs Ballet, Modern, and Jazz and acts, sings and dances in musicals. Alison and her daughter are involved in the production of Amherst Ballet's *Ballet Stories*, based on Jane Yolen and Heidi Stemple's book, *The Barefoot Book of Ballet Stories*, which will be a major production at UMASS Fine Arts Center over Memorial Day. Son Ian is a budding photographer, studying at the professional Hallmark Institute of Photography and will attend Hampshire College. He is already getting jobs and submitting towards gallery shows and publication; his Website is: <http://f4shi0nabl3.deviantart.com/gallery/>. • **Nancy Fliesler '78 (ICY)** married Henry Schwan in 2002 and gave birth to Martine Ilana Schwan on March 6, 2004. She has been living in the greater Boston area since 1984 and is currently a science writer at Children's Hospital Boston. She produced and directed "Lifestyles of the Poor and Unknown" (2000), a documentary about a developmentally disabled couple (see her "hopelessly out-of-date" Website at www.nansonaproductions.com). She now lives in Framingham, MA and would love to hear from fellow Hunterites (email to: nansona@comcast.net).

1980s

Katherine FRINK-Hamlett '82 is the founder and president of Frink-Hamlett Legal Solutions, a legal placement firm specializing in both permanent and contract placements for exceptional legal professionals (www.frinkhamlett.com). She is also a regularly featured columnist in the *New York Law Journal Magazine* where she writes the Q&A column "Diversity in Action." •

Jane E. Ossandon '85 writes that she will not be able to attend her class's 20th reunion this June. She was planning to, but then found out in January that she is pregnant with her first child, due July 24th. She and her partner, Matthias Schonfeld, are very happy about this addition to their family, but she can't foresee travel from Germany to NY in her 8th month. Her job at the cabin management headquarters at Lufthansa Frankfurt is really varied and never boring—she takes care of the Indian, Japanese and Thai flight attendants who are based outside of Germany, performing her job half in German and half in English. She hopes all her classmates have fun at the reunion. • **Joel Hornstein '88** and his wife Emily welcomed their first child in March.

1990s

Nina HABIB Spencer '90 writes: Before I get into the details of our lives, let me remind everyone that the Class of 1990's 15th reunion will be on June 25th at 7:00 p.m. at Sugar, in Tribeca. Please contact me for more information. It promises to be a fantastic (read: open bar), memory-filled (read: lots of cheesy 80's music), interesting (read: chance to see what your 10th grade crush looks like today) evening. Many thanks to **Mark Kondraki** and **Cecilia Oh** for helping to make it all possible! On to the good stuff: **Liat Kaplan** writes that she is ensconced in Zurich, Switzerland, enjoying life as a radiologist at Nighthawk Radiology, a U.S.-based practice. **Chen-Li (Anthony) Sung** is serving Uncle Sam these days as an army surgery resident. He's moving to Honolulu in July, and those of us who know him well will miss him lots. It was great to hear from **Joe Lazauskus**, who's a member of the Community Emergency Response Team for the Borough of Maywood, NJ's Office of Emergency Management. Good news from **Devra ESKIN Ramsey** and her husband Joe Ramsey: they welcomed daughter Cassia Lloyd into the world in December 2004. **Cathy Council** writes from White Plains, NY to tell us that **LaTisha Miles** recently

married Darren Elcock and is the proud mom of baby Adia Kali Elcock, born February 2005. **Adam "Scoop" Horowitz** has had a pretty great year—he's writing for and producing the critically acclaimed show, *Lost*, on ABC, and enjoying L.A. with his wonderful wife of one year. **Kinsey Dinan** wrote to tell me that she married Bobby Pineiro in 2003, lives in Jackson Heights, Queens and is working for the National Center for Children in Poverty at Columbia University. The career of **Serena Benedetti** becomes more impressive with every update. In May, she will debut as Fiordiligi in Mozart's *Così Fan Tutte* with the Utah Opera, and will sing the part of Violetta in *La Traviata* with the Lake Placid Sinfonietta in July. Serena's fans can follow her career on her Website: serenabenedetti.com. She also writes that she saw **Randy Eng's** new opera, which premiered in a new composers series in Brooklyn several months back, and was extremely impressed. **Stephen Nachamie** continues his work as a director in NYC, developing a new musical, *Vanity Fair*. His work has been seen in regional theaters across the U.S. and in Europe. Check him out at stephennachamie.com. I am also pleased to share that **Naomi BERNER Derner** and hubby Ethan welcomed their daughter Claire Derner into the world on January 12, 2005. Naomi's taking some time away from the office these days to spend time with Claire...The amazing mom award this month goes to **Dana RATHKOPF Hunter**, who is a fellow in medical oncology at Memorial Sloan Kettering in NYC and also the mother of TWIN boys Benjamin and Lucas. Her life is made easier by a valuable new mom group started by **Christina SOTO Sargeant** called Mama Llama (www.mamallama.citymax.com), which Dana highly recommends for any new moms in NYC. I saw **Mark Kondraki** and met his lovely wife Kim at the alum reception at Hunter's recently refurbished library last fall. Mark is the president of Jump NYC, a Website/marketing/production firm with clients from fashion to finance. He and Kim live in Manhattan, and he's been exceedingly

