

AlumNotes

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President's Letter

Eve S. Ferdman '79

Thanks to all of those who made Reunion '99 such a success! I was thrilled to meet and greet so many of you who attended, along with various faculty members. Especially big thanks go out to **Amy GONG '93**, our Executive Vice President, and **Marge KOLB '78**, our Office Manager, for their tireless efforts. We are also grateful to our crew of alum volunteers who helped in a variety of ways on that first Sunday in June. It was the first time for me to speak in front of such a large group of people, and I have to say that it was a pleasure to see all the friendly faces in the school auditorium (where the microphone did not work), but luckily my voice carried (my previous Communications and Theatre training at Hunter being put to good use). What a sight it was to see so many of us gathered together to commemorate the passing of years since we departed

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Reunion '99

Marge Kolb '78

Nearly 300 alums attended Reunion '99, which was held at Hunter College High School on Sunday, June 6. Members of milestone classes (multiples of five-year anniversaries, e.g., 1994, 1989, 1984, etc.) comprised the majority of attendees, who included graduates of classes as far back as 1938. The three classes with the highest turnout were our 25- and 50-year celebrants — January 1949, June 1949 and 1974, all of which had 50 or more alums present. (Note: In the 1940s and early 1950s, public school children in New York City started their school year in either September or January, depending on their birthdates, and thus graduated in January or June, which is why 1949 had two graduating classes.) Many classes also held separate luncheons, dinners or parties in the days leading up to Reunion, and these get-togethers are summarized in the article beginning on page 5. This year's Reunion started with check-in at 10 a.m., followed by milestone class gatherings, a general

membership meeting and a luncheon. The library and computer lab were open in the morning and student-hosted tours of the school were available after lunch. Many of the older alums who attended classes in the building on Lexington and 68th Street, which was the High School's home for the longest period of time, were interested to see the school's current home, at 94th Street and Park Avenue, where it has been since January 1977. At the general membership meeting, the Alumnae/i Association President, **Eve S. FERDMAN '79**, welcomed all the attendees and introduced the milestone class coordinators, who were each asked to make some brief remarks (the remarks of the two 50th reunion class coordinators are printed on page 5). Eve also announced that the association's Board of Directors had voted to commit \$30,000 in contributions to the High School for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999. Class gifts earmarked for the High School will comprise additional giving. All in all, an enjoyable day was had by everyone. □

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Welcome New Alums of the Class of '99

With this issue of AlumNotes, we welcome 200 new members of the Alumnae/i Association—the graduates of the class of 1999! We're glad to have you on board and we wish you all the best with your post-high school endeavors. Our association publishes this newsletter three to four times per year in an attempt to keep our alums informed about each other as well as our alma mater. We sponsor several get-togethers during the year, with our largest undertaking being the annual Reunion each June. Please keep us informed of your whereabouts so you can continue to receive mailings. You can call, email or snail mail us with your news and address updates and if we can ever be of help to you in any other way, please don't hesitate to call on us. □



Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

My classmate got the song [Sarah Maria Jones] only mostly right; there's more. First there's a little introduction:

*We are best by every test
And we get more tests than the rest.
We are blest with Hunter zest
And we sing the following by request.*

Then there's the first stanza and refrain, which Emily [WALTER Mikulewicz] provided [in the Spring issue of AlumNotes], and then another stanza:

*Jane goes to another school,
Isn't she a little fool?
And when I meet her on the street I tell her!*

*But I hardly mention why,
For it leaps to every eye
What a marvelous....etc.*

Don't Hunterites sing Sarah Maria Jones any more? Has it become politically incorrect to be proud of one's school?

Priscilla "Kris" KASDEN Kershaw '58

To the Editor:

I remember Miss Charlotte Hochman in quite a different context, separate from her more familiar role as a music teacher. Miss Hochman substituted for her dear friend and our beloved teacher of German, Mrs. Schueler, during her maternity leave.

While seated on her desk, thin legs crossed and dangling, with a broad smile on her face and a most merry twinkle in her eyes, Miss Hochman would sing a song from her wide repertoire of German lieder and expect us to understand every word. Natürlich! Bless her, she was a joy. So were they all ... all those dedicated women (no male instructors then!) who nurtured us, demanded the best from us, and encouraged us to inquire and aspire. Lucky we, to have had such muses!

Rosalind VAN HOUTEN Arnush '46

To the Editor:

I was delighted to read of memories involving my all-time favorite teacher and mentor, Charlotte Hochman. I was a student at Hunter High from 1930-1934 and sang in an opera she wrote and directed on a Chinese story. I do wish I could remember the name of it, but I do remember Jeanne Cagney (James Cagney's kid sister) as the King, while I

played the Prime Minister. Jeanne went on to Hollywood and became a star. We used to meet occasionally when she visited New York.

Charlotte had the enthusiasm and ability to bring out the creativity in all of us. In response to Judith GELLERT Haun's question, yes, Charlotte Hochman did write under an assumed name, Charlotte Kent. I knew this because we maintained a relationship after my graduation as I went on to Hunter College as a music major, and after graduation in 1940, became a substitute teacher for her in the high school. She called me, generally at the last minute, in the mornings when she felt ill or too tired to take her classes. Her absences were not due to frailty, but to a back-breaking schedule. Almost daily, or at least two or three times a week, after teaching a full day, she played the piano until 2 a.m. at Spring's Roof, the "in" nightclub in the Village in those years. She accompanied the well-known composer, Vernon Duke, also an assumed name. His real name was Vladimir Dukelsky and his music was played and his life and work reviewed anew with the celebration of Gershwin's life and music at Carnegie Hall, held in January and February of this year. I attended those concerts and as I listened to Vladimir Dukelsky's concerto, I thought of Charlotte, the wonderful years at Hunter High and the tremendous influence she exerted on all her students.

One anecdote that might be of interest involves Charlotte's mixed feelings regarding her role as a teacher. Since I substituted for her quite regularly, when a teaching position opened up in the department (which was quite rare), she called to offer me the position. Needless to say, I was overwhelmed, flattered and unemployed! The salary was \$45 a week (a fortune in those days); the appointment was immediate. In typical Charlotte style, she added, "You know if you take it, it will be the end of your musical life; you will be a drudge and live out the rest of your days teaching, trapped like me." My heart sank. I had been training to be a teacher as well as a pianist. I thought I loved teaching and I wanted to be like "Miss Hochman." I was also a musician, a pianist. I turned to my husband for help. He said,

"Choose what you want, don't do it for the money." I turned it down and Charlotte was delighted. I didn't teach for many years. I didn't play jazz on Spring's Roof either, but I did settle on a career of my own choosing and have enjoyed many successful years.

Blanche WEISS Saia '34

To the Editor:

I am a '47 graduate of the High School and I can assure Shirley Dushkind Kraus [letter in Spring AlumNotes] that the High School NEVER had a "Sing." As far as the song often mentioned by Judith Sachs and Emily Walter Mikulewicz, no one I know had ever heard of it.

We did know that Charlotte Hochman wrote "material," although the only piece we knew was written for an entertainer named Spivey who sang (in a Sophie Tuckerish style) at the eponymous "Spivey's Roof" (it was a nightclub somewhere on the East Side, and I THINK in the 50s). The song was called "The Lament" (or perhaps "The Madam's Lament") and began "They all go upstairs but me; this is a lousy business, isn't it?"

Our senior song was "GEPHFLS"; it advertised our senior money-making project. Does anyone remember it besides me? It still comes to mind occasionally! It begins with "GEPHFLS is our project and our pride, when June 1st comes then you will know what we have tried to hide."

Suzanne MARYANOV Frankel '47

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To the Editor:

In the Winter, 1999 edition of AlumNotes you published my letter re: Charlotte Hochman, my favorite music teacher. I wanted to update you on the unexpected results of that letter. Shortly after the newsletter arrived, I received several letters and emails from former HCHS students. One, excitingly, was from my cousin Marcia GELLERT Gillette '52 whom I had not had contact with in 55 years and who did not even recall that I had gone to Hunter. Among some of the other letters I received was one from a long lost friend and classmate since kindergarten, Ilene (Gingy) EDELSTEIN Beckerman '53. We have been furiously emailing each other since then...and out of that correspondence has developed a plot to have a class reunion for all the kids who went to Hunter Elementary (class of '47). Many of them went on from the elementary to the high school and most would have been in the class of '53 (or a few in '52). We hope that if some of them read this in the next issue that they will contact me and, if possible, join in the reunion. Hurrah for the Alumnae/i newsletter!

Judith GELLERT Haun '53
(judithhaun@aol.com) □

When Did I Pay My Dues?

The expiration date of your dues should be printed above your name and address on the mailing label. Dues are good for one year from the date on which they are received. The Association will continue to mail AlumNotes to all alums regardless of their dues status, however, since we rely entirely on members' dues and contributions to produce and mail AlumNotes, maintain our office, and make contributions to the High School, we encourage everyone who can to pay their dues. If you have any questions about your dues status, please feel free to contact our office. Remember, dues and contributions to our association are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law and we are also eligible for matching grants from employers.

Introducing Our New Alumnae/i Association Board Members

Winston J. DONG Jr. graduated from HCHS in 1982 and is also an alumnus of Bard College and The Writing Program at Columbia University. His first career was as a book editor in the trade hardcover divisions at Crown Publishers, Columbia University Press, Simon & Schuster and Doubleday Bantam Dell. He subsequently became more interested in a career in nonprofits and entered the development field at the Manhattan Theater Club, and later served as Senior Development Officer at the City Parks Foundation, as Director of Development and then Executive Director of the Riverside Park Fund and as the Executive Director of the Museum of Chinese in the Americas. He is currently the Director of Development at West Side One Stop for Coordinated Senior Services. Winston feels very strongly about the role that Hunter and its faculty played in his life and retains very good friends from among his classmates. He is also the nephew of one alum and the brother of two others and his mother was a regular volunteer in the high school's library. He has hosted several ICY interns in his professional life and hopes to find ways to increase the involvement and interaction of all Hunter alumnae/i, including more recent graduates, in the needs and goals of the school and its students, especially in the areas of funding and mentoring.

Judy CHIN Wong '88 is an executive search associate at Spencer Stuart working on the recruitment of senior level executives in industry. She was previously an associate in the debt capital markets group at Salomon Smith Barney working with chief financial officers and treasurers of major industrial corporations and assisting them with their financing needs. Prior to that, she was an analyst at Credit Suisse First Boston working on the transaction execution of mortgage-backed securities offerings. At HCHS she was the Co-Editor in Chief of The Observer, Co-Founder and Co-Editor in Chief of the Course Evaluation Guide, Captain of the Girls' Swim Team, President of

the Senior Chorus and Co-President of the Big Siblings. She attended the Massachusetts Institute of Technology from 1988-1992 where she received a B.S. in Economics; and then in 1996, got her M.B.A. with a concentration in Finance from Columbia Business School.

Tai WONG '88 is currently a Director in Emerging Markets Trading at Warburg Dillon Read (a division of UBS AG) and previously worked at J.P. Morgan. He has been a currency trader since 1992 and has traded cash, interest rates and derivatives. He is very active in corporate recruiting and serves as a mentor to interns and junior traders. At HCHS, he was the Co-President of the Big Siblings, the Executive Editor of The Observer and Co-Founder of the Hunter Investment Group. He attended Harvard College from 1988-1992, where he earned an A.B. in government and was Editor-in-Chief of the Harvard Financial Times and Director of the Harvard Investment Association.

Both Judy and Tai, who are married to each other, feel that HCHS was the guiding influence in their lives during their formative years, for which they are immensely grateful. They saw Hunter as not only a school which gave them a superb education, but as a forum for the free exchange of ideas and debate among the best and brightest. They believe that the many experiences and opportunities they have had would not have been accessible if not for the "upbringing" they had at Hunter, and thus they feel loyalty and deep affection for the school. They both would like to ensure that Hunter remains a bastion of excellence that provides the best high school education in New York City and their primary goals as board members are to ensure that the Alumnae/i Association maintains a high advisory profile in school matters and to research and initiate alumnae/i fundraising campaigns whose proceeds would be targeted toward special programs to benefit Hunter alumnae/i, as well as current students. □



Brief History of the HCHS Alumnae/i Association

In 1972, small ads were placed in The New York Times announcing the formation of the Hunter College High School Alumnae Association (there were no male alums at that time and thus no need for the addition of the /i at the end of Alumnae, which was adopted in the 1980's after the graduation of the first men). This association followed on the heels of one which was formed in the 1960's but subsequently folded due to financial and other difficulties, including the loss of their records when the High School moved out of the building on 68th Street. The new association was conceived by several parents of students of the High School who realized that an organized association of alums could be a powerful advocate for the school. In fact, alums were instrumental in getting legislation passed in Albany to guarantee the continued existence of the school and in convincing the City Council to set aside money to purchase a building to house the school, which in 1970 had been unceremoniously moved from its Lexington Avenue and 68th Street location to two floors in an office building at Lexington between 45th and 46th Streets.

A reunion of alums was subsequently planned by the Officers pro tem of the Alumnae Association: Mildred SPEISER Jan. '49, Sara ROBBINS Schoenwetter '65, Pat FRESK '54, Teddy CHRISTON '42, Ruth ULMAN and Rose WIESEN Reiss '60. In 1974, the first issue of AlumNotes was published and mailed to 3,000 alums. By-laws were passed and the first officers were elected at Reunion '75, which was attended by more than 400 alums.

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

President's Letter...

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the nurturing environment of Hunter High School, only to return and renew our bonds with each other. I look forward to seeing you at Reunion 2000, on Sunday, June 4.

I would also like to note the departure of several board members — Angelica PETRIDES June '49, Christina MASON '75 and Joel HORNSTEIN '88, who decided not to run for re-election when their terms expired, and Ken DINITZ '84, who recently resigned due to his relocation to Alaska. Sincere and grateful thanks are extended to all these individuals for their service to the association. Our three new board members, who were elected by acclamation when the number of nominees did not exceed the number of empty slots, are Judy CHIN Wong '88, Tai WONG '88, and Winston DONG '82. The board will be looking to fill the vacancy created by Ken's resignation according to the terms of our by-laws. □

Milestone Class Coordinators

Reunion 2000:

Jan. '50

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June '50 Phyllis Glantz, 11 Eastern Road, Hartsdale, NY 10530

1970: The class of 1970 will be 30 in 2000. If you can help us to update our mailing list, please email Ellen Wallenstein at Sexwall@earthlink.net or Bonny Kwok at bkwok@hklaw.com; or write to class coordinator Bonnie Quint Kaplan 35 Prospect Park West, #11C Brooklyn, NY 11215; or telephone Susan Solomon at (212) 874-7064. We look forward to hearing from you.

1975: Deborah Beth Kahn 3092 Nostrand Ave. Brooklyn, NY 11229 718-645-1912 (home) 212-308-7697 (work)

Reunion 2001:

1971: Joan Romano, (516) 451-2404

Attention Graduates of 1940, 1945, 1950 ... 1995 and All Multiples of Five In Between — Your Classes Need Coordinators for Reunion 2000!

If you don't already see a class coordinator listed for your year (above) and if you want to ensure that you and all your classmates get the most out of Reunion 2000, why not volunteer yourself to coordinate the activities? The position of class coordinator is most important, but does not need to be unduly time-consuming, especially if you can draft some of your classmates to help you out. It simply involves contacting classmates and encouraging them to attend next year's reunion (which will be held at Hunter College High School, 94th Street and Park Avenue, on Sunday, June 4, 2000). Our office will provide you with all the information we have on file regarding names, addresses, and email addresses for your classmates as well as mailing labels so you can easily drop a line to

everyone. We'll also reimburse the coordinator for the reasonable costs of one mailing (postage and stationery). Many class coordinators plan a separate social function from the one at the high school, such as a dinner or luncheon the day before the main reunion; however, that is not a requirement. We also look forward to receiving corrected addresses or names of "missing" classmates so we can update our database. If you are not able to volunteer yourself to be a class coordinator, perhaps you can think of someone who might be willing to do it (perhaps your class president or yearbook editor). If so, let our office know who that person is and we'll try to talk them into the job. If you have any questions about volunteering to be a class coordinator, please contact our office. □



Classes of January & June '49 Celebrate Their 50th Reunion

Class of January 1949

*From the speech by E. Mildred Speiser,
Jan. '49 given on June 6, 1999*

Friends, Romans, Alumnae — It was in those halcyon Latin days of yore — in the non-male hallowed halls of Hunter High — that we first encountered Caesar. What a guy! Our class was known as the 49ers, as in 49 B.C., that well-known date commemorating Caesar crossing the Rubicon, and celebrated in our Senior play. I'm sure that some of you are better acquainted with the '49ers of San Francisco. Caesar made it and dictu mirabilis so did 149 of us to commencement. Three months after graduation, we 49ers had a newsletter, *WHAT'S THIS*. It was to be a binding link to hold us together as a group. Eventually, *WHAT'S THIS* became *THAT'S WHAT*.

A year later came our first reunion. According to our treasurer's record, the cost for the entire reunion was \$31.90. This paid for 140 postcards, food and decorations for over 80 people. Oh yes, there was the \$1.50 for Dr. Corrigan's corsage, as our class advisor, and pre-eminent Latin scholar. Our reunions continued yearly for the next 8 years. Reunion expenses, believe it or not, decreased with each succeeding year — to \$19.15, then a precipitous drop to \$6.50 and finally, breaking the record, \$5.75. That paid for everything. Not bad for feeding 30 or so 49ers. I'd say it kept our treasury and us in good shape. Particularly since we had just raised class dues by 50% to \$0.75 a year.

Then there was the Big Ten — reunion, that is — held in the White and Gold Suite at The Plaza. We had persuaded the hotel banquet manager that we didn't mind having a cocktail affair at official tea time — 2:30. The waiters, in fact, seeing our hearty appetites, brought us lavish leftovers from an extravagant affair in an adjoining ballroom. Our price tag: \$3 — eat your heart out, Donald.

Ah yes, more than 60 of us attended that one. Now, four decades later, 60 of us have come to celebrate this 50th Reunion Weekend. We've come from London, California, Florida, Arizona, Wisconsin, Baltimore, Massachusetts and many points in between. In fact, we have set up a girls' dorm, or should I say women's dorm, at the Beacon Hotel.

After 50 years, we can boast that we have 91% of the correct addresses and phone numbers of our classmates. Also after 50 years, we have 50% of our Class attending this auspicious event. So here is our challenge to everyone: Start now, and maybe — just maybe — you can match our statistics at your 50th, and be the Mark McGwire or perhaps a Mary McGwire of the future.

Just remember, in 2049, the 49ers will be having their big Centennial Reunion somewhere in the cosmos with happy Hunter High smiles watching you, our kindred spirits, celebrating on earth. Hovering over all those reunions to come will always be your spiritual Big Sister of Reunions, the 49ers.

Class of June 1949

*From the speech by Gloria
Hooper-Rasberry, June '49 given
on June 6, 1999*

We were the last senior class of the first half of the 20th century to be graduated from Hunter College High School. We were the "omnipresent, effervescent seniors." We were also the largest class to date and so, with a vice-president whose name was Gross and a class president whose surname was Hooper, we were "The Grossest Senior Class with the Highest Hooper Rating."*

On a more serious note, in our yearbook, *Annals*, we worked with the theme of our battle for freedom. We knew what it was to do battle; we knew what war was; we were survivors of the Holocaust. We knew, directly and

** Hooper ratings were the Nielson's of radio.*

indirectly, the pain of prejudice and bore the scars of discrimination. Further, at Hunter High, our teachers urged, cajoled, prodded and inspired us to "strive for excellence," long before that became a buzz word (or buzz expression), knowing that as we faced adulthood, we would have to forcibly open the doors that would be closed to us because of our gender. We left Hunter High confident, competent and hopeful, for the most part.

We went on to Barnard, Mount Holyoke, the City universities and the University of Michigan as well as other institutions of higher learning, and left to become writers—including the nationally acclaimed prize-winning author of more than forty children's books, C.S. Adler—educators, lawyers, medical professionals, artists, homemakers, parents, grandparents and citizens of a country born of the fight for freedom.

And so today, we express our appreciation to our beloved Hunter in the form of a monetary contribution to be used tentatively, first for technology support for the library, and second, for tickets for deserving students who might not otherwise be able to attend performances of the ballet, opera or theater. We leave this gift in love. (Thanks to the work of Leo Buscaglia, Bernie Siegal and Iyanla Vanzant, we can now speak more openly about love — an ingredient that I personally believe would make incidents such as those of Littleton, Colorado, and Jonesboro, Arkansas, and yes, Jasper, Texas, less likely.) We found this love at Hunter and it cut across the competitiveness we learned and went deeper than the camaraderie we experienced—giving us a certain élan, joie de vivre (we were out last night and we're out in good numbers this morning!), and je ne sais quoi, making us the women we are today. □



Milestone Class Reunion Activities

January 1949: Class Coordinators: E. Mildred SPEISER and Harriet KONSTADT Sherman. The celebrations started with a dinner on Saturday night at Raymond's Cafe followed by the luncheon at the High School on Sunday. Because of the superlative efforts of Mildred Speiser, past President of the Alumnae/i Assn., in keeping track of her classmates, over 100 "49ers" were contacted. Classmates have moved to all parts of the U.S. and so many journeyed back, including Rhoda HOROWITZ Berke, Sally ABRACEN Warshawsky, Vivian LOBER Rohrl and Helga REISS Justman from California and Jeanne UHLENDORF Connelly from the state of Washington, and, as usual, a very large group from the Maryland/Virginia and Florida areas. Eva KANNER Kugler, from London, England traveled the furthest. We welcomed all those from near and far and spent two wonderful days catching up with all the news. We remembered with great sadness the 17 members of our class who are no longer among us and we dedicate our class gift in the amount of \$2,000 in their memory, with the funds earmarked for indexing past issues of *AlumNotes*.

June 1949: Class Coordinator: Gloria HOOPER-Rasberry. Celebrations were held on June 5 and 6. On Saturday evening, classmates gathered on Riverside Drive at the home of Estelle ROTHENBERG Green for a champagne/dessert social where they shared memories, messages from classmates who could not attend and scrumptious desserts. On Sunday morning at the High School a light breakfast was held, hosted by Bernice WORMAN Hauser and family (including two grandsons). This was followed by the schoolwide Alumnae/i Association Reunion meeting at which class coordinator Gloria HOOPER-

Rasberry spoke and presented the class gift. Approximately 40 people attended the luncheon on Sunday afternoon, which followed the general meeting. Memories again were shared, plans were set in motion for the next reunion and information on the "Book of Memories" to which classmates would contribute was provided. The session was also videotaped. Friendships were renewed, email addresses shared and pictures circulated, amidst tears and laughter, making for a memorable weekend for all. (The class gift from the Class of June '49 totaled \$3,900.)

1954: Class Coordinator: Yvonne GROSEIL. Twelve members of the Class of 1954 met on Saturday, June 5 for a delightful brunch and reunion at the Victory Cafe in Manhattan. Those present were Ruth BRATTER Wauters, Jacqueline FEIT Spivak, Barbara FINKELSTEIN Lesser, Bea GOLDNER Spear, Yvonne GROSEIL, Audrey LEVINE Friedner, Annette LIGOT, Lynne LIGOT, Elaine POSETELNECK Yamin, Carol ROSENFELD Schneebaum, Arline SEWITCH Lieberman, and Marilyn "Lynne" YELLIN Cohn. Letters and phone calls were received from several classmates who could not attend the brunch: Lenore BAUMRITTER Patton, Barbara BLAHO Doonan, Sondra FEINSTEIN Osipow, Marlene FUTTERMAN, Iris GORDON Fein, Isabelle JAFFE Gross, Linda KITTEL, June MARTELL Pischel, Lucrezia PAGANO Fasano, Margaret "Peggy" PIET Jones, Ina ROSEN Rubenstein, Marlene SCHARLES Conklin, Arlene SOLOMON Lawson, Selma TENNENBAUM Rossen and Inge VOLLWEILER Gould. (The class gift totaled \$560.)

1959: Class Coordinator: Deborah HARTLEY Forchielli. The Class of '59 has started practicing for the big event to be held in 2009! We started by

celebrating our 40th reunion with lots of spirit and style ... all those qualities we had in 1959! Over the previous two months we searched diligently and were able to recover several of the MIAs. Our goal is to be able to have each one who is in touch now find at least one additional classmate and encourage them to join us at the 45th ... the dress rehearsal for our big five-oh! Our weekend started with a luncheon at the Tam-Tam on East 50th Street on Saturday afternoon. The restaurant closes between breakfast and dinner, except for groups. This gave us the chance to have the entire place to ourselves and spend the entire afternoon reliving the past forty years ... for the first time. About 30 people attended from far and wide ... metro New York, NJ, CT, MD, VA, MA, FL, CA and even the international set from Rome! It seems like a great time was had by all. Photos from the yearbook were reproduced on tags and distributed upon arrival ... the challenge was to find the individual in the photo and give them their own tag. Sometimes this was more difficult than you might expect. The tags were attached to name badges made to recreate miniatures of our senior hats. The final challenge was to assemble those 30 women into some semblance of a group for a photo ... it turned out to be quite a feat for the charming young waiter, but the picture was priceless! Additional get-togethers took place at various locations until whenever and gave even more opportunities to rehash those 40 years, or even the earlier 1950's. About 40 were with us at the High School for the official gathering of all the classes, and once again we were able to re-live the past events for some new folks who couldn't join us for our luncheon. We had 17 new classmates at this event that were not there on Saturday. And again the joys of setting up a group photo took place, but ultimately the



finished product was well worth it. We'll have to have it enlarged and posted in 2009 to see how well time treats us in the next ten years. So far it has been pretty good to all of the class of '59. At the general meeting we were able to present a gift to HCHS from our class in the amount of \$1500, to be used without restriction. The events were fun, but the resulting chances for renewing old friendships, and starting some new ones were probably the highlights of the two days spent together by the Class of 1959.

1964: Class Coordinator: Gareth MANN Sitz. At press time, the Class of 1964 was planning to hold 35-year Reunion activities during the weekend of July 30-Aug. 1. The festivities, organized by Gareth Mann Sitz, were to begin with a banquet in a hotel in Princeton, N.J., and culminate in an afternoon picnic in Central Park near the High School. The events were expected to draw former classmates from all over the country.

1969: Class Coordinator: Rachel GORDON. For the Class of 1969, our class reunion was a nonstop talkfest over lunch at ... my house. The 30 of us who gathered together on Saturday, June 5, came from California, Massachusetts, Washington, D.C., Plattsburgh and other upstate communities, and, of course, the New York metropolitan area. Each time the door opened, the shrieks of recognition grew. We all agreed that we looked the same. Although no one had aged 30 years, somehow we all had careers, families, travels, experiences to discuss. We have our fair share of lawyers and doctors, but also educators, businesswomen, computer nerds, and the stage manager of the Met. Most importantly, one of us — Mindy Heiferling — is a caterer, so she organized and cooked the delicious luncheon. A few children dropped in — Naomi COHEN Sacks' daughter visited Central Park with dad while we talked and Phyllis HEISLER Gerstell's 18-year-old daughter came to pick up mom. We all took one look at her and said — out loud — "If

Attn: Members of the Class of '79

Your class coordinator, Eve S. Ferdman, is looking to hold a big 20th Reunion party in New York City over the Thanksgiving weekend. If you have any ideas for what to do or where to gather, please email Eve at portia_nyc@hotmail.com. We're also desperate to find missing classmates as we currently have contact information for only 59 out of 136 graduates, so if you are in touch with any classmates who are not currently on the Association's mailing list, please call or email the office and let us know their information. If you graduated in '78 but would like to be kept abreast of the class of '79's plans, please let us know. Our Office Manager, Marge Kolb, was also a member of the class of '79, although she graduated a year early, in 1978, and she'd be delighted to talk to any graduates of '78 or '79. □

that's someone from our class, we'll never show our faces again!" My little one — a 21-month-old son — definitely enjoyed the attention. One sad note to our reunion. Our classmate Joan FARBER couldn't be with us as she was ill with cancer. I did speak with her and told her we had missed her and wrote her a card. She cried. She passed away two weeks later, on June 19th. Money for the class gift is still being collected but will come to more than \$1,000. It will be earmarked at the time it is given to the association. Mara NESBITT-Aldrich is creating a class newsletter, with information and pictures of us all. So those who didn't make it to our party will be part of our amazing group of women. Here's to the 35th.

1974: Class Coordinator: Adrienne MULLER Camesas (email: aandlcamesas@pol.net). The Class of 1974 had a wonderful reunion at the high school. No one but us seems to

realize that we were the first year(s) affected by the new ICY concept. As a result, half of the entering class of 1974 left a year early (1973) while most of the entering class of 1975 graduated with those who remained for their ICY year. In an attempt to draw everyone together, we did a mailing to everyone we could think of. Despite short notice, we had a very respectable showing. Women came from as far afield as Brazil, California, Ohio, Maine, Virginia and a little closer to home (NJ, NY, PA, Massachusetts). Everyone, of course, looked exactly the same (only a little older, with better haircuts). There was the usual collection of doctors, lawyers, bankers, business types, creative persons with their own businesses (jewelry design, marketing, etc.). A splendid time was had by all. Here's to the 30th!! (The class gift totaled \$3,045.)

1979: Class Coordinator: Eve S. FERDMAN. When no one volunteered to coordinate activities for this class, the Alumnae/i Association's president threw together a last-minute dinner party, which was held on Friday, June 4, at Raymond's Cafe on Seventh Ave. between 15th and 16th streets. Seventeen alums attended, with some traveling in from as far off as Washington, D.C., and Boston. Everyone updated each other on their activities for the past 20 (!!) years and expressed interest in Eve's plan to try to organize a bigger get-together for Thanksgiving Weekend. Class members will be asked to donate money for a class gift when they are contacted in the fall.

1984: Class Coordinators: Andrew CLATEMAN, Ken DINITZ & Emma OWENS O'Brien. The Class of '84 met at Blondie's, a sports bar on West 79th Street, on Saturday, June 5th. Twenty-two alums attended; Cathryn CAPRA came down from New Hampshire; Peter BRAVERMAN came up from Baltimore; Ray YAU came up from Maryland, Amitava BISWAS was in town from Chicago;

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1920's **Marie ZULYEVITS Balich '22** writes that she is delighted to receive AlumNotes, but lives too far from New York City to attend Reunion. She thinks she is probably the oldest living member of the class of '22 (readers??) and she still remembers the warnings of Miss Webster about smoking in public in the local deli. She would love to hear from anyone in her group. • **Fromma EPSTEIN Wellman '29** writes that this year marks the 70th anniversary of her graduation from HCHS. It is also the 65th anniversary of her marriage to Henry Wellman and both of them are well and are active socially, culturally and physically. Their daughter, **Elisabeth WELLMAN**, graduated from HCHS in June 1960 and granddaughter Rebecca is a current student. Mrs. Wellman notes that it's interesting that calculus is now being taught at the high school, because in her day, they never went beyond intermediate algebra, which took two terms in senior year. Four terms were spent on plane geