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Special Gifts by Alums Enrich the HCHS Experience

BY VICKI BLASS FITZGERALD '49

Sister Beryl Herdt '50, a Roman Catholic nun, made a substantial gift in honor of her parents. Miriam WEIL Rand '32, a travel industry entrepreneur, gave the proceeds of a birthday gala, organized in her honor by colleagues. Dorothy Brodin, a former foreign language faculty member and department head, made a sizeable bequest. Eleanor ULLMAN Light, Jan. '49 donated the payment made to her by the French government as World War II reparations. And still another, particularly generous gift, came from Ann Domidion '40, a graduate whose work with the US Agency for International Development had taken her to Latin America, Asia and Africa.

What these five women have in common is their association with Hunter College High School, four as graduates and one as a longtime teacher -- and further, that they have contributed significant funds either as "special gifts" during their lifetimes or as bequests or "planned gifts" through their wills.

Sister Beryl Herdt stipulated that her donation be used to help Hunter students in need and said she hopes to inspire other alums to give. She works and is active with her order at Dominican College outside

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Meet Acting Principal
Dr. Tony Fisher

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Introducing Supreme Court Justice Elena Kagan

The Alumnae/i Association proudly congratulates Elena Kagan '77 on her new position as an Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court.

Upon being confirmed by a 63-37 Senate vote on Thursday, August 5, 2010, Elena became the fourth woman ever to rise to the nation's highest court. Two days later, Chief Justice John G. Roberts, Jr. swore her in as the nation's 112th Supreme Court Justice. When the Court began its new term on October 4, Elena joined fellow New Yorkers Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor on the bench, establishing the first Court in history with three female justices. Elena replaces Justice John Paul Stevens, who served since 1975.

According to Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy, Elena "earned her place at the top of the legal profession."

A timeline of Elena's academic and



Elena Kagan '77 during her testimony before the Judiciary Committee in June.

professional career (see page 17) provides some context for Senator Leahy's statement. Impressive at every stage, Elena's career is perhaps most notable for its steep upward trajectory. It seems clear she was always destined for something rather big, even if it wasn't a seat on the Supreme Court.

As certain as her confirmation was sometimes portrayed in the press, it was always

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HCHS Class of 2010: AA's newest members



Justin Hudson '10

The Alumnae/i Association welcomed 181 new members on June 24 in the Assembly Hall at Hunter College North, as the Class of 2010 joined its ranks.

In a two-hour ceremony packed with the sage advice of educators and alums, it was the raw words of two new grads that stole the show.

In addition to conducting two of the evening's four formal musical pieces, Benji Goldsmith '10 performed an original selection written especially for the event.

Commencement, a piece for piano and voice,

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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Fellow Hunter High Graduates,

I hope that everyone has enjoyed a productive and fun summer. We at the HCHSAA were busy this summer — more on that below — and look forward to the start of another school year and AA work and activities.

I want to especially thank and recognize two Board members who have given incalculable service to Hunter itself and to the AA, who, due to term limits, will not be part of the Board this new year, Marjorie LANDSBERG Goldsmith '61 and Purvi Sevak '91, both of whom are marvelous fellow alums and friends. I also greatly thank Rosalind PERLOW Kaplan '57 and Susan MAJORS Battley '68, who will also not be returning to the AA Board. I welcome our new Board members, Gloria Lerner '60, Alexis Fermanis '94, Agnes Park '97 and Derek Kan, '02 to our lively group.

The High School and its graduates have seen a lot of press recently and it deserves our collective attention — it is nothing but easy and wonderful to delight in the appointment of one of our own, Elena Kagan '77, as an Associate Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States. However, two other issues have also been in the media and gained our attention — and after doing our homework and having many discussions with people at the high school and Hunter College, we believe that they ARE two separate concerns, not conflated as media articles suggest. I refer to the changeover of the principals at HCHS in the past several years, and this year's student graduation speech highlighting the challenges facing Hunter (and the other public schools and programs with entry requirements) to reflect the diversity of the City of New York, the community from which the school draws its student body.

For those who remember the school in their own years of attendance, we ourselves have realized in conversation that the public school system and entry to Hunter have evolved and changed through the years-- middle school now starts after 5th grade. When I was a kid, elementary school ended after 6th grade, so Hunter's 7th grade entry was consistent with the overall system, but that is not true today. Hunter in the 1960s also accepted girls (after the test) in 9th and 10th grade — not the case for many years with respect to admission of girls only or entry in later grades. These are only two of many specifics that may impact the diversity pattern over the years that we span as a collective of Hunter graduates.

On August 18th, some of us met with the acting principal at Hunter, Dr. Tony Fisher. It was an excellent, long meeting and the five of us who attended all came away very favorably impressed with Tony and with much of substance to think about. He was thoughtful, shied away from “sound bites” and assured us — promised us — that he not only knows what the problems are, but has plans and strategies to address them now and going forward in the long term.

As to the controversies at hand, Tony told us that Dr. Eileen Coppola formally resigned before graduation. The administration rightly chose to wait until after graduation to tell the faculty and the HCHS community so that graduation would focus on the graduates themselves.

Tony shared with us that the faculty committee of Term Advisors who choose the student speech for graduation are of many minds concerning diversity (as are alums) and so the choice of this year's student speech in his view was motivated by the quality and passion of the language, not necessarily the opinions of the faculty on the subject Justin Hudson addressed.

I and other Board members have also spoken with Hunter College President Jennifer Raab, several faculty and PTA members, as well as many friends and classmates about these issues. There are many opinions about them, but while we don't have any solutions yet, we believe that with more study and discussion, Hunter will emerge from these controversies stronger than ever.

As I hope you have seen, we have tried to share a bit about Tony in his own words on page 9. We also share the full text of Justin Hudson's graduation speech. Justin was a recipient of one of our faculty selected alum awards and we also share his great thank you letter. I invite everyone to read these pieces by Tony and Justin and we welcome your thoughts and comments on them, and will publish them in the letters section of coming *AlumNotes* and/or on the Hunter website.

In addition, Tony Fisher has been closely involved with Eileen Coppola in crafting two programs which the AA has strongly supported thanks to your generosity—the gifts from many alums have made it possible to help fund them. These programs are designed to identify potential learning problems and help new students overcome them — 7th and 8th graders who need help with writing, math or study skills necessary for success at Hunter now will be able to receive it.

I invite you also to join us at AA events which we are planning for this coming Fall and Spring. I hope this issue of *AlumNotes* will shed light on, and thank all those who have supported Hunter and the AA. Many thanks!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joan Rosenthal".

Joan Rosenthal
President

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Welcome New Alumnae/i Association Board Members

Each year the Association publishes an invitation to alums interested in serving on the board of directors. We are pleased to welcome the following new members to the Alumnae/i Association board.

Derek Kan '02 graduated from Carnegie Mellon University in 2006 with a Bachelor of Science in Public Policy and Management and a Minor in Business Administration. He is currently Director of Strategic Operations for Datran Media in New York City, a leading digital marketing technology company that helps advertisers and publishers discover and reach their ideal audiences. Prior to joining Datran in 2006 he was with Chandler Creative. Derek completed his marketing internship at MTV Networks. He is interested in golf, skiing, basketball, music, social media, and media technology. His prior volunteer experience with the AA includes creating and managing HCHSAA's Facebook page and serving on the 2010 Gala Committee.

Alexis Fermanis '94 is an orthodontist with a private practice in Rye, NY. She received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University in 1998 and her Doctorate of Dental Surgery degree from Columbia University in 2002. Dr. Fermanis completed her residency in orthodontics at Columbia University and was also awarded her M.S. degree that same year. Her area of research is in bone growth and development as it relates to osteoporosis. She is the author of several professional articles including "The Future of Dentistry: Dental Practice in the 21st Century" published in *The New York State Dental Journal* in 2001. She is a member of numerous professional organizations including the International Association for Dental Research, American Association of Women Dentists, American Dental Association, and American Association of Orthodontists. She has served on the board of the Columbia University Orthodontic Alumni Association since 2006 and as treasurer of the Hellenic Dental Association since 2007. Cooking, yoga, running, and traveling are just some of her hobbies.

Gloria I. Lerner '60 is a marketing and advertising sales professional. She currently works for Forbes Media where she is responsible for creating, packaging and selling special advertising sections to leading US corporations. Prior

to joining Forbes Media in 2005, Lerner worked in a similar capacity for *Fortune* Magazine, *Frequent Flyer* Magazine and McGraw-Hill. She received her Bachelor's of Business Administration in Marketing Management from Baruch College. Lerner's prior volunteer experience with the AA includes serving as her class coordinator for Milestone Reunions. She attends theater/opera and loves films, especially foreign films. She takes water aerobics classes and loves to swim. She also plays bridge and recently started a book club. She currently lives in Manhattan.

Agnes Park '97 is an attorney whose practice is comprised of mergers and acquisitions, securities transactions and general corporate work. She currently works with Zukerman Gore Brandeis & Crossman LLP. Ms. Park has previously been an associate at Schulte Roth & Zabel LLP as well as O'Melveny & Myers LLP since graduating from NYU School of Law in 2004. She received her Bachelor's in Politics and Sociology *magna cum laude* from the NYU College of Arts & Science in 2001. She currently lives in Manhattan.

Welcome Class of 2010

We're pleased to welcome the members of the Class of 2010 to the Alumnae/i Association. We're glad to have you join us and we wish you the best in your future endeavors.

The Alumnae/i Association publishes this newsletter several times each year in an effort to keep alums informed about each other and about our alma mater. We also maintain a website – www.hchsaa.org – and send email updates to share news with you in a timely manner. (To join our email list just drop us a line at hchsalums@yahoo.com) The AA also sponsors several social events each year, including the annual Reunion in early June, the Autumn Reception, as well as theater parties, museum tours, Young Alums Happy Hours and Alum Author Receptions. In addition to serving alums, we help Hunter address the needs of its current students. The Alumnae/i Association has given more than \$100,000 to the High School in each of the past six years.

Dues Due?

Your annual dues expiration date (Month/Year) is printed above your name and address on the back page of this newsletter. If you're "due," please consider paying today. Dues are tax-deductible and are used to support the operations of our office – including production of *AlumNotes*, maintenance of our website and online alum directory, and organizing the various social events we hold throughout the year.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

To the Editor:

Thank you so much for the invitation to be part of the June Alumnae/i festivities. Although I cannot attend, I would like to extend my wishes to all alums, especially those of you that I taught in the milestone classes of 1970 through 1995. From reading *AlumNotes*, I know your lives are full and successful. I hope they are happy as well. Good luck to all of you; have a great time at the reunion celebrations! I remain your loving CT/English teacher and Assistant Principal.

As a graduate of January '45, I'm inwardly celebrating the 65th anniversary of our class. Unfortunately I won't be able to take part in the reunion although I would like to. From across the Atlantic and the Mediterranean, my contacts with classmates have been far too few, but I'm most grateful to Florence Knopf, who organized two of our class reunions and has been kind enough to keep me posted.

Among the resources I've taken from Hunter (apart from the hat, the senior song to the tune of "A Pretty Girl is Like a Melody" [!], and knitting socks for sailors in English class), is the memory of Dr. Jonas admonishing us not to say "nice" indiscriminately, and an ability still to know the difference between the different Latin declensions, including the tell-tale one between the first and the fifth!

I mourn two classmates who taught me the meaning of friendship at Hunter: Abby Finkelstein-Franklin, who grew up to be a successful and activist social worker in California; and Gloria Saunders, who dedicated her life to education contributing to the community in New York as a school principal.

Shirley Fishman '45

(Dr. Devorah Kalekin-Fishman)

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Editor's Note: Devorah enclosed with her letter a brief autobiographical account of her life and work, which has since been included in the Mattei Dogan Foundation's online Dictionary of Eminent Social Scientists. The full bio can be viewed in full at <http://www.fondationmatteidogan.org/indexen.html>

To the Editor:

I am thrilled to make the connection with Hunter High alumni [by recently joining the mailing list]. I have many pleasant memories of my days at the school -- Charlotte Hochman at the piano playing show tunes prior to their opening on Broadway; Miss Brubaker extolling the beauty of *Evangeline*; Pearl, Estelle, and I crawling to the outer balcony of the Gym, where we could clandestinely sunbathe during the lunch hour.

Life has been a full cup for me -- married soon to be 60 years, two children, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild. My husband and I have traveled over the world every year, exploring one country at a time and doing research ahead of time, on sights to see, places to stay, museums, etc. We visited Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America with pleasure. Amazingly we traveled sharing one valise, and often without prior reservations. It has been a great adventure!

My career was not as illustrious as I had dreamed of, but solid nevertheless. Married after graduation from Hunter College, I taught high school, first at Central Commercial, then at Bronx High School of Science, later at Dodge Vocational for Boys. Finally, I migrated to Long Island and taught high school English for thirty years. No, I didn't write the book that I had planned to, but my fruitful life is a book in itself.

Sally SEADER Halperin, Jan. '47

To the Editor:

I'm thrilled about Elena Kagan and her nomination to the Supreme Court! What a great achievement for a woman of our time. The spotlight on our wonderful, amazing, small, yet special school has been exciting for me. HCHS has managed to survive and flourish in some of the most physically challenged buildings in NYC, under some difficult financial times, and still managed to graduate some of the most talented individuals in the country in so many different fields. I've attended several High School reunions over the years, and the one thing that hasn't changed is the indomitable spirit of the students, who travel far and wide to attend. When I attended, I lived in Washington Heights in Manhattan, and it took me one hour and a half to

get to school each day. As another Hunter graduate mentioned in *The New York Times* article today, "it was worth every minute." Congratulations Elena!

Sheila EISENBERG Saltzman '52

To the Editor:

The fact that Elena had not yet been born when I graduated from HCHS in '53 does in no way diminish my great sense of pride and sheer delight in her nomination. Three women on the Court! You can tell I was at Hunter when it was "all girls" -- 1947-53. Wonderful years: extraordinary faculty, most of them towering figures in the annals of the school's illustrious history. So here's to Sarah Maria Jones, long may she reign, coed notwithstanding!

Leone EDRICKS Bushkin '53

To the Editor:

I graduated from Hunter High in 1957 -- and am still smiling re: the amazing 50th reunion I attended! We live 3,000 miles away, but we lovingly keep in touch with our schoolmates and we all know in our hearts that going to Hunter (for me it was kindergarten through high school) was the foundation to start on a cherished life.

We are so thrilled for Elena Kagan and we wish her success and so many years on the Court helping this country to be all that it can be.

Barbara COHEN Kirsch '57

To the Editor:

Thanks so much for the news summary. I was absolutely thrilled about this nomination. I think back on my own Hunter education with great pride.

Joanna MILLER Bukszman '58

United States Immigration Judge

Hurray! Wish her mom (Gloria Kagan) was around to see her daughter's accomplishments. I loved Mrs. Kagan -- she was a great teacher.

Vivian Ting, MD, FACS '84

ALUM EVENTS

Spring Gala

The Alumnae/i Association's 3rd Annual Gala was held on May 12 at the Yale Club of New York City. The evening honored two outstanding alums in the field of business – **Barbara Krumsiek '70**, Chair, CEO, & President of Calvert Group, Ltd. based in Bethesda, MD, and **Edith Cooper '79**, Partner & Managing Director, Global Head of Human Capital Management at Goldman Sachs. Guests enjoyed light food, an open bar, music by the High School Jazz Ensemble, a Silent Auction of artwork and a raffle. The event raised more than \$45,000 to help support the AA's programs and activities. We would like to extend special thanks to the many artists, volunteers, and other donors who made the evening so special:

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Jeannie Suk '91
Hudson Tang '99
Barbara Tyroler
Ellen Wallenstein '70
Simeon Wallis '93
Tai Wong '88
Christine Wong '95



Top to bottom: Aileen Leventon '70 with honoree Barbara Krumsiek '70; Honoree Edith Cooper '79 with her father; the High School Jazz Ensemble performs.

ALUM EVENTS

Reunions

The weekend of June 5-7, 2010 was the date of this year's Milestone Class Reunions. Kicking off the weekend's festivities was a Friday evening reception at the Hunter High Library for classes of 1975 to the present and a Young Alums event, graciously hosted by **Holiday Haber '83** at P&G Bar and Grill on the Upper West Side, which was a great success. Fellow Hunterites mingled, chatted and caught up, and good times were had all around.

On Saturday afternoon the classes of 1945 to 1970 attended a wine and cheese reception with tours of the old High School (Thomas Hunter Hall). Also on Saturday, reunion weekend's most physically rigorous event – the Joe Kubat Invitational Softball Game was, once again, a rousing success. About two dozen alums from the '60s through the '00s came out to brave the Central Park heat and humidity and had a thoroughly enjoyable time. Longtime Hunter baseball coach, **Joe Kubat**, was in attendance and pitched for both sides. According to **John Greenstein '86**, "Great fun was had by all, and I am happy to say the team of the '80s was once again triumphant." While there was certainly some dispute over the final tally, all the participants agreed that the game was terrific fun. "It feels like we are establishing and carrying on a wonderful Hunter tradition," said **Roberta Piket '83**, "coming together like this is a terrific way to see old friends, and meet folks from generations of Hunterites." Plans for next year's game are underway, and all this year's players expressed a desire for a huge turnout in 2011. "It would be tremendous to play before a packed house of friends and families," said Greenstein.

Sunday's General Reunion included individual class get-togethers, and most Milestone Classes (those ending in 5 or 0) also planned class-only parties. The best part of the General Reunion always comes at the General Assembly, when representatives from each class talk about their unique Hunter experiences— and this year was no exception. AA president **Joan Rosenthal '72** opened the program by welcoming everyone and, looking around the room, noted how different the auditorium looked from five years ago – the result of a renovation that was made possible by the Alums and the PTA. Joan also noted that Hunter has been in its current building for 35 years -- the longest tenure in the school's history. She pointed out that this was a busy and

fruitful year—a number of social events were held, including the annual Autumn Reception, and HCHSAA's Gala, which raised more than \$45,000. Introductory comments were made by two alums, **Kelly Washburn '83** and **David Crenshaw '81**.

Speaking first, for the class of '39 **Norma ALEXANDRA Abdulah '39** noted that she has had a fortunate life, travelling to Europe and Russia and even participating in the Alexander Pushkin Celebration. Last year she was elected to the Hall of Fame at Hunter College.

Phyllis FLYER Kavett Jan '45, professor emerita, Kean University, Union, NJ, spokesperson for her class, remarked that since the Kagan nomination and the media's response, she was happy to learn that Hunter College High School is now considered to be "elite" and "prestigious" and noted that she, along with Elena Kagan, has long included Hunter on her resume. She described herself and her three classmates, **Yvette BLUMENFELD Greff**, **Elaine TRAUB Kooperstein**, and **Shirley BARER Leavitt**, as having led fulfilling lives as career teachers and librarians, who among them have 22 grown grandchildren!

Phyllis LEKASHMAN Glantz '50 and **Judy SEGAL Zabar '50** were pleased to have a small representative group at the school on Sunday. They were thrilled to see the excitement and enthusiasm of the younger classes especially with their active male participants, which was "quite a change from our days at Hunter High." In their remarks they noted that the subway only cost a nickel when they started but was up to a dime before graduation ("but then we only had to pay one way because we got a train pass"). There were no computers available ... not even with punch cards and certainly no cell phones (but a pay phone only cost a nickel!). There were no TVs, CDs, or DVDs so families had to talk to each other. The only male in the building was Jimmy the elevator man. One of their favorite activities was waiting on line outside a shop on Lexington Avenue for nylon stockings right after World War II ended ... this was before panty hose was on the market. There were no microwaves, no large freezers, no frozen foods, no fast food; one had to cook. Their Saturday afternoons were spent watching a double feature, a few short subjects, a cartoon, a newsreel and maybe a Buck Rogers serial, all for a quarter. No slacks or jeans were

allowed in school. Their G.O. membership entitled them to the following special rates: Rockefeller Center Guided Tours ... \$1.25; Museum of Modern Art ... 12 cents plus tax; Home games for the NY Football Giants ... Grandstand tickets 50 cents; but a Hunter College High School education ... Priceless!

Margaret (Peggy) BETZ Perrin '55 said that the women in her class bemoaned the fact that many of their classmates have not only lost touch with the school but, most important, with the class and with one another. They looked forward to reconnecting with each other for the friendship and support they can give one another and, by extension, for the support they can offer the Alumnae/i Association and the school. She reminisced about the founding of the Alumnae/i Association, which began in 1972 when parents, teachers, students, and friends came together to prevent the imminent closing of the campus schools, and she reminded everyone that the full chronology could also be found in the Harris Directory.

Susan NEIDICH Gonen '70 spoke for "The Centennial Seniors," the last class to graduate from the old building. She recalled that her high school years were a very exciting time: there were anti-war demonstrations and during her junior year they were finally allowed to wear pants! They went to Lincoln Center and got discount tickets. She was proud to say that their class raised \$15,000 for the school.

Speaking for her class **Deborah Kahn '75** reported that her class raised more than \$4,000 for their class gift. A number of folks who couldn't attend the reunion weekend events sent in contributions as well. At dinner the previous evening they listened to a soundtrack of songs from the '70s and they entertained everyone at Sunday's Assembly by singing their senior song, accompanied on piano by classmate **Marsha Rich**.

Jean Tom '80 noted they had 45 for dinner the evening before and was pleased that classmates came in from California, Illinois and elsewhere. They were the first class of co-ed students and twelve boys graduated. Her class had the first male president of the general organization. Jean reported that her class raised \$2,200 for their class gift and said she hopes to look as good as those in the 50th Class reunion.

Keith Kaplan '85 said his class had a great reunion the night before, which was organized

by [Kathy Berenson](#). They have all been staying in touch through Facebook.

Judd Kessler '00 noted that almost 100 people showed up for their class party the night before. He said they raised \$3,000 in pledges for their class gift and that it was great to see how far the class of 2000 has come in 10 years. They now have enough doctors, lawyers, and academics for some sort of professional utopia.

Reunion Class Reports

Class of Jan. 1950

By Elaine GINSBOURGER Berman

The 60th reunion of the Jan. '50 Sarah Mariah Joneses was a blast! Thanks to the hospitality of [Judy SEGAL Zabar](#) and the organizational skills of both herself and [Phyllis LEKASHMAN Glantz](#), we "schmoozed" well, ate well, and reacquainted ourselves with peers from whom we had been long since separated. About one-seventh of our class was able to be part of the festivities - hopefully most of the other six-sevenths were missing because of remote location rather than serious health issues. Our now-living-in-California class president [Flo SACKS Cohen](#) even telephoned to say hello. 65th is our next goal (it should only be our age!), so we plan to stay well and meet in five years when we will not have aged, only improved!

[Nancy PARKES Marr](#) noted that the 60th reunion brought together alumnae from January 1950 not only for a delicious luncheon but also a chance to see classmates and catch up with their lives. As you looked around the room, you could see that the women were really enjoying one another. In some cases, they were renewing old friendships, and in some making new ones. What made it significant were the memories of Hunter that we share, and the recognition that it had changed our lives in so many good ways.

In addition, we discovered that [Sandy KIMMEL Jordan](#) had passed away a couple of years ago and her son joined us so that he could meet his mom's friends and enjoy spending some time speaking to us. After the reunion, a group of us went down to Herald Square where the family of [Diana SKALETZKY Herman](#) was sitting shiva. She was part of our reunion committee and was so looking forward to the gathering. We never thought she wouldn't be there.

And a few words have to be said about Betty Fox, our class videographer and just a wonderful person. She is greatly missed.

Class of 1960

By Jeanette ISENBERG Bersh

2010 brought our 50th reunion, an impossible thought! Could it really be that so many years had passed since we walked through the hall on 68th Street in knee-length skirts, knee socks and saddle shoes; since we stood frozen on Lexington Avenue in our embarrassing bloomer gym outfits during a fire drill; and since the excitement of our Senior Sing? Time seems to go faster the older one gets and we wanted to make this occasion memorable and fun. We contacted ALL our members by email, phone or regular mail to urge them to attend. We had a wonderful luncheon at Astra where 98 women got together to talk nonstop for three hours, never even hearing the '50s music we had selected. That evening, for the first time, we invited "significant others" to a great dinner held at Landmarc at the Time Warner Center. Seventy-six people were there for another enjoyable event. Sunday's reunion at Hunter found 78 women crowding into a double classroom to renew old friendships and listen to Mr. Kizner regale us with his hilarious stories of his first years at Hunter. There is never enough time for the Class of '60 to share past secrets and current troubles, to

mourn our deceased members and just catch up on our busy lives. It certainly did not feel as if 50 years had passed. The 50th reunion was a once-in-a-lifetime event which is both the good and bad aspect of the occasion. But we are determined to have many more.

Class of 1965

By Elaine Brand

FORTY-FIVE YEARS?? Okay, maybe most of us look somewhat different from our Hunter days - but could it really be 45 years? Together for our reunion weekend, we seemed to pick up from where we left off in 1965, except magically with years of life and experiences to share. About 15 of us attended the Saturday tour of "our" Hunter on 68th Street. It was fun to recognize things here and there (the hooks where we hung our gym suits on the 6th floor, the crossover into the college on the 2nd floor, the basic look of the hallways), but of course much was different - including the fact that we were allowed to use the elevators! After the tour, we crossed the street to a lovely reception organized by the Alumnae/i Association in the college lobby, where we gathered around a big table and spent a few hours happily reminiscing. Then, most of us there joined a few others for a long and relaxed dinner at an East Side Thai restaurant.

The next day, some 30 '65ers took part in the reunion at the "new" school on 94th



Class of '65 Reunion Tour of HCHS

ALUM EVENTS

Street. At the General Assembly, it was terrific (and indeed reassuring!) to see women representing and speaking about milestone classes that graduated many decades before ours. Speaking on behalf of our class was [Jane Tillman Irving](#), who recalled that “our first seniors” were the Class of ’60, who appeared “so grand, tall and glamorous” to those of us in the 7th grade (“babies in undershirts and little white socks”). Of course, six years later, we were those oh-so-grownup seniors.

Following the Assembly, we headed over to Lex Restaurant on 91st St., for our own class reunion. Three hours. lots of hors d’oeuvres, and an open bar later, 50 of us (including one husband) had rejoiced in the past and the present, rekindled old friendships, and perhaps begun new ones with classmates we had never really known while at Hunter.

A few other matters to report: Our class generously contributed to a Class Gift for the school, amounting to over \$11,000. Our reunion planning committee included [Jane Tillman Irving](#), [Georgette Jasen](#), [Millie Kalik](#), [Ellen Lewis](#), [Rebecca Reich](#), [Sara ROBBINS Schoenwetter](#), and myself (while everyone thanked us for our work, our little secret was how much fun we had in our numerous dinner-time planning meetings!). Our class’s on-line survey, designed and implemented by Carol OPPENHEIMER Wolinsky, resulted in much interesting data, including that we currently reside in 23 states plus DC, and in 4 foreign countries (farthest trip to reunion: from Israel), and that our list of favorite teachers was topped by Mr. Kizner (who, by the way, it was fab-u-lous to see at the school reunion) and Mr. McNeil, followed by Mrs. Kreiser, Mrs. Lillienthal, and Mr. Plass. When all was said and done, the Class of ’65 was left with photos galore to be shared in our email group, fond memories to bring home, new plans to meet fairly regularly – and great hopes to return in five years for the Really Big One: our 50th!

Class of 1970

By Susan NEIDICH Gonen

Eighty-two members of the Centennial class of 1970 gathered at Cucina di Pesce in the East Village on May 22 to celebrate the 40 years since we graduated from Hunter. Thanks to e-mail, our yahoo group and Facebook page, many members of our

class remained in touch with one another throughout the past five years. Classmates living all over attended including Israel, Mexico and Germany. A few Hunterites not seen since graduation, joined us. We shared our lives with one another, be it about the events of the past five years or the past 40. There is a camaraderie that exists between us today. Our reunions are opportunities for connection with classmates we barely knew while at Hunter. The atmosphere was warm, welcoming and energetic. When our luncheon was over, a well attended “after party” continued at an apartment in Tribeca. Our class generously raised around \$15,000 this year for the High School. Our reunion was a second celebration of our class since May. Several of us also attended the Hunter Gala when our Senior Class President, [Barbara Krumsiek](#), was one of the honorees.

Class of 1975

By Deborah Kahn

It had been thirty-five (yes, 35) years since the “saintly, sensational, sovereign, successful, super seniors of ’75” left the hallowed halls of Hunter High, then, the hallowed hallways of the 13th and 14th floor of 466 Lexington Avenue. Indeed, our group has the dubious distinction of being one of the few all-female HCHS classes that spent all of our high school years in that (homey or homely, depending on your viewpoint) office building, and we continue to share many of the fond memories that came with it - free falling elevators, playing dodgeball in the corridors wearing those ubiquitous green gym suits, painting walls with murals for art credit, and eating lunch at the counter of a cafeteria called Zum Zum. And, of course, we all remember the picketing and massive letter-writing that was part and parcel of the “save our school” campaign, complete with a guest appearance from a much younger investigative reporter named Geraldo Rivera. Of course, while some of the things that we individually and collectively recall are still around (Grand Central Station and the main branch of the Public Library), some are long gone (Lamston’s and Azuma come to mind).

When our group of more than thirty wonderful (50+) women gathered together to celebrate our milestone reunion this past June,

1975 did not seem like an eternity ago, but - in many more ways - it seemed like yesterday. The weekend festivities “kicked off” at a class-only Saturday evening dinner at Jack Bistro and Bar in the West Village, owned and operated by [Julie Weprin ’76](#), where we enjoyed a delicious dinner, listened to a “sounds of the seventies” soundtrack, and marveled at how good we all looked (as our yearbook photo name tags aptly demonstrated, virtually all of us looked the same, hair styles and hair colors excepted!). And, we talked and talked and talked until the wee hours (in fact, the last of us closed the restaurant well after 1 am).

Even though many of us were exhausted (physically and emotionally) from the night before, we still showed up at the school bright and early the next morning, ready to meet and greet those of our classmates who were not able to attend the Saturday night gathering, and talk and talk and talk some more. Modesty aside, and even though the Class of 1960 certainly gave us a run for our money (and a large measure of inspiration, if in numbers alone), we thought the highlight of the General Assembly on Sunday was the rousing rendition of our Senior Song, accompanied on piano by our very own [Marsha Rich](#), who (legend has it) has been practicing the tune - Scott Joplin’s “The Entertainer” - since we graduated.

Our group came from far away (Israel) and nearby (Brooklyn) and many points in between (Nevada, Illinois, and Georgia, to name a few), and we vowed to share our photographs and keep in closer touch with each other than some of us had in the past (aided by the updated contact information and completed “milestone questionnaires” circulated, and the wonders of the Internet). We represented an extremely diverse and accomplished bunch with amazing careers and equally amazing families and pets and hobbies and travel experiences, all too great to enumerate. But, beyond the marveling at how well we had “aged”, what we all marveled at the most was what extraordinarily big-hearted and bright women we had become, and what an enormous impact our years at Hunter had on that emotional and intellectual development. Our class gift - to which many of us contributed - is just a token of our eternal gratitude for the gift of a lifetime which we received from the school.

Class of 1980

By Jean Tom

Classmates came in for the weekend from nine states (NY, NJ, CT, VA, RI, MA, TN and CA) for our 30th Reunion. A few of us attended the reception at HCHS on Friday, and on Saturday night we had a class dinner at SPQR of Little Italy with 45 classmates and guests. We were joined by some friends from the classes of '79 and '81. The food was great and everyone enjoyed the camaraderie and catching up. Some hardy classmates went out after the dinner to enjoy some more conversation at a nearby bar in the area.

A few classmates who didn't make the dinner were able to join us at the official Sunday reunion at HCHS (although a few of the hardy classmates missed the reunion after the late Saturday evening!). We were amazed by the collective memories of our high school years (as everyone had some individual memory gaps of high school at this point). Some of us were able to say hello to Mrs. Goldsmith and Mr. Kizner at the reunion. The class is well connected with both Yahoo and Facebook groups now (<http://www.facebook.com/home.php?#!/group.php?gid=244308834163>) and members definitely hope to connect sooner than every 5 years.

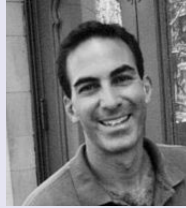
Class of 2000

By Judd Kessler

The Class of 2000 gathered to celebrate our 10-year reunion on Saturday June 5 at Stitch Bar and Lounge. A very special thanks goes out to Kathy Steinberg and Angie Louie for helping to plan and organize the event. In attendance were around 75 alumni and 25 significant others (including very smart and attractive fiancés, spouses and children of our alumni...well done, Class of 2000!). The class raised \$3,000 in pledges for our 10-year class gift with a high participation rate of those in attendance (as well as some generous pledges from those who were not able to attend). The class now has a Facebook group, which we used to spread the word about our event. I encourage as many members of the class as possible to join (search "Hunter College High School Class of 2000" or go to <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=323298956967>). Those not on Facebook, please send your email addresses to judd.kessler@gmail.com so we can connect with you next time.

LETTER FROM THE ACTING PRINCIPAL

Dear Hunter College High School Alumnae/i,



Greetings! I am truly honored to be writing to you as Acting Principal of the High School. As I wrote to parents earlier this summer, we are now preparing to execute the plans for growth that the entire Hunter community, alums included, created over the past two years. I am excited at the prospect of helping to nurture the best of what Hunter is and always has been while moving toward the future.

I know that many of you have read the recent article in *The New York Times*, and perhaps you have seen some of the follow-up letters and electronic postings as well. That article raised some very important issues, but it also created what I feel are false impressions, some of which I know to be of particular interest to you as alumnae/i. Allow me to briefly give my perspective and perhaps add some clarification regarding the graduation speech. The short excerpts reported in the article in no way do justice to the complexity of the emotions that Justin Hudson described, or to how eloquently Justin spoke about his gratitude for all that Hunter has allowed him to accomplish, while recognizing that he had an opportunity that many others have not had. I should also say that the six-member faculty panel (the Term Advisors for grades 7-12), in choosing Justin's speech, selected it because they felt it was the best speech that had been submitted, and specifically not because they were sending some sort of message or even because they endorsed the content. It was a powerful and at times challenging speech, and while many have questioned the appropriateness of expressing such strong ideas and feelings at a celebratory event such as a graduation, Justin's speech ended on a note of belief in Hunter and in optimism for the future – optimism I certainly share.

I am now entering my fifth year at Hunter. I have had the privilege to teach some of you (members of the classes of 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010!), and I have met a number of you at various events over the years. I am looking forward this year to working with the Alumnae/i Association to increase the opportunities all of you have to maintain and strengthen your connections to HCHS.

All the best,

Dr. Tony Fisher
Acting Principal, Hunter College High School

NEWS FROM HCHS

The AA lent a helping hand to the new **HCHS Robotics Team** this February in the form of a \$5,000 gift. Formed last December with the guidance of math teacher Carolyn Mayadas, the “RoHawks” quickly grew to more than 30 members from grades 9, 10 and 11. By mid-March, the nascent team was competing against 65 other area schools in the 10th Annual **NYC FIRST Robotics Regional Tournament** held in the Javits Center. Billed as “the varsity sport for the mind,” the FIRST Robotics Competition is the premiere contest of its kind, with 45,000 students participating in 46 regional competitions around the globe. In addition to having only six weeks to design and build a competitive robot capable of performing a prescribed original task, the team was also challenged to raise funds and design a team brand. Hunter’s RoHawks received the “Rookie Inspiration Award” at this year’s Regional Tournament, in recognition of their outstanding community outreach and recruitment. Physics teacher Bruce Greenspan has recently become the team’s faculty advisor, as Ms. Mayadas retired in June. Please contact Mr. Greenspan at bgreensp@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu if you are interested in mentoring the team in any of the following areas: mechanical and electrical engineering, web design, public relations and/or fundraising. For more information on FIRST and the annual robotics competition visit www.usfirst.org

The Hunter High Chess Team won the Varsity Section of the Greater NYC Chess Championship held on January 31. The team consisted of Alec Getz ’12, Aleksandr Ostrovskiy ’14, Aaron Landesman ’12 and Jonathan Williams ’11, with individual trophies awarded to Getz (2nd Place), Ostrovskiy (3rd Place) and Landesman (9th Place). Ostrovskiy, a National Master, also took 1st Place in the Junior High School division, following in the footsteps of teammates Getz and Landesman, who won in 2008 and 2009, respectively.

In March, fourteen HCHS students participated in the finals of the **New York City Science and Engineering Fair (NYCSEF)**. Out of a field 150 local finalists, Andrew Sherlock ’12 was one of sixteen chosen to advance to the **Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF)** held at the San Jose Convention Center in May. Sherlock,

who was interviewed by the *Daily News* in its March 24 coverage of the NYSEF, competed with a research project titled “Dying Young: Mortality Patterns from Pandemic Influenza and Pneumonia by Age Group.”

Thomas Dumbach ’14 won the **46th Annual Daily News Spelling Bee** held on March 11 at HCHS. Dumbach won the competition with the word “suasible,” which means susceptible to persuasion, earning himself a spot in the 2010 Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C.

During a May 4 reception at Hunter College, English teacher **Kip Zegers** and several HCHS students read excerpts from his new book, titled ***Reading Whitman in Manhattan: Teaching, Poetry and Hunter College High School***. As Zegers, who is now in his 27th year at Hunter, describes the book in its introduction, “This is a book of essays and poems, poems by a teacher and by his students, it is not a book about how to teach or what is wrong with education. But it raises a challenge. It extends a hand. Look at what these students do. Look at what it means to be among them. Listen to what that asks of us.” The book includes reprints of students’ work originally published in Hunter’s literary magazine, *Argus*. Alums with work in *Reading Whitman in Manhattan* include: Jonathan Levin ’91, Emily Bass ’91, Marta Weiss ’92, Ayana Duckett ’94, Deborah Stein ’95, Erica Ehrenberg ’96, Lin-Manuel Miranda ’98, Sophie Pinkham ’00, Alexandra Dumont ’01, Moira Weigel ’02, Mike Lipkin ’04, Yuri Rybak ’04, Kevin Shea ’06, Zack Friedman ’06, Emma Benayoun ’08, Katy Murphy ’09, and Alice Zhu ’09. Published by Foothills Publishing in association with the Center for Gifted Education at Hunter College, the book is available at www.foothillspublishing.com

Daniela Bartalini ’10 was named the **HealthPlus/NY1 “Scholar-Athlete of The Week”** on March 20. In addition to being a straight-A student at HCHS, Daniela was a captain of the Hawks softball, and girls’ volleyball and basketball teams, leading all three squads to the PSAL playoffs. As the president of the Athletic Association, she also played a leading role in organizing the Coaches vs. Cancer basketball fundraiser. A video and article showcasing Daniela -- including inter-

views with several of her teachers and coaches -- can be accessed at www.ny1.com

The **Debate Team** finished out their season with an impressive performance at the second annual Bobcat Classic held at Byram Hills High School in Armonk, NY on March 12-13. Charlie Laswell ’12 reached the finals and won second speaker in the Varsity Lincoln-Douglas Debate. Meanwhile in the Novice Division, Ilana Kaufman ’13 made it to the Lincoln-Douglas semifinals with Rachel Kaly ’13 voted best speaker.

The **HCHS Jazz Band** provided some of the entertainment at the sixth annual NYC Walk Now for Autism Speaks. To date, the June 13 event has raised over \$1 million in donations to fund autism research. To learn more visit www.walknowforautismspeaks.org

The **I-HELP Liberia Project** hosted its second benefit concert on April 24, with musical performances by a number of HCHS alums, including a reunion ensemble of **Jazz Chorus** alums from classes ’95 -’02. Other individual performers were **Michal TOWBER-Prywes ’98**, **Arthur Lewis ’98** and **Dr. Malini Sur ’00**. Founded in 1994 at HCHS by Liberian-born lab specialist and boys’ varsity soccer coach **Asumana Randolph**, I-HELP Liberia’s mission is to inspire and support science education in Liberia, one of the world’s poorest countries. For more information on how you can help, visit: www.ihelpliberia.org

2009-2010 was a stellar year for **Hunter Athletics**, with every varsity team making it into its respective playoff season. Four teams, including boys’ and girls’ fencing and boys’ and girls’ volleyball, even had undefeated seasons, with **Girls’ Fencing** defeating Brooklyn Tech to win the City Championship. HCHS also added both boys’ and girls’ **varsity lacrosse** teams in 2009-2010.

Hunter’s first exclusively electronic publication, ***The Eclectic***, went live online in January 2010. The URL is www.huntereclectic.com. The June edition featured a Q&A with HCHS Librarian **Eugene Lim**, including the following:

Eclectic: If you had to use an exotic organism or a cartoon character to describe the Hunter population, what would that be?

Lim: I think Hunter kids are like the X-Men, in that they're gifted with special powers and need to be trained to fight evil.

In June, a review of the 2010 Whitney Biennial written by Dalia Wolfson '12 appeared on the web site of **The High 5 Review**, an interactive media hub fueled by teen arts coverage. Wolfson's review of the Kandinsky exhibit at the Guggenheim also appeared on the site in December 2009. Visit www.high5review.org to read more.

In February and March, several Hunter students participated in **"This Progress,"** artist Tino Seghal's interactive exhibition at the Guggenheim Museum. The exhibit employed a series of successively older "guides," such as Bram Wasti '12, who approached museum patrons, asking them questions related to the idea of progress.

Holocaust Survivors Invited to Speak to Students

Hunter alums who are Holocaust survivors or refugees from Nazism are again invited to speak to current Hunter students about their histories, addressing classes and meeting with students individually. The date of this year's event is Wednesday, November 17. Alumnae interested in participating can contact Betty Kleinfeld, Hunter Social Studies Chair, at bkleinfe@hccs.hunter.cuny.edu or 212-860-1280 for details. Eve KANNER Kugler '49 will also respond to queries emailed to eve.99@virgin.net. This is the third year graduates of the 1940s and 1950s are returning to Hunter to share their life experiences with 21st century Hunterites.

HUNTERITES IN THE NEWS

Pearl (Kiddy) WEISSMAN Meyer '49, Senior Managing Director of executive compensation consulting firm Steven Hall & Partners, was profiled in the Jobs section of *The New York Times* on December 13, 2009. As the narrator and subject of the recurring autobiographical piece *The Boss*, Meyer describes her rise from statistical specialist with General Foods to founder and principal of two premier consulting firms. In the piece, titled "A Woman Among Men," Meyer recounts the difficulty, at least early in her career, of being "the only woman in board rooms." However, she explains that as a child she did not realize that women had limited opportunities. "My parents made no distinction in their expectations for my brother, my sister and me." Despite her ranking position, Meyer's company is named after longtime business partner Steven Hall because, according to Meyer, "The best companies in our business carry people's names. I had to leave my name, which had become well known in the business, behind at our first company."

Helen Epstein '65 has been featured twice in the *Lexington Minuteman* in recent months. An October 28, 2009 article deals with Epstein's accidental discovery that her 1987 book *Music Talks* has been used as a college text for nearly 20 years "without her knowledge, and without her receiving any royalties." In 2006, the roommate of one of Epstein's sons, Sam, a student at the Eastman School of Music, was assigned an article on pianist Vladimir Horowitz, which Sam recognized as his mother's. After several years, and with the help of the admiring professor, Epstein was able to get *Music Talks* reprinted via the BackInPrint.com program provided by the Authors Guild. The second article, an interview published on July 8, 2010, is a Q&A with Epstein about her career as a journalist and author. Epstein's newest book, a collection of essays on memoir and psychoanalysis, has just been released in France by publisher La Cause des Livres. The book, *Écrire la vie*, began as a lecture at The New School. It is the first time one of the author's books has been published in a foreign language prior to its release in English.

Miriam Kimmelman '66 was profiled in the Summer 2009 issue of *Dystonia Dialogue*, the

magazine of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation. Kimmelman has lived with dystonia, a movement disorder that causes the muscles to contract and spasm involuntarily, since the fifth grade. The article describes her many trials and triumphs. "By the seventh grade dystonia had Miriam so bent over at the waist she could only walk backwards, her upside-down face looking through and around her legs." However, Kimmelman's situation dramatically improved after two surgeries and her doctor's encouragement to connect with others affected by the disorder. Since then, she has dedicated much of her life to supporting dystonia research and awareness, and counseling and teaching those it affects. Thirty years ago, along with several others, Kimmelman founded the New York Chapter of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation. She has served as the chapter's co-president for many years.

Judy Lewent '66, Retired Executive Vice President & CFO of Merck, was recently the subject of a profile in the July/August issue of *Technology Review*, published by MIT. The article extols Lewent for her brilliant decision to finance Merck's growth largely from internal cash flow rather than riskier external funding sources. It further describes how, in formulating the company's capital structure, Lewent considered the risks already built into the pharmaceutical industry -- the low probability of success in research endeavors, the market uncertainty, and the finite product life cycle -- and concluded that inviting more risk would be foolish. Currently serving on the Board of Directors of Dell Inc., Motorola and Thermo Fisher Scientific, she attributes her success in part to her experience at Hunter College High School, which she says fostered and supported women in their self-actualization.

Barbara Krumsiek '70, CEO and Chair of investment management firm Calvert Group, Ltd., and one of this year's Spring Gala honorees, was interviewed by *The New York Times* for the May 23, 2010 edition of *Corner Office*, a weekly Q&A in the Sunday Business section focused on leadership. At age 30, as an analyst trained in mathematics without any prior management experience, Krumsiek took a position that put her in charge of 200 people.

HUNTERITES IN THE NEWS

Despite this lack of experience, her strengths as a leader and communicator soon became apparent. According to Krumsiek, “Being able to work with my peers is probably the single most important attribute that helped me.” She credits this ability, in part, to Hunter College High School, which “really drove home that girls could do anything.” Krumsiek notes that each month Calvert employees are given one paid day off to volunteer. In fact, she says that anyone hired by Calvert must exhibit some sort of commitment to community. “I don’t care if they’re active in their church or did Habitat for Humanity projects. They need to show they care about something outside of themselves.” These ethics are so central to Krumsiek’s business philosophy that she shuns the old idea that a career should be thought of as a ladder. “You can’t get past the person ahead of you unless you push them off the ladder.” Rather, she prefers to think of a career as an obstacle course, where “I may be able to take a minute and help you over that next obstacle and still get where I want to go.”

Jennifer J. Raab ’73, was the subject of Sunday Routine, in the July 1, 2010 issue of *The New York Times*. The article provided a peek into the Hunter College President’s life on the weekends, which she typically spends at home in Riverdale with her husband and daughter. While she does spend some of Sunday on the phone with Hunter colleagues, it’s usually while she’s running errands. For the most part, however, Raab’s weekend is about family and relaxation. As she says, “I think it’s more fun to smell the roses than to grow them.”

Sandor Katz ’80 was interviewed in the May 2010 issue of independent, non-profit magazine *The Sun*. Katz is an author, educator and food activist best known for his books *Wild Fermentation* and *The Revolution Will Not Be Microwaved*. The interview explores the genesis of his self-described “fermentation fetish.” After learning he was HIV-positive, Katz sought a way of living that might keep him healthy. Leaving Manhattan behind, in 1993 he settled into his new life at Short Mountain Sanctuary, a largely self-sufficient “off-the-grid” homosexual community in rural Tennessee. There he began cooking and growing his own food. Determined to make use

of his surplus harvest, Katz learned a host of fermentation recipes, starting with the sauerkraut that earned him his well-known nickname “Sandorkraut,” but also wines, sourdough, yogurt and miso, to name just a few. Katz has since become an expert on fermentation and do-it-yourself culinary techniques in general. By creating bio-preservatives, Katz asserts, “fermentation made agriculture viable, which led to an enormous shift in human culture.” Without fermentation, he argues, “Why put all our energy into crops that are ready at certain times of year unless we have a strategy to enable us to continue eating them year-round?” Having led hundreds of workshops around the world, Katz now plans to open a teaching kitchen not far from Short Mountain, so he can teach (and preach) fermentation without as much travel. Katz also recently penned the foreword to *The Locavore’s Handbook: The Busy Person’s Guide to Eating Local on a Budget*, published in April 2010.

David Woloch ’85 was recently named one of “The 20 Most Influential Unelecteds” by *City Hall*, the twice-monthly publication dedicated to New York City and State politics. Woloch, the Deputy Commissioner for External Affairs of the NYC Department of Transportation, has managed to provide “balance and continuity to community leaders who say they rely hugely on him.” This is no small feat, according to *City Hall*, given the potentially polarizing, polar-opposite agendas of his former and current bosses at the DOT, Iris Weinshall and Janette Sadik-Kahn, respectively. “Known for his steady realpolitik approach and for always thinking before he speaks,” *City Hall* surmises that Woloch “has become quietly powerful.”

Blake Eskin ’88, *The New Yorker*’s first (and only) Web editor since 2006, was praised for “leading the iconic magazine brand into the digital age” in the introduction of an interview with Sparksheet, a blog created by and for marketing industry professionals. The interview centers on the rapid expansion of the Web in recent years, the subsequent changes in public attitude towards that phenomenon, and the lessons Eskin has learned keeping pace with the times while maintaining *The New Yorker*’s preeminent reputation.

“Some of my job is being the Web evangelist in the office,” says Eskin, “getting people involved and explaining why the Web is helpful to them and their story.” For example, he cites their “Out Loud Podcast” as a way to reach a broader audience, such as “people who might want to be reading *The New Yorker* but have to drive to work.” However, Eskin admits that the elemental characteristics of different media do lead to certain inevitable differences in the reader experience. As he explains, “fundamentally, *The New Yorker* is something you want to sit with and not be distracted by. I don’t mean this in a spiritual way, but it’s a meditative experience. The Web is fundamentally a distracted experience.” Nevertheless, the online experience permits the reader involvement through dialogue in a way that print simply cannot. Eskin believes that this two-way connection with readers is ultimately beneficial to writers as well.

TaeHun (Tae) Kim ’88, an attorney and senior vice president at HSBC Bank USA, recently discussed the Korean American experience with *Asian American Press*, a weekly publication based in St. Paul, MN. The interview, which appeared in the July 2, 2010 issue, follows the announcement of his first book, a novel titled *War With Pigeons*, to be released this October. According to *Asian American Press*, Kim’s fictional account of Korean families from different classes living together in America “peels back the veil of the hidden Korean society that exists outside the view of non-Koreans.” As Kim explains, despite an intense desire to “be Americans,” complete assimilation is complicated by “an enduring adherence to the long-standing traditions of a Korean class system characterized by an aristocratic sector that rules over a working class population.” Underlying this dichotomy is what he considers a traditional pursuit of “legitimacy” characteristic of stratified Korean society. Kim feels that a pronounced generational rift complicates matters even further. Speaking of the younger generation, he says, “They may ignore many of the more archaic elements of their heritage, but they still see themselves as Koreans first, and may adopt a more combative ‘us against them’ mentality when it comes to other groups.”

Nnenna Lynch '89 appeared in NYTimes.com's City Room blog on June 16, 2010. Lynch, a former running champion, Rhodes scholar and one of *People's* "Most Beautiful People in the World," has spent the last two years working in New York's City Hall. In her role as a senior policy adviser to the deputy mayor for economic development, she has, according to City Room, become the point person on projects like the rezoning of Coney Island. While feeling that City government is, inherently, a beast, Lynch attributes her present success to the discipline and tenacity she honed as an athlete. Coincidentally, on March 7, 2010, Lynch was mentioned in the blog of John Moriello, President of the New York State Sportswriters Association. Moriello reported that current high school track phenom Emily Lipari of Roslyn, NY took the US lead in the Women's Indoor 1500 Meters, while setting a new record for the New York State Championships. Lipari's time of 4:28.21 surpassed the standing meet record of 4:29.55 set back in 1989 by Nnenna Lynch. *Nnenna's sister Shola Lynch '87, also a former running champ, is mentioned in the Seen & Heard section of this issue of AlumNotes.*

Jeannie Suk '91 was interviewed in the March 7, 2010 issue of the *Boston Globe* for her involvement in the push to extend copyright protection to American fashion designers -- a protection long enjoyed by designers in Europe. Suk, an assistant professor at Harvard Law School, has been enlisted by Senator Charles Schumer's office to help craft the language of a fashion copyright bill. The article refers to recent instances in which well-known designers have filed lawsuits against mass-market stores for copying their looks, and observes, "Trying these cases can be difficult because there are no current legal standards in place." As Suk, an award-winning author herself, explains, "Books, music, film and art are protected by copyright law. But fashion is not." While Suk acknowledges the common perception that "the whole essence of fashion is being inspired by other works," she argues that "everyone knows the difference between being inspired by something, and just taking something and making a

replica of it." A one-time ballet student at the Juilliard School and the School of American Ballet, Suk is now a Guggenheim fellow as well as the first Asian-American woman on the tenure-track at Harvard Law. *Professor Suk led a book discussion at the HCHS library on March 22, 2010.*

Bobby Lopez '93, the Tony Award winning co-creator of the musical *Avenue Q*, has teamed up with the creators of *South Park* to make a musical called *The Book of Mormon*, scheduled to open in March 2011. On April 14, 2010, the *New York Post* broke the story of how this comedic dream-team came together. At the encouragement of producer Scott Rudin, *South Park's* Trey Parker and Matt Stone saw *Avenue Q* while they were in New York. Rudin, who produced Parker and Stone's *South Park* movie as well as *Team America: World Police*, was "an early champion of *Avenue Q*," according to the *Post*, and is producing *Book of Mormon*. Together, Lopez and Parker are writing the show's musical numbers. "With both the *South Park* and *Avenue Q* sensibilities at work, you can expect a healthy dose of political incorrectness in *The Book of Mormon*," says the *Post*. And while Colorado natives Parker and Stone "grew up around a lot of Mormons," Lopez learned something about the actual Book of Mormon at Yale, where his professor Harold Bloom likened the religious text to *The Lord of The Rings*. Lopez says he "read as much as he could," but admits, "It's hard to get through the whole thing."

Sewell Chan '94, a *New York Times* journalist renowned for his extraordinary productivity, was reassigned from his role as the Bureau Chief of City Room, the local news blog, which he helped found in 2007. As announced in City Room on January 8, 2010, Chan was moving on to *The New York Times'* Washington bureau where he is now covering economic policy issues. A reporter with *The Times* since 2004, Chan's relocation was news in journalism circles. Once called the "Byline Beast of N.Y." by *The New York Observer*, *New York Magazine's* Daily Intel blog speculated -- just hours after Chan's reassignment was announced -- "at least some people at the *Journal* must be smiling," in reference to *The Wall Street*

Journal's recent build-up of its own "fledgling New York bureau." The Daily Intel post also carried excerpts of the memo written by *Times* Metro section chief, Joe Sexton, announcing Chan's new assignment to staffers with a sense of loss and in terms of effusive praise. "He was a pioneer, a trailblazer, an evangelist, a warrior, a mentor, a student. And always, utterly, a Timesman." A week later on January 15, The Poynter Institute, one of country's top journalism schools, issued a press release announcing Chan as one of six new appointees to its National Advisory Board.

Lin-Manuel Miranda '98 -- whose career has soared to new "heights" in the two years since his musical, *In the Heights*, became a Broadway sensation -- was interviewed in the *Baltimore Sun* on February 1, 2010. With a Tony Award, and appearances everywhere from *Sesame Street* to the White House now under his belt, Lin-Manuel's Q&A with the *Sun* reveals the energetic writer/composer/performer to be rather humble, especially given his recent success. "I attended Hunter College High School, and I knew I wasn't the smartest kid there. The only real currency among smart kids is if you can make them laugh, and I found that I could. So for me, writing and acting is a chicken-egg thing." Such humility, coupled with an ability to play to his strength with words, has clearly served him well. In explaining what motivated him to create *In the Heights*, Miranda says, "I knew I wanted a career in musical theater, and I knew I didn't dance well enough to play Bernardo in *West Side Story* or Paul in *A Chorus Line*. If you're a Puerto Rican actor, that's about as good as you can get. So I wrote the kind of show I wanted to be in, a show that uses the music to tell stories." The theme of the self-made man through the mastery of the pen, a theme prevalent in hip-hop music, is something that genuinely intrigues Miranda. As he tells the *Sun*, he was so fascinated by a biography of Alexander Hamilton, a "tragic figure" who was "born penniless" and "created by words," that he wrote a series of hip-hop songs about the founding father. Miranda had the opportunity to perform one of these pieces for the president and first lady last November.

HUNTERITES IN THE NEWS



Ross Firszenbaum '98 (foreground) shown with Dewey Bozella

Ross Firszenbaum '98 appeared in a front-page article in the *New York Law Journal* on October 22, 2009, on CBS local news and in *The New York Times* on October 29, for his leading role in the exoneration of Dewey Bozella, a man who spent 26 years in prison for a murder he did not commit. A senior associate at the law firm Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale and Dorr LLP, Ross and his colleagues spent nearly 2,500 pro bono hours on the case, proving that Mr. Bozella was wrongfully convicted and incarcerated for a 1977 murder in Poughkeepsie, NY. Specifically, his team discovered that the Dutchess County District Attorney failed to disclose several pieces of exculpatory evidence, including another man's confession, to Mr. Bozella for more than 30 years. *The New York Law Journal* reports, "[Firszenbaum] said the case highlights the lack of a prohibition in New York state law barring police and prosecutors from destroying evidence that, thanks to advances in forensic science, should be preserved for later evaluation." Ross recently won the New York State Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers' 2010 Gideon Champion of Justice Award, while his work on the Bozella case figured prominently in his firm's receipt of the American Bar Association's 2010 John Minor Wisdom Award for Public Service and Professionalism. When contacted by

the Alumnae/i Association office, Ross said, "HCHS's commitment to public service and truly remarkable social studies teachers (Mr. Kagan, Ms. Meeker, Ms. McNally to name a few) laid the foundation for me to get here."

Dane Martinez '98 is the program manager of school leadership development for the New York City Department of Education, a role he describes in the January 11, 2010 installment of Entry Level, *The New York Times* series that profiles local young adults and their careers. In the article, written by Jennifer 8. Lee '94, Martinez describes his job as shaping the content and design of materials used to prepare and develop the educators leading the city's public schools. The leadership office, in existence since 2007, is a departure from Martinez's earlier work as a teacher. A Teach For America corps member out of college, he rose to Dean of Students at Achievement First Bushwick Middle School, a public charter school in Brooklyn. Says Martinez, "I do these pendulum swings on how I want to fight the education battle...I may miss the students, but I do want to be part of affecting something bigger that is happening." An important part of his teaching experience, he says, was simply serving as a role model for his students. Often, that meant having conversations with 10 and 11-year-old boys

about things like the importance of personal hygiene. As Martinez explains, just being a minority male from the Bronx who liked hip-hop did not make his job easy. "Having them in the palm of your hand is not enough -- you have to take them somewhere."

Dr. Laura Erickson-Schroth '99, who is currently working on a resource guide for gender-variant people, responded to readers' questions on *The New York Times* City Room blog. Over three consecutive days, April 21-23, 2010, Erickson-Schroth provided information and guidance pertaining to health, legal, cultural and policy issues, which are all matters she and her team will address in the coming book titled *Trans Bodies, Trans Selves*. Active in feminist and LGBT student groups since college, Erickson-Schroth returned to New York between her third and fourth years at Dartmouth Medical School to earn a master's degree in women and gender studies at CUNY's Graduate Center. In response to one reader's question on April 23, Dr. Erickson-Schroth stated, "While it is likely that most gender differences are socially constructed, there may be a few that are not. In some ways, it does not matter. Even if there were absolutely no cognitive differences between the people we designate as women and men -- if every difference that currently exists were socially constructed -- that would not make those differences any less real, or any less enforced."

Finger Lakes Luncheon Reminder!

In case you missed the e-blast, on Saturday, November 6, a luncheon will be held for alums in the Finger Lakes Region of New York State. The luncheon is being held in Ithaca, NY. For details contact Barbara STAMM Nosanchuck '57, Elizabeth DELORA Clinton '60 or Ellen RICH Rosten, Jan. '48.

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ALUM ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Furman '63 contributed to *In the Fullness of Time: 32 Women on Life After 50*, a collection of essays, interviews, poems and photographs released by Simon and Schuster in April 2010. *Publishers Weekly* said, "all of these pieces showcase honest, heartfelt voices that should provide solidarity to other women pondering the passage of time."

Eva MELTZER Murray '82 announces her book *Well Out to Sea: Year-Round on Matinicus Island*, released in July 2010. For 23 years, Eva has been one of the fewer than 100 year-round residents of Maine's Matinicus Island. Located 22 miles from the mainland coast, Matinicus is Maine's most seaward island. In 1987 Eva took a job teaching K-8 in Matinicus' one room schoolhouse, thinking she would stay just one year. She has since married and raised a family there, serving the island in a wide range of capacities: town clerk, treasurer, baker, EMT, and manager of the island's solid waste and recycling programs (which she started). She is also a columnist, and has frequently contributed to a variety of publications. A collection of essays she's published since 2003, her book deals with the peculiarities of life on Matinicus -- good, bad, ugly, and funny. Self-sufficiency and close-knit community are not simply major themes of Eva's work, but actual real life requirements for anyone hoping to withstand Matinicus' acute isolation and harsh winter climate.

Jean Kwok '86 published her first novel this past spring, *Girl in Translation*, which fictionalizes part of her life story -- that of immigrating as a young child from Hong Kong, working in a sweat shop and getting into an elite high school. Barnes & Noble has selected it as a "Discover Great New Writers" pick, and it has been identified as a "Most-Wished for Book" by IndieBound.org, an online community of readers and booksellers. Jean now lives in Holland with her husband and two children. You can read more about the book and her life at <http://jeankwok.com>

Jessica Ambats '91, a licensed pilot, professional photographer and Editor of *Plane & Pilot* Magazine, volunteered on a series of relief missions to Haiti following January's tragic earthquake. Jessica served as co-pilot on several flights, transporting the tents, medical supplies and food so desperately needed

after the disaster. Her efforts were part of a much larger mission involving more than 120 loosely affiliated general aviation pilots who volunteered their services (and their planes) to deliver aid to Haiti. Over 400 such flights were flown between January and May; they were mostly small planes island-hopping to Haiti by way of the Bahamas, refueling along the way. Jessica photographed various aspects of these missions for two separate articles in *Plane & Pilot*, one of which can be accessed at www.planeandpilotmag.com/travel/journeys/cowboys-and-angels -- other photos by Jessica can be viewed on her web site at www.jessicaambats.com

Adam J. Cohen '91 announces his new book: *Spanish Word Games For Dummies*, co-authored with Leslie Frates, which was published by John Wiley & Sons in 2010. He has dedicated it to HCHS and the wonderful opportunities it afforded him. He is always eager to hear from HCHS friends, old and new, and can be reached at cohenadam@optonline.net.

Deanna Fei '95 had her first novel, *A Thread of Sky*, published by Penguin Press in April 2010. The story of a family of Chinese-American women who tour China for the first time in the wake of tragedy, *A Thread of Sky* was featured on *Marie Claire's* April To-Do List. Accolades include being named a *New York Times* Editor's Choice. According to the *Chicago Tribune*, "This is one of those rare novels that delivers on the promise of its opening pages. This summer, no smart woman should leave on vacation without it."

Cara Wolinsky '97 started a Community Supported Agriculture Program (CSA) in midtown Manhattan called the Turtle Bay CSA. HCHS alums Arie Rubenstein '97, Elena Conte '97 and Christopher Park '97 have joined as members as well. Summer 2010 has been the CSA's first season. The CSA reached capacity and registration is now



Jessica Ambats '91 flew to Haiti to deliver aid after the earthquake.

closed, but will open again for new sign-ups in the winter or spring. For more information, visit <http://turtlebaycsa.wordpress.com>

Elissa Lerner '04 has written an award-winning play, which was selected for inclusion in the New York International Fringe Festival that took place this August in Manhattan. Elissa's play, *Abraham's Daughters*, won the 2008 Reynolds Price Award for best original script at Duke University. It explores the lives of three freshmen women, far from home and family. Forced to confront a moral crisis that threatens their independence and friendship, they must also confront their relationship to the ancient faiths of their birth.

You can have your announcement published by writing or emailing the Alumnae/i office. Authors are encouraged to donate a copy of their published books to the High School library, where they will be placed in a special collection with other books by alums. The address to which to send your book is: Hunter College High School Library, 71 E. 94th Street, New York, NY 10128-0798. Enclose a brief note to advise the librarian that you are an alum.

ALUMS SEEN & HEARD...

Ruby Dee '39 on BET's "The Mo'nique Show" on February 19...

Mildred SPIEWAK Dresselhaus, Jan. '48 featured on the "Laser Pioneers" web page of Laser Fest, a yearlong celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Laser...

Martina ARROYO de Maurel, Jan. '53 on both WQXR and WNYC leading up to a trio of concerts presented by her Martina Arroyo Foundation at Hunter's Kaye Playhouse in mid-July. Arroyo discussed the foundation's intensive six-week training program for young singers, Prelude to a Performance, culminating in performances of Donizetti, Puccini and Mozart...

Susan MAJORS Battley '68 on the March 9 edition of CNBC's "Squawk on the Street," in a segment called "Betting on the Boss," discussing the strategy of investing based on company management...

Leslie Thurston '77 in the March 16 episode of TNT's *Southland* entitled "U-Boat"...

Alexandra MacAaron '80 reviewing the new TV Land sitcom *Hot In Cleveland* for the Women's Voices for Change web site on July 6...

Bruce Schneier '81 on WNYC's "The Takeaway" on May 6 discussing security issues in light of the attempted Times Square bombing. Schneier's security expertise was also referenced by advice columnist Jeffrey Goldberg in the April issue of *The Atlantic*...

Muzzy Rosenblatt '83 quoted on radio station WNYC on March 24 about New York City's proposal to cut homeless funding...

Cynthia Nixon '84 on the cover of the March issue of free lesbian magazine *Go* and also at the GLAAD Media Awards on March 13...

Shola Lynch '87 on the NPR program *Tell Me More* on January 26, participating in a discussion about Shirley Chisholm, whose memoir was recently re-published. In 2005, Lynch produced and directed a documentary on Chisholm entitled "Chisholm '72 – Unbought and Unbossed"...

Ben Dattner '88 in the PBS mini-series *This Emotional Life* on January 4. An organizational psychologist, in the show Ben counsels a pair of acrobats on how to improve their working relationship. Also seen online is Ben's April 29 Q&A with WSJ.com where he discusses five "Must-Ask" questions for every job interviewer. Dattner has recently co-written a book, entitled *Credit and Blame at Work*, due out in January 2011...

Nina HABIB Spencer '90 writing for the July 8 issue of *The Riverdale Press*. Her piece, entitled "I think I love you, Riverdale," has since become a regular column...

Max Kellerman '91 filling in for CNN news anchor Rick Sanchez on August 13. Primarily recognized as a boxing analyst for HBO, Max has hosted programs on ESPN, Fox Sports and ESPN Radio. He has also appeared on MSNBC...

Sascha Segan '92 on NYC's 1010 WINS in January, reporting from the 2010 International Consumer Electronics Show in Las Vegas. Sascha is best known as a writer and Managing Editor for PCMag Mobile...

Mynette Louie '93 at BIG Cinemas Manhattan in March for the New York screenings of *Children of Invention*, a 2009 Sundance Festival feature film she produced. *New York Times* film critic Manohla Dargis '79 writes, "A fine feature debut...while the politics are there, you might be too busy choking back tears to notice."...

Christopher Hayes '97 as a frequent commentator on MSNBC, particularly on *Countdown with Keith Olbermann*. Christopher is the Washington Editor for *The Nation* magazine...

Steve Hofstetter '97 appearing on a billboard advertisement in Times Square for JDate, the online dating service aimed at Jewish singles. He appeared in the ad with his fiancée, Sara; the two met through JDate. As Steve pointed out to the AA office, his billboard just happened to be adjacent to another advertising *In The Heights*, the musical by Lin Manuel-Miranda '98.

"INTRODUCING SUPREME COURT JUSTICE ELENA KAGAN" CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

Elena's own merit that was going to carry her through. And all of us can take pride in knowing that she is as rooted in the culture of Hunter as anyone can be.

Some of the media attention surrounding Elena's nomination focused on her strong ties to Hunter. The day President Obama announced her nomination, news crews descended on Hunter, reporting from outside the "Brick Prison" and interviewing students and faculty members about their reactions to the nominations. In the following days, articles and reports published and broadcast around the world described the role Hunter played in forming the future justice. A number of alumnae/i journalists shared their insights as fellow Hunterites, including Anne Reingold '76 (*The Daily Beast*), Beth Harpaz '77 (Associated Press), Andrew Siff '86 (WNBC) and Blake Eskin '88 (*The New Yorker*).

As *The New York Times* and others noted, Hunter College Campus Schools and the Kagan family have been part of each other for generations. Her brother Irving Kagan '82 has taught social studies at the High School since 1991. And, as *The Times* described in a June 17 profile of the Kagan family, "Their mother, Gloria, taught for 20 years at Hunter College Elementary School, where she was legendary for challenging her students to challenge themselves, sometimes to the point of making them tremble." During her testimony to the Senate Judiciary Committee in late June, both Irving and Rachel Kagan '05 (daughter of brother Marc) could be seen seated behind Elena, beaming proudly.

This pride extends throughout the Hunter community. After Elena's nomination, some of you sent us letters saying so. More messages came in after her confirmation. A few of these are reprinted in the Letters to Editor section of this issue of *AlumNotes*. Faculty, past and present, as well as current students also expressed excitement leading up to her confirmation. Between May and August links to articles about Elena were posted across nearly all of the numerous Facebook pages related to HCHS. So, on behalf of Sarah Maria Jones, let us all offer up a cheer for Elena, or rather, *Justice Kagan*...LONG MAY SHE SERVE!!!

TIMELINE OF ELENA KAGAN'S CAREER

1977	Graduates from Hunter College High School
1981	Earns a B.A. in History from Princeton <i>summa cum laude</i> , as well as a scholarship to study at Oxford
1983	Obtains Master of Philosophy at Oxford
1986	Receives Juris Doctor, <i>magna cum laude</i> , at Harvard
1986-1987	Clerk for Judge Abner Mikva of the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit
1988	Clerk for Justice Thurgood Marshall of the U.S. Supreme Court
1989-1991	Associate at the Washington, D.C. law firm Williams & Connolly
1991-1995	Assistant Professor at University of Chicago Law School
1995	Granted tenure by University of Chicago Law School
1995-1996	Associate Counsel to President Clinton
1997-1999	Deputy Assistant to the President for Domestic Policy and Deputy Director of the Domestic Policy Council
1999	Nominated to U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit; the Senate adjourns at the end of President Clinton's term without acting on the nomination
1999-2001	Visiting professor at Harvard Law School
2001-2003	Full professor at Harvard Law School
2003-2009	Dean of Harvard Law School (first woman)
2009-2010	United States Solicitor General (first woman)
Aug. 7, 2010	Sworn in as Associate Justice of the United States Supreme Court

CLASS NOTES

1940s

Dr. Betty Forest '42 was awarded an honorary doctorate of Human Letters by Adelphi University

Joan STEUDTNER Urbas, Jan. '49 enjoyed playing the romantic lead in the John Patrick play, *A Bad Year for Tomatoes* at the Charlestown Retirement Community's Little Theatre production.

1960s

Mara NESBITT-Aldrich '69 writes that ten classmates and five husbands attended a mini reunion July 28-August 1 in Portland, OR. Coming from Costa Rica, New York City, Baltimore, St. Cloud, MN, Phoenix, AZ, Los Angeles, San Jose, CA, Eugene and Portland, OR, the women caught up on events of the past 41 years. They ate great food, laughed big laughs and hugged each other lovingly. "Next year in Minnesota!" was the rallying cry as the women realized how much they enjoyed sharing stories and experiences and vowed not to let years pass before they gathered together again.

1970s

Laraine BALK Hope '73 hosted a gathering for alumnae in the DC Metro Area at her home in Rockville, MD in June 12. Maryland Senator Jennie Forehand was invited and gave a delightful talk to the group. **Paula GOLDFARB Post '54** attended and thought the event was quite a treat.

1980s

Judy CHIN Wong '88 and **Tai Wong '88** welcomed a new baby girl, Katharine Tory, on January 17, 2010.

Melissa Rodnon '89 was welcomed as the new Program Coordinator for the Children's & Young Dancer Department of the Joffrey Ballet School.

Lily J. Shapiro '89 and **Michael Siff '89** were married in December 2009 and their daughter Eva Marti Shapiro-Siff was born on April 20, 2010. Lily is an Acting Assistant Professor of Lawyering at NYU Law School and Michael is an Associate Professor of Computer Science at Sarah Lawrence College.

1990s

Errol Bakal '99 relocated to Mexico City in January to run his firm's office there. He's started a blog about his life south of the border: <http://2093milesaway.blogspot.com/>

2000s

Josh Centor '00 and his wife Jayne-Lacey Centor welcomed their son Gabriel Eli on July 5, 2010. Josh is currently the Assistant Director of Athletics at Carnegie Mellon University. He is also pursuing a Ph.D. in social and comparative analysis in education at the University of Pittsburgh.

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

Hunter Elementary Seeks Five Thousand Alums

Next year will mark the 70th Anniversary of the creation of Hunter College Elementary School as a school for gifted boys and girls. HCES is trying to find its 5,000 alumni to invite them to come back and help mark this occasion. A celebration is planned for Fall 2011.

To help you find your fellow alumni, the school has created an online directory; you can find a link on the home page of the ES website at <http://hces.hunter.cuny.edu>. Click the box labeled "PTA & Alumni" and follow the prompts. Once you sign up, not only will you be able to get back in touch with classmates, but you'll also be able to receive updates and event invitations from school. If you are in contact with any of your classmates please let them know of our plans and our web directory and encourage them to sign up. We look forward to hearing from you and meeting many of you in 2011!

—The HCES 70th Anniversary Committee

GIVING

Gifts to the Alumnae/i Association are essential to our ability to *create and sustain a social and professional network for alumnae/i of the high school, and provide operating and endowment support to the school.* The AA provides scholarships, fellowships and other student aid programs, and serves as a resource for the school by sponsoring educational, scientific, literary and cultural programs in cooperation with faculty and administration. We are tremendously grateful to alums who have already made us a part of their philanthropic plans.

Gifts to the AA may be *unrestricted or directed*. *Unrestricted gifts* are among the most valuable, because they allow us to allocate funds wherever the need is greatest, and to take advantage of unique opportuni-

ties as they arise. *Directed gifts* allow you to designate your gift to a specific program, a support group, or a priority area at the high school. When you make a directed gift to HCHSAA, you enjoy the satisfaction of knowing you are supporting a program that is personally meaningful to you.

Gifts of cash can be made on-line, by sending a check, or by calling the office. *Gifts of appreciated securities, stocks, and bonds* also provide considerable tax advantages when transferred to HCHSAA before they are sold. If you have held your securities for more than one year, you may find that your gift will provide a twofold tax benefit, creating an income-tax deduction as well as helping avoid the capital-gains tax that would have been due on their sale.

MEMBERSHIP

The Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association serves approximately 11,175 alums around the globe. Your annual membership dues make you part of the HCHSAA family and strengthen your ties to other alums and friends—and your ties to the school. Joining is easy and affordable and contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Dues are effective for one year from the date of purchase and dues-paid members are eligible to vote at the Annual Meeting in June. To find out if your dues are up to date check the mailing label on the back page of this issue. If you have paid, thank you for your support. If you would like to join, please refer to the Payment Form on the last page.

ANNUAL GIVING

Contributions to the Annual Fund are unrestricted, 100% tax-deductible contributions that provide direct support for high school programs and activities. The AA's Annual Fund helps us to better serve students, address requests for support, and capitalize on new opportunities. By making a gift to the Annual Fund, alums provide a vital and necessary stream of academic and student support. In FY10 the Alumnae/i Association made 44 grants totaling \$170,065 to the high school, plus a first time gift of \$20,000 to the Hunter College High School Endowment. These are the projects funded by Hunter alums in fiscal year 2010:

DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED	DEPARTMENT	PROJECT	AMOUNT AWARDED
Administration	Advisory	\$11,500	Computers	Robotics Team	5,000	Health & Physical Ed	Yoga Certification	400
Administration	Student Support	5,700	Counseling	National Stress Out Day	450	Health & Physical Ed	Athletics/Extracurricular	280
Administration	Professional Development	10,000	Counseling	Development Workshops	165	Hunter Film Project	To produce a film about Hunter	3,500
Administration	Continuing support for Advisory Pilot Program	35,000	English, Communications & Theater	Bringing professional production of Cymbeline to the School	1,600	Library	General	1,274
Administration	Academic Support: Middle School Writing and Math Tutorials	10,000	Foreign Language	General	250	Mathematics	To purchase 100 copies of <i>A Course in Geometry</i>	3,995
Administration	Support for External Programs; to develop new student internships	3,000	Health & Physical Ed	Wall of Fame for Plaques	500	Mathematics	50 Gallon Marine Aquarium	3,600
Administration	Student Support: Research and Planning Team	1,500	Health & Physical Ed	New Equipment (Trikses)	5,100	Mathematics	AP Physics lab purchases	3,000
Administration	Digitization, preservation and accessibility of HCHS alumni transcripts and school records	16,600	Health & Physical Ed	HD Video Camera to create content based around Health curriculum	500	Publications	General	75
Arts & Music	Piano Repair	2,800	Health & Physical Ed	30 Bowling books	400	Science	Labs	815
Arts & Music	Major Tuning and Voicing - Yamaha	500	Health & Physical Ed	Fitness Center Equipment Maintenance & Replacement	1,000	Science	BioSafety Level 2 Research Lab Equipment	19,000
Arts & Music	Tuning and Maintenance of six school pianos	3,100	Health & Physical Ed	Computer Program for Rowing Machines	250	Social Studies	Clerical Assistance to coordinate activities for academic year 2010-11	3,000
Arts & Music	quilted piano cover	200	Health & Physical Ed	Flat Screen Monitor to analyze rowing data	1,000	Social Studies	Women's Studies or Women's History	3,506
Arts & Music	replacement of equipment in Mac Lab	7,500	Health & Physical Ed	Rock Climbing Gear	750	Unrestricted	Computerization	150
Arts & Music	General	505	Health & Physical Ed	Phys Ed Curriculum Revision and resource development	1,500	Unrestricted	For pre-med for those in the bottom quartile	100
			Health & Physical Ed	Two weight training machines	600	Hunter College Foundation	Our Foundation Our Legacy Campaign	20,000
			Health & Physical Ed	Yoga Fit Training (staff development)	400			
						Total		\$190, 065

MILESTONE CLASS GIFTS

Many alums have chosen to support the High school by joining fellow classmates in making a Class Gift during their Milestone Reunion year. Class Gifts support current operating expenses and program grants. Special thanks to the following class coordinators for organizing this year's reunions and for their leadership in organizing their class gift: Phyllis LEKASHMAN Glantz, Jan '50, Judith SEGAL Zabar, Jan '50, Margaret (Peggy) BETZ Perrin '55, Anita VALENTE Mule '55, Jeanette ISENBERG Bersh '60, Gloria Lerner '60, Rebecca Reich '65, Susan NEIDICH Gonen '70, Aileen Leventon '70, Deborah B. Kahn '75, Jean Tom '80, Kathy Berenson '85, Nina HABIB Spencer '90, Bridget GORIS Klein '90, Lori Hoepner '90, Judd Kessler '00.

CLASS	AMOUNT OF GIFTS	NUMBER
1935	\$316	3
1940	77,357	30
1940J	50	1
1945	340	13
1945J	730	13
1950	3,373	32
1950J	2,848	48
1955	4,910	49
1960	20,034	172
1965	11,415	74
1970	15,000	40
1975	4,007	51
1980	4,918	64
1985	16,815	51
1990	33,238	83
1995	840	10
2000	3,105	23
2005	401	13

TRIBUTES & MEMORIAL GIFTS

A *Tribute* or *Memorial Gift* is an especially meaningful way to recognize friends, family, business associates, and special occasions, while at the same time supporting the programs of one of the city's greatest schools. *Tribute Gifts* mark special occasions such as weddings, birthdays, anniversaries and graduations. *Memorial Gifts* express your sympathy or remember a loved one. Your contribution will be acknowledged with a personalized letter sent to the honored individual or family without reference to the amount of the gift. We are

grateful to the following donors who made gifts in FY10 in memory of:

Estelle STEINBERG Charton, Jan. '41

Peggy DITULLIO De Gasperis '71

Pam Glass

Melanie BRIMMER Samuels '71

Betty Fox, Jan '50

Norma BUNKE Hinsch '42

Alice BRAVERMAN Haemmerli '63

Phyllis GREEN Rosner '63

Carolyn Jaffe '40

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Phyllis ANTMAN Feifer, Jan. '52

Joan Banfield Stephens, Jan. '53

Betty BROOKS Balsam, Jan. '53

MATCHING GIFTS

Many companies match their employees' gifts to nonprofit organizations. If you work for a matching gift company, you could double or even triple your gift to the Alumnae/i Association. Please check with your company's Human Resources Department to inquire about its matching gifts policy.

MATCHING GIFTS RECEIVED IN FY10

Ares Operations, LLC

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GIFT PLANNING

By Christina Mason, Esq., '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 benefiting 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 [the Federal

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estate tax was repealed for 2010, but, unless Congress acts, the tax will be reinstated in 2011, subjecting taxable estates in excess of \$1,000,000 to tax rates of up to 55%; New York imposes a 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 as much as 55% of the value of the gift to charity. Even if the donor's estate will not be subject to estate taxes, donors will still have the satisfaction of knowing that their favorite charity will benefit from their support when they 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 perhaps as much as 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 212-650-3349.

OUR FOUNDATION, OUR LEGACY CAMPAIGN UPDATE

By Matt Blumenfeld '83

In 2007 the Alumnae/i Association, in conjunction with the Hunter College Foundation, embarked on its first endowment campaign to help provide security over the long term by expanding the high school's permanent financial base and creating a predictable source of future income for such things as endowed faculty positions, student scholarships or fellowships, broad-based interdisciplinary research projects, or even entire academic programs.

The Our Foundation, Our Legacy Campaign continues to make progress even as annual funding from alums, parents and friends has stayed firm, and even increased in certain areas. Philanthropic funds at Hunter support a broad swathe of school life including equipment and furnishings, programmatic support, athletics, the arts, after school activities and library materials.

Endowments matter. Because they are held in perpetuity and invested for the long term, a dedicated endowment provides a secure source of revenue for Hunter that is indispensable to building and sustaining long term excellence. At Hunter, there are two dedicated endowment funds, one each for the elementary and the high school. Each is held and managed by the Hunter College Foundation for the exclusive benefit of the Campus Schools, and funds from the endowments are to be used for purposes that enhance the educational experience, NOT to replace operating funds that come from public sources.

"We are so grateful to the more than 400 donors who have already stepped up,"

said Tracey Riese '74, who is chairing the effort. "Thanks to their generosity, we now have more than \$1 million secured for the endowments, and we urge all graduates to consider participating in this campaign." Gifts to the campaign may be made directly to the Hunter College Foundation or via the Alumnae/i Association, and both entities can accept gifts of cash and securities. Alums interested in learning more may contact Matt Blumenfeld '83 at matthew@financialdevelopmentagency.com.

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New York. The school plans to use her gift as seed money for two new programs designed to help students in need, "thus meeting the spirit of what Sister Beryl was looking for," said Joan Rosenthal '72, president of the HCHS Alumnae/i Association.

With her special gift, Miriam Rand created the Miriam Rand Travel Fund at the Hunter College Foundation, to be used by HCHS to provide financial aid to students in need. Designated specifically for school-sponsored trips, the fund has already enabled dozens of students to participate in diverse experiences from local museum visits to foreign exchange trips to Italy and Spain. "The Rand Fund has provided incredible enrichment opportunities to students who otherwise could not have participated in these life-changing activities," said a school spokesperson.

Dorothy Brodin was a noted scholar in modern French literature as well as a long-time teacher and administrator. She taught French at HCHS and had been a chair of the Foreign Languages department. She also directed and taught at the Lycée Français de New York and taught at Lehman College (CUNY). She left a considerable bequest to

the Lycée Français as well as to HCHS.

The gift of Eleanor ULLMAN Light '49 was extraordinary in several ways. Not only was its source a wartime reparations payment, but it was to be used, Light stipulated, to create a program on Holocaust Studies, including Hunterites' own experiences. The program she created together with classmate Mildred Speiser has brought back alumnae from the '40s and '50s to speak to present-day students and share their stories of struggle and immigration to New York. "The program has had a profound impact on the current student body and is now an established part of the social studies curriculum," according to Matt Blumenfeld '83, Hunter's director for the Our Foundation, Our Legacy Campaign.

The bequest of Ann M. Domidion '40 is significant in being by far the largest single contribution of any kind that HCHS has ever received, according to Rosenthal. Domidion lived and worked in a number of far-flung countries, where most of her jobs were in academia or related to teaching. After Hunter College, she taught school in Vermont and worked in Venezuela. Returning to New York in the early '60s to earn a Columbia University doctorate in education, she subsequently worked for US AID, serving in Vietnam, Nicaragua, Florida, Nepal and Botswana. "Her work

always centered around educating the locals and helping them better their living conditions," according to her sister-in-law. "Ann always spoke well of her experience at both Hunter High and Hunter College and was very grateful for the education provided to city residents at no cost," she added, pointing out that like many other New York City youngsters, then and now, Ann might never have made it to college without these opportunities.

"A planned gift," Blumenfeld said, "is a wonderful way to do something extraordinary for our extraordinary students and unique institution. In addition, a planned gift provides virtually anyone leaving behind an estate with an opportunity to make a significant gift without having a direct impact on their financial situation during their lifetime." Rosenthal added: "We encourage alumnae/i of all generations to consider making HCHS a part of their estate plan. With a planned gift or bequest, you can help Hunter to remain an incredible school that opens the doors to ongoing academic success for our future leaders even in the face of tight public funding. We are deeply grateful to Ann, Miriam, Sr. Beryl, Eleanor and Madame Brodin for their generosity, and trust their gifts will inspire many others to follow their example."

IN MEMORIAM

Beatrice FOX Lewis '22 passed away on October 26, 2009. She had celebrated her 103rd birthday in May 2009. Beatrice used her fine Hunter College High School and Hunter College trained mind to teach in the New York school system for over 40 years. Her retirement years were spent in New Jersey where she had a second career as her congressman's Assistant for Senior Citizen Affairs. Beatrice was a gifted speaker who explained government programs to large gatherings of seniors. She also worked with individuals to solve their problems with federal agencies. Beatrice was an avid reader, a theatre devotee and a world traveler. She had an appropriate story, reference, quotation or joke for every situation along with an infallible memory. Beatrice is survived by and missed by her two daughters, one son-in-law, four grandchildren and their spouses and nine great-grandchildren.

Dr. Ethel GARFUNKEL Berl, Jan. '23 died in New York on April 11, 2010, 18 days before her 104th birthday. She graduated from Hunter College in 1927, received her M.A. from Columbia in 1928 and her Ph.D. from New York University in 1940. From 1927 to 1974 she was a professor of psychology at Hunter, and in 2001 was awarded the college's President's Medal. Predeceased by her husband, Alexander, she is survived by many cousins.

Frederique GREENBERG Gurtman '25, age 102, of Yonkers died October 24, 2009. She was born in New York City, the eldest child of Rebecca and Karl Greenberg. She was a well-respected grade-school teacher until her retirement. Mrs. Gurtman was married to the late William D. Gurtman. She delighted in the company and the conversation of her dear friends and family. Wide-traveled and never afraid to interact with strangers, she made friends all over the world. She is survived by her children, Carl and Barbara; grandchildren Sarah, Nathan, Daniel, Adam, Joshua and Matthew; great-grandchildren Simone, Isaac, Benjamin and Aaron.

Estelle PARNAS Oringer '27 died on April 2, 2010. She was a gifted pianist and exceptional woman, who inspired and engaged people until age 97, when she became seriously ill for the first time. Graduating from Hunter at the age of 15, she went on to graduate from Hunter College and the Manhattan School of Music.

She was the music director of the New Dance Group and an accompanist for Martha Graham dancers. An outstanding teacher in public and Hebrew schools who communicated her passion for music and living, in her 60s Estelle returned to concertizing. She performed at NYU's La Maison Française, synagogues, churches and halls, with a well-received "debut" at Carnegie Recital Hall, followed by concert tours in Haiti. Her specialties included Baroque, romantic, French and Spanish composers. Of her concerts for elderly audiences, organized by Jewish Association for Services for the Aged, she said: "I love watching people do a double-take when I slide over from the wheelchair onto the piano bench and seem 50 years younger when I play." A bright star, who left a deep impression everywhere, has left us. She is survived by her loving daughter, Judith.

Sylvia GLASS Goldfrank '28, who was valedictorian of her class, died in February 2006. Her career highlights included helping to found the NY Teachers' Union in the 1930s, interpreting and translating for the French government's information service in the 1940s, and teaching English and French at Briarcliff and then Mamaroneck HS from the 1950s through the 1970s. She then taught at LIU before retiring with her husband to Santa Cruz, CA where she lived for twenty years.

Minnie KLEIN Feltenstein '30 passed away on February 2, 2010 at age 97. She was the cherished and devoted mother of Arlene (Gil) and Maxine (Marc). She was the adored grandmother of Stewart, Scott (Wendy), Emily (Todd), Carolyn (Robert), and Lauren (Rick). She lived to welcome and treasure eight great-grandchildren. She always had great intellectual curiosity. She enjoyed reading the *AlumNotes* publication she received. Adding to her Hunter pride was the fact that one of her great-grandchildren, Will Koffler, is currently attending Hunter College Elementary School. Minnie went on to attend Hunter College until her devotion and responsibility to her family caused her to put aside her academic pursuits to care for her mother. She was pre-deceased by her beloved husband, William, and worked until her retirement as a school secretary for the New York City school system. The epitome of good taste, refinement and culture, she enjoyed all forms of arts and entertainment. She excelled at

cooking and was an excellent hostess. Above all, she was a lady. Her fashion sense was impeccable, and she lived as she dressed -- with utmost style and grace.

Beatrice Stern Levine, Jan. '32 died on January 11, 2009 at the age of 94. She was the beloved wife of the late Solomon Levine, devoted mother of Robert and Ronnie and loving grandmother of Brian, David and Annie. She was a graduate of Brooklyn College and was a retired teacher. She had an extraordinary enthusiasm for life.



Evelyn Cunningham '34 with Mamie Eisenhower

Evelyn Cunningham '34, a renowned journalist and one-time aide to Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller, died on June 9, 2010 at the age of 94. Evelyn was the High School's Distinguished Graduate in 2000. At a time when few women worked at newspapers and even fewer handled hard news, Ms. Cunningham covered some of the civil rights era's biggest stories, including the battle over school desegregation in Birmingham as well as the work of Martin Luther King, Jr. and Malcolm X. Starting in 1940, she worked for more than 20 years as a reporter and editor for the *Pittsburgh Courier*, a black newsweekly with nationwide circulation. Much of that time she worked out of the paper's New York office. She became known by some as the "lynching editor," a reference to her reporting on such killings in the segregated South. In 1998, Ms. Cunningham and four other former *Courier* reporters accepted a George Polk Award for *The Courier's* civil rights coverage. For several years in the 1960s, Evelyn had a radio show on WLIB in New York called "At Home With Evelyn Cunningham." In the late 1960s, she took a job as special assistant to Governor Rockefeller, who appointed her to lead an office

on women's affairs. She continued to advise Rockefeller when he became Vice President under Gerald Ford. She served on many government panels dealing with women's rights and community issues and also helped establish the National Coalition of 100 Black Women, an advocacy group. Born in Elizabeth City, NC, the daughter of a taxi driver and a dressmaker, her family moved to New York when she was a child. Living in Harlem for most of her life, she developed friendships with notable musicians including Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald. A jazz devotee, she supported cultural institutions like the Apollo Theater, Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre and Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation. Mayor Bloomberg, who appointed Ms. Cunningham to a commission on women's issues in 2002, issued a statement upon her passing that said, "All New Yorkers and all Americans who value our ideals of liberty and justice for all have lost a good friend and a fearless champion." Evelyn is survived by her niece, Gigi Freeman, who she raised as her own after her brother's death in 1973.

Belva KATZ Singer '34 passed away on March 30, 2010 in Ohio at the age of 92. A graduate of Hunter College, she had only recently earned her master's degree from Columbia University and begun teaching when she moved to Cleveland in 1963, because her beloved husband, Joseph, took a job at NASA's Lewis Research Center. He died in 1997. Never one to be deterred by age, Belva was in her early 40s when she started a teaching career, eventually rising to Principal of Belvoir Elementary School and then Director of Curriculum for the Cleveland Heights-University Heights school system. While an administrator, Mrs. Singer instituted many innovative programs, and was much loved by her co-workers and her students. In 2009, at age 91, Belva was one of a group of ten women over the age of 80 who were Bat Mitzvahed, an event that attracted national attention. Always an avid reader, she said the most difficult part was learning to read Hebrew. She is badly missed by her son, William, and her daughter, Laura.

Helen KUBLIN Gacki '36 died on January 13, 2010, at her home in Clinton, IA. Born in New York City, Helen graduated from Hunter College in 1940. She married Leonard W. Gacki, a physicist and inventor, in 1942. She was a member of Jesus Christ Prince of Peace Parish and a

member of the Philanthropic Educational Organization (PEO). She was an avid bridge player and enjoyed playing with the women of the Clinton Country Club, the Hospital Auxiliary and Prince of Peace Parish. Helen was an enthusiastic Notre Dame football fan and an active member of the Republican Party. She is survived by her daughter, Ginny, and her son, Bill; three grandchildren, Allison, Andrew and Daniel; and a great-grandchild, Carter.

Luciana LUSARDI Davis '39 passed away on October 13, 2009, in Scottsdale, AZ. Luciana was born in Parma, Italy. In 1944 she married Richard H. Davis at St. Joseph Church in New York City and moved to Escanaba, MI where they remained until their retirement to Scottsdale in 1983. Luciana was employed at Mead Corporation, and later served as the executive secretary to the City Manager of Escanaba. She is survived by her daughters, Barbara and Catherine; her son, John; three grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Carolyn STRAUSS Jaffe '40 died on March 27, 2010. She began her career as a chemist for General Aniline and Dye at a time when few women were in the profession. After a period as wife, mother and volunteer, she spent over 20 years as an educator at PS 130 in Manhattan. Carolyn inspired and enriched the lives of her students and colleagues with her passion for life, people and love of learning. She was married to the late Sidney, the love of her life, for 47 years; cherished mother to Faye, Alice, Michael and James; adored grandmother to Lauren, David, Daniel, Benjamin, the late Noah, Jesse and Leigh and "Super Gaga" to Eden. Carolyn passed in the way that she had lived - with dignity and grace, surrounded by love. A proud graduate of Hunter College High School, Hunter College, and Yeshiva University, Carolyn was a champion of empowerment through education. In memoriam, her family asked that donations be made to the HCHSAA.

Vivienne BROMFIELD Reback '41 passed away on November 5, 2009. Vivienne taught in the New York City school system for 35 years, eventually retiring as a math teacher from Bronx Co-op City. She was the beloved wife of Jack and mother of Shari, Susan and Dane, grandmother of Andrew, Jennifer and Karen, and great-grandmother of Chava and Ami.

MarEl ZIMMERMAN Adler, Jan. '42 died on April 19, 2010. While raising five children, MarEl taught mathematics at the National Bureau of Standards as well as a U.S. Naval Weapons Plant. Having lived in Wheaton, MD for many years, she and her husband moved to Virginia Beach, VA in 2006. She is survived by her husband, Hans, and five children.

Selma SHAFFER Cooperman '43, M.D., Ph.D., died in Long Beach, CA, on August 25, 2010 after a short illness, at age 82. She graduated from Hunter College and then received her M.D. at NYU. She was married in 1950 to an orthopedic surgeon, and took residency training in pediatrics at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Bellevue and Mount Sinai. She then moved to Long Beach, to practice pediatrics and have four children. After ten years of pediatrics she undertook residency in Psychiatry (her Ph.D.) and practiced in that specialty until retirement at age 65. She lived life to the fullest and is much missed by husband, four children and five grandchildren.

Phyllis EISEN Geiss, Jan. '45 died on December 6, 2009 at age 81. She earned her B.A. in sociology at Cornell (Phi Beta Kappa) and was then appointed a research analyst at the London School of Economics, later becoming supervisor of copy research at Kenyon & Eckhardt Advertising. After serving as a vice-president at Market Facts, NY, Phyllis worked as an independent consultant. She advised Citibank on adapting their products -- credit cards, ATMs and computer banking -- to people's needs. She was a warm, quick-witted woman whom one colleague described as "a pixie who could charm anyone into doing the right thing." She is survived by a sister, Eda, the loving Saperstein and Eisen families, and her adoring husband, Tony Geiss.

Arlene PROPPER Silberman, Jan. '46 died on May 3, 2010. She was 81. The author of *Growing Up Writing*, Arlene had a distinguished career as an education writer and consultant. Also a freelance writer, she appeared frequently in *Reader's Digest*, *McCall's*, *Ladies Home Journal* and other prominent women's magazines. She was the adored wife of Charles for 61 years, and leaves behind four children and six grandchildren.

IN MEMORIAM

Capt. Margaret MCCARTHY Ruhlmann '46 passed away November 11, 2009. She graduated from Hunter College with a bachelor's degree in Political Science, cum laude, in 1950. Margaret received a direct appointment as a Second Lieutenant in the Women's Army Corps (WAC) and entered active duty during September 1950 in support of the Korean War. She subsequently attended the Provost Marshal General's School and was assigned to a post on Governor's Island, NY. In 1954 she was assigned to duty as a recruiting officer for Southern California, where she was promoted to Captain. In 1956 she received orders to Japan, where she served in Okinawa and Tokyo as a member of the 1st Cavalry Division. She concluded her military career in 1958 as the Commanding Officer of the WAC Detachment at Fort Gordon, GA. Margaret married her late husband, Raymond, that year and moved to Lockport, NY. She was the devoted mother of two children and served the Lockport community as a volunteer at St. Mary's Church and with the American Red Cross for many years.

Diana SKALETZKY Herman, Jan. '50 passed away peacefully on May 30, 2010 following a brief, but courageous battle with breast cancer. A graduate of Cornell University and Gratz College, she was a longtime resident of Franklin Township, NJ, where she was active with the League of Women Voters and the Franklin Township Public Library. She held professional positions in early childhood education, communications and administration. She was a longtime member and past president of Temple Emanu-El in Edison, NJ, a trustee of the Union for Reform Judaism, and a past president of its New Jersey West Hudson Valley Council. Diana is survived by her husband of 55 years, Bob, two daughters, a grandson, a sister, and a wide circle of friends.

Judge Sylvia BRODSKY Pressler, Jan. '52 died on February 15, 2010 at the age of 75. The presiding judge of New Jersey's Appellate Division, she wrote more than 3,500 opinions in her 31 years on the bench. She also annotated the *New Jersey Rules of Court* for Gann Law Books, a critical reference for legal professionals. However, she was perhaps best known for a 1973 decision she made as a government-appointed examiner for the state's Division of Civil Rights, while still a lawyer, effectively opening the door for girls to play Little League baseball. In her ruling she wrote, "The institution of Little League

is as American as the hot dog and apple pie. There is no reason why that part of Americana should be withheld from girls." The New Jersey Appellate Court upheld Ms. Pressler's ruling, making the state the first to bar sex discrimination in Little League. In 1974 Little League Inc. agreed to allow girls on its teams and to start a softball division for girls. As a judge, Sylvia helped to extend the legal rights of gay couples in 1995 when she ruled in favor of allowing a woman to adopt her partner's children. And in 2004, she ruled that New Jersey's procedures for carrying out the death penalty were insufficient to guarantee the rights of the condemned, requiring that they be re-examined before the state could perform another execution by lethal injection. Three years later the New Jersey Legislature abolished capital punishment. She retired in 2004. Classmate Phyllis ANTMAN Feifer writes, "Sylvia entered the school in 7th grade, went on to become Editor of *What's What* as a junior, and then became our indefatigable President. She loved Hunter High, credited it as a positive force in her life, and made strong lifelong friendships there. We were lucky to have her." Judge Pressler is survived by her husband of 55 years, David, two children and three grandchildren.

Judith MUSHABAC Layzer '58 died on January 8, 2010 in New York City. After graduating from Cornell's Industrial and Labor Relations (ILR) School, Judith had a long and successful career working for the City of New York in Contract Compliance and the Department of Transportation. A lifelong feminist, she co-founded The Committee for Women in Nontraditional Jobs, a nonprofit pioneering the hiring of women in the trades for work on city contracts. Today, her work is archived at NYU's Robert F. Wagner Labor Archives. Judith had a rare form of ovarian cancer, which she lived with for almost 40 years. She believed she survived as long as she did through the brilliance of her husband, Arthur, who died in 2006, and the experimental treatments they sought out together. To gain fair access to these medicines, Judith initiated a suit against Medicare, which is still pending. Judith was a tireless activist for Democratic causes, especially those affecting New York City. She expressed her passion and energy for politics -- and the arts -- every day, inspiring those around her until the very end. She is survived by her loving daughter, Varese Layzer '89, her mother, and her two sisters.

Dr. Alice Rose SANTOMAURO Sheehan '60 died July 19, 2010, after sudden complications resulting from her 30-year battle with rheumatoid arthritis. Alice earned her B.A. in languages from the City College of New York, a master's in education from the University of South Carolina, and an Ed.D. from South Carolina State University. A lifelong advocate of caring and learning, Dr. Sheehan served as a teacher, mentor and administrator in Aiken County, SC for more than 35 years. She consistently demonstrated her compassion, dedication and commitment to both her students and colleagues. Alice instilled in all her loved ones her tireless work ethic, her positive approach to life and her compassionate service to others. Above all, she cherished her time with her husband of almost 45 years, Jim, her four children, and her six grandchildren.

Deedee Eisenberg '67 passed away gracefully of breast cancer on June 7, 2010, in Madison, WI, surrounded by friends and family. Deedee was a dancer all her life; she trained at the Martha Graham School of Dance while at Hunter. She was also active with Students for Peace in Vietnam. Initially at the University of Chicago, Deedee graduated from Princeton in 1971, in the college's first co-ed class. She went on to receive her doctorate in environmental epidemiology from the University of Wisconsin in 1988, followed by postdoctoral work in Seattle. Already interested in Buddhism, in 1991 Deedee traveled to India and shifted gears. She moved to Califon, NJ, founding "New Moves Yoga," became a certified practitioner of the Feldenkrais Method, and led training classes on meditation, providing help and inspiration to many. Deedee is survived by many friends and family including her longtime Hunter friend, Jannie LIEVOW Brightman '67 - who cared for her during the last months of her life, her sister, Joni, and her mother, Justine. Deedee was a lover of Mother Earth and all her people; a dancer, teacher, scientist, independent thinker, community builder, peace activist, great cook, organic farmer, and joyful spirit. Donations may be made to Healthy Solutions/Deedee's Fund, 447 Valley Avenue SE, Washington DC 20032, or visit www.healthysolutionsgroup.org, where a memorial has been set up in Deedee's honor to provide African American women with scholarships to study organic farming. Wishes of condolences can be sent to Deedee's family via her sister Joni at: tohealdc@yahoo.com

Dr. Elizabeth Genovese '73 died of complications from cholangiocarcinoma, a bile-duct cancer, on April 9, 2010, her 53rd birthday. Elizabeth earned a B.A. from Harvard in 1977, and an M.D. and then an M.B.A. from Penn. Dr. Genovese completed a residency in internal medicine at St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center in New York. In 1995, she was a founding partner and medical director of IMX Medical Management Services in Bala Cynwyd, PA, a firm that specializes in independent medical evaluations and occupational health services. Dr. Genovese also maintained a private practice focused on women and was an adjunct assistant professor of emergency medicine at the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine.

She lectured frequently and contributed to more than 30 medical articles and several books. Dr. Genovese was an accomplished ballroom dancer and performed in musical revues at Harvard and Penn. Elizabeth is survived by her two children, her parents, three siblings, five stepchildren and her former husband, Sam.

Lawrence (Larry) Popish '82 died suddenly on January 2, 2010. He was the cherished son of Helene and Abe, and a devoted brother to Nancy. Charity, kindness and keen intellect were the essence of his character.

The Alumnae/i Association has also been advised of the deaths of the following alums:

Miriam ROSNICK Lipton '26
Rosalie CUCCHIARO Saliani '30
Gladys GALSTON Rosalsky '33
Juliette KREMSDORF Kreisworth '36
Dorothy HENRY Maize '38
Julia GELLER Sulsky '40
Estelle STEINBERG Charton, Jan. '41
Harriet STAROLITZ Fruim, Jan. '41
Suzanne WARENDORFF Platoff '42
Alice GOLDFARB Marquis '48
Geraldine DUPER Reilly '48
Charlotte LEDERER Missar, Jan. '51
Laine MORAIS Waggoner '51
Alice BIRKELAND Meberg '58
Barbara KITTLEBERGER Haines '60
Arlyn REISER Grossman '68

Class of 2010 Alumnae/i Association Scholarships

On June 14, the Alumnae/i Association awarded scholarships to a small group of graduating seniors at the annual Honors and Awards Ceremony, held at the High School. Winners of this year's Thomas Hunter Memorial Award were Daniela Bartalini, Graham Egan, Sho Matsuzaki, and Maksim Morgaylo. The Mildred Busch Award went to Justin Hudson. Selected by the High School's Honors and Awards Committee, each prize winner was presented with a \$1,000 check from the AA to use towards college. We are pleased to share some of the thanks we have received:

I feel both humbled and honored to have received such a meaningful award as the Thomas Hunter Memorial Award and am truly grateful towards both the school and the association. I look forward to becoming an integral part of the alumnae/i community and giving back to Hunter College High School as much as it has given to me.

--Graham Egan '10

Your amazing generosity has touched our entire family, serving as an example of caring for young people's future, and commitment to support their talent and hard work. We were

absolutely impressed with such an acknowledgment, which not only provides Maks with finances necessary to afford his upcoming education at the Wharton School of Business, but also encourages his future efforts in helping people.

--Mark & Irina Morgaylo

It is important to me that an award exists that highlights students who have exemplified the general ideals of Hunter, and I hope that such an award remains available for many years to come.

--Sho Matsuzaki '10

I can assure you that receiving one thousand dollars was a godsend, and I wish I could express to you the face my mother made when she saw your gift for the first time. This scholarship will pay for a significant proportion of my college expenses, and I again want to emphasize how honored and privileged I felt, and still feel, upon receiving this award. I am inspired by your kindness, and I look forward to becoming an active member of the Alumnae/i Association. As my time at Hunter ends, I have begun to fully realize how much Hunter has provided for me, and receiving such an incredible parting gift has done nothing but reinforce in my mind how strong a community Hunter has.

--Justin Hudson '10

Also, **Noah Amsel '16** was awarded a \$100 prize for the "Best Research Paper on Issues of Human Rights, Genocide, and Holocaust." This prize was generously funded by Eleanor ULLMAN Light, Jan. '49 through her sponsorship of Holocaust studies at the High School. Noah's winning submission, actually in the form of web site, is called "The Nuremberg Trials: A Revolution in Legal Thought" and can be accessed at <http://99194136.nhd.weebly.com>

which Benji performed solo, told the story of a bright young boy with a wonderful childhood, who at eighteen is suddenly elevated by soaring aspirations, and yet mourns his boyhood at the same time. Benji sang:

*I could be a hero when others cower!
I'll fight fires, crime, and terrorism!*

*I could be brilliant; the man of the hour!
I'll write best sellers, and a popular blog!*

*I could have influence, prestige and power!
Like a senator, or a student council president."*

And he noticed then that he missed his Lego set.

*And he thought, "Oh my God,
My childhood is over."*

*And his father said, "Son, that's not true.
It isn't over.
It's just the start of something new."*

Despite the uncertainty expressed in his lyrics, Benji has already firmly established himself as a rising star in the world of musical composition and performance. In April 2009, an interview with Benji was featured on Big Think, the online ideas forum best known for its interviews with experts from various fields. At the time, Benji was the youngest interviewee ever featured on Big Think (<http://bigthink.com/benjigoldsmith>).

Justin Hudson '10 was greeted by roaring applause when he rose to deliver his now (in)famous Class Speech. In his speech, Hudson admitted feeling not only tremendous gratitude for his time at Hunter, but also a sense of guilt. He said, "I feel guilty because I don't deserve any of this. And neither do any of you. We received an outstanding education at no charge based solely on our performance on a test we took when we were eleven-year-olds, or four-year-olds. We received superior teachers and additional resources based on our status as 'gifted,' while kids who naturally needed those resources much more than us wallowed in the mire of a broken system."

Justin's speech has been reprinted in its entirety following this article. Justin is also mentioned in this issue as the recipient of this year's Mildred Busch Award.

Of course, the ceremony was not without the heartfelt contributions of school administrators and notable guests. Distinguished Graduate Award recipient Evelyn H. Lauder '54 and Hunter College President Jennifer J. Raab '73 both used their time at the podium to reflect on the life-long gift of a Hunter College High School education.

President Raab illustrated the importance of her time at HCHS by stating that her diploma from Hunter is the only degree she keeps mounted on her wall because "it made all of the others possible."

Evelyn Lauder echoed that sentiment, admitting that while she "may not have been the best student," at Hunter she learned "how to get things done." She also related a memorable anecdote about the day she learned she was admitted to Hunter. Evelyn's English teacher had just instructed the class to write an essay titled "The Happiest Day of My Life." Moments later, while Evelyn was thinking about what to write, a school administrator entered the classroom to announce the names of the students who had been admitted to Hunter College High School. Evelyn's name was, of course, on that short list. And although



President Jennifer J. Raab '73 presents Evelyn Lauder '54 with the Distinguished Graduate Award.

she felt that she was experiencing the happiest day of her life at that moment, she feared that saying so in her essay might insult her teacher and she decided to write about something else.

For their part, the Class of 2010 showed their appreciation to Hunter through their class gift, picnic tables for the courtyard in the "Brick Prison."

In addressing the graduates before they accepted their diplomas, Term Advisor Lori D'Amico, who had held the class in her charge since they were seventh graders, gave two last instructions. "Be Generous. Be Kind."

Class Speech by Justin Hudson '10: The Brick Tower

Ladies and gentlemen, family, faculty and my fellow classmates of the class of 2010, before I begin I would like to thank those teachers who chose this modest speech among the outstanding collection of speeches written by my highly competent peers. I would also like to thank all the people who have expressed their support for me and their anticipation for this speech. To be told "You are the best person in the grade to give this speech", or some variation of that statement, more than once is truly humbling, and you all are either the most polite people I know, or the kindest people I know. It is a great honor to give this address, and I promise I do not take it lightly. I have chosen every word quite carefully because I am fully aware of the responsibility you all have bestowed upon me.

Today, I stand before you as a personification of conflictedness. I find myself on this

podium experiencing numerous warring emotions, and I am certain many of you here empathize with me on that point. Firstly, and perhaps most obviously, I am filled with a great sense of happiness and accomplishment. My peers and I have put much effort for the last six years—a third of our lives thus far—into being able to stand here today and say that we've earned the right to stand here. It was by no means easy, and there were many times when I thought I would not reach this finish line. But those struggles have only made this moment sweeter. The people who are on this stage survived four years of Latin, or 8th grade swim class, or English with Ms. D'Amico, or BC Calculus, or the 25% rule, and I think all of us can take some pride in that.

Yet, my ambivalence on this day stems from the very fact that this ceremony is the end of an arduous journey. While I am

ready to continue my academic endeavors, knowing that Hunter has thoroughly prepared me for them, I am also filled with a deep sense of anxiety and sadness. Hunter has been my second home for the last six years, and it has bordered on becoming my first home. Between my time diligently taking notes in the classroom, playing Chinese Poker in the hallway, taking a nap in the G.O. office, frantically rehearsing for a cultural show or theater production in the auditorium, cheering for an undefeated basketball team in the gymnasium, or simply sitting outside on the senior steps, listening to a boom box and enjoying nice weather in the courtyard, Hunter has truly become a sanctuary for me. My life has revolved around the four-story brick building that stands on East 94th Street and Park Avenue, and Hunter's intimate class size means that I have become as connected to the people of this school as I have to the building itself. It may sound disingenuous to say that I will miss each and every one of you, but all of you in some small way have shaped me into the person I am today, so I thank you all for that.

Of course, the comfort that I have attained at Hunter makes this departure a rather anxious one, but with anxiety comes excitement, and the end of this journey signifies the start of a brand new one. As I leave behind the warmth that I have experienced at Hunter to enter a vastly new and quite frightening terrain, I can only help but think back to the last time I was in this situation, as a fresh-faced, wide-eyed twelve-year-old entering the foreboding, windowless Brick Prison for the first time. Every aspect of my life since that point has been overwhelmingly positive, so all my fears about what lies ahead are slightly tamed by the idea that I will at least come close to experiencing in my future what I have already experienced at Hunter.

However, ladies and gentlemen, more than happiness, relief, fear or sadness, I feel a very strong emotion that I cannot ignore today. More than anything else, today I feel guilty.

I feel guilty because I don't deserve any of this. And neither do any of you. We received an outstanding education at no charge based solely on our performance on a test we took when we were eleven-year-olds, or four-year-olds. We received superior teachers and additional resources based on our status as "gifted", while kids who naturally needed those resources much more than us wallowed in the mire of a broken system. And now, we

stand on the precipice of our lives, in control of our lives, based purely and simply on luck and circumstance. If you truly believe that the demographics of Hunter represent the distribution of intelligence in this city, then you must believe that the Upper West Side, Bayside and Flushing are intrinsically more intelligent than the South Bronx, Bedford-Stuyvesant and Washington Heights, and I refuse to accept that. It is certainly not Hunter's fault that socioeconomic factors inhibit the educational opportunities of some children from birth, and in some ways I forgive colleges and universities that are forced to review eighteen-year-olds, the end results of a broken system. But, we are talking about eleven-year-olds. Four-year-olds. We are deciding children's fates before they even had a chance. We are playing God, and we are losing. Kids are losing the opportunity to go to college or obtain a career, because no one taught them long division or colors. Hunter is perpetuating a system in which children, who contain unbridled and untapped intellect and creativity, are discarded like refuse. And we have the audacity to say they deserved it, because we're smarter than them.

As students, we throw around empty platitudes like "deserve" and "earn", most likely because it makes us feel better about ourselves. However, it simply isn't the case. I know for a fact that I did not work as hard as I possibly could have, and I think the same is true for everyone on this stage. Nevertheless, people who work much harder than we ever could imagine will never have the opportunities that lie in front of us.

I apologize if this is not the speech you wanted to hear, but you will have the rest of your lives to celebrate your accomplishments. I apologize if I have not inspired you, or uplifted you, but we have failed to inspire and uplift an entire generation of children. That being said, let me make it very clear that I am not giving anyone here a moral lecture, for I am as complicit in the system we are a part of as anyone else in this room. If anything, I only make these remarks to further emphasize how much Hunter has meant to me, because I am acutely aware of where I would be now without it. As recipients of fortune, we more than anyone else should be able to understand and respect what our high school experience has meant to us, and has done for us.

My guilt ultimately stems from my awareness of the academic, social, emotional and psychological tools that Hunter has blessed us with. Therefore, I believe the best way to

assuage this guilt is to use those fortuitous tools to not only better myself, but also improve the society that surrounds us outside these oh, so narrow walls. I do not know the capacity in which I will be able to make this world a better and more just place, but I strongly believe that education is the most effective means of creating social improvement, which is precisely why this is a battle we cannot concede.

My experiences at Hunter have left me with one final emotion; the last sentiment I will share with you today is hope. I hope that I will use the tools that Hunter has given me as a means to provide opportunities to others, not out of a sense of paternalistic philanthropy, but out of a sense of duty to give to other people what Hunter has given to me. I also hope that you all will do the same, in whatever way you see fit. Even more so, I hope that in the near future, education itself will not be a privilege for the few in this world. I hope that a quality education will not be a privilege for the few in this country. I hope that the Hunter community will descend from its ivory tower made of brick, and distribute its tools evenly to the mass of humanity that is the City of New York. I hope that, despite its problems, Hunter can prove to be the rule, and not the exception, to what can exist as a school. Finally, I hope from the bottom of my heart that someday a class speaker can stand on this podium and look into an audience of his closest and dearest friends whom he never would have met without Hunter and whom he'll never forget, an audience of faculty members he has a deep respect and admiration for, an audience of family members who have supported him throughout his entire life without asking for anything in return. I hope this child can stand on this very stage, look at the most important people in his life, and feel happy, sad, relieved, scared, accomplished or whatever his heart desires, without feeling guilty about a damn thing.

Thank you for your time.

Hear Justin's interview with Brian Lehrer of WNYC in a segment called "Determining Who's Gifted and Talented," at <http://beta.wnyc.org/shows/bl/2010/aug/16/gifted-and-talented>

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