helpful in assembling the Webpage and sending out the evites for our 15th reunion—thank you, Mark! One person you might not see at reunion is **Keisha Sutton**, but that's because she's expecting her first child on June 7th. **Ariane Randall** writes in from the Bay Area to tell us that she graduated from Life Chiropractic College in December 2004 with a degree of Doctor of Chiropractic. After five long hard years of work, she's taking off for South America and Europe for a few months. And if you've picked up a magazine lately, chances are you've read an article or two by **Alexandra Jacobs**. A couple of months ago, I read her terrifically insightful interview of starlet Mischa Barton (it was the *Allure* magazine cover story), in which she referred to the paparazzi as "Argus-eyed." Like they say, you can take the girl out of Hunter, but...And as for me, **Nina HABIB Spencer**, my husband Parke, my three-year-old son Jack and I welcomed baby Athena to our family in November 2004. I'm officially an at-home mom these days, and understand completely why my friend once said that if

you have two kids, you might as well have twelve. That's all for now. Please send any future updates to nhspencer1@aol.com. See you at reunion! • **Rose PLATT '96** has recently returned to Manhattan (via a fabulous cross-country drive) after enduring three and a half years in San Francisco. Her current occupations include project management for Bryant Park and the 34th Street BID, reviewing fiction for *Publisher's Weekly*, and planning her wedding to her partner of nearly three years. In her copious free time she makes sixteen different kinds of handicrafts and enjoys her extensive collections of significant others, science fiction anthologies, and incomplete college degrees. Rose would love to hear from any old friends in the New York or Boston areas who feel like getting together outside of the Officially Sponsored Reunions. Her email address is rose@tocotox.net; the more intrepid explorer may wish to visit her journal at <http://rosefox.livejournal.com/>.

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

HUNTERITES IN THE NEWS

Miriam SANDBERG Pellman '47 was the subject of a February 20, 2005 article in *The New York Times* entitled "Listen Closely, Lean Forward and Squint—Miriam Pellman's high-level dance lessons." Pellman is a docent for the New York City Ballet—a volunteer who educates audiences about the dance. In the article, choreographer and dance critic Leigh Witchel says of Pellman: "Miriam is a great docent...She's able to lead beginners through the basics. She's one of those supereducated, all-around New Yorkers who go to everything. It's a dying breed."

Judith E. Schaeffer '70 had an op-ed piece entitled "For Gay and Lesbian Couples, a New Wrinkle at Tax Time" published in the April 7, 2005 edition of *USA Today*. In the article, Schaeffer, who married her partner of 26 years in Toronto last year, expresses her protest of the federal government's unwilling-

ness to recognize her marital status, which she considers an unconstitutional deprivation of her right to equal protection under the law.

Jennifer J. Raab '73, president of Hunter College, was recently appointed to a NYC Charter Revision Commission by Mayor Michael Bloomberg. She is one of 13 members appointed to the panel whose charge is to review the entire City Charter, hold hearings in all five boroughs to solicit public input, and issue a report outlining findings and recommendations to amend or revise the Charter. Bloomberg stated: "I have asked the Commission to explore the issues of fiscal stability, judicial reform and administrative efficiency and accountability. I know these individuals will give these important issues the attention they deserve."

Editor's Note: These items are based on news accounts sent in by alums or their classmates, or that the editors have come across.

In Memoriam

Jean LUBARSKY Malam '36 passed away on February 7, 2005, at the age of 87, at her home in Shrewsbury, MA. After Hunter, she attended Hunter College and Columbia University. She was a long-time resident of White Plains and a teacher in the public school system there. She was a devoted advocate of reading and education and volunteered many hours of her time for social causes. She is survived by her husband, Samuel, to whom she was married for 61 years, two sons, and four grandchildren.

Pearl Dorothy BLISSAK Michaels '54 died in January, 1994. It was only recently that her cousin, George Augenstein, discovered this while conducting a computer search for past school friends. Details surrounding her death are not readily available as her parents had been long deceased. Dorothy had many friends at

Hunter High and went on to graduate from Hunter College, becoming a teacher in the NYC school system. For those who remember Dorothy and would be interested in gathering in her remembrance, please contact George Augenstein at 19 Fir Rd., Stafford Twshp, NJ 08050, 201-400-6905, geoaugie@yahoo.com.

Laurie Ann Linton '75 died on January 10, 2005, in New York City, after a long illness. After graduating from Hunter, she attended Wesleyan, and then Columbia Law School, and began her career as a litigator at Weil, Gotshal & Manges. She subsequently turned her attention to the public sector, working in positions with the NYS Attorney General's Office, the NYC Human Resources Administration, the NYC Comptroller's Office, and as counsel to the Governor's Office under Mario Cuomo. Her work affected issues

ranging from campaign finance legislation to welfare reform, the state budget, and charities fraud. Her contribution as an activist in the gay and lesbian community was even more profound—she was a founder and board member of the Empire State Pride Agenda and was instrumental in their work to pass both the Hate Crimes Bill and the Sexual Orientation Nondiscrimination Act. She also served as a director of the Lesbian and Gay Law Association of Greater New York and was, until her death, vice president of the Stonewall Community Foundation's Board of Directors. Laurie is survived by her brother, Robert, her longtime companion, Murphy, and a host of beloved friends.

The Alumnae/i Association also has been advised of the passing of the following individuals: **Dellora HOWARD Hercules '36** and **Beatrice BOOKER Bostic, Jan. '40**.

REUNION

Sunday, June 5, 2005: General Reunion

Location

Hunter College High School
71 East 94th Street
(between Park and Madison)

Time

9:30 a.m. to approx. 3:00 p.m.

(Registration form on back page)

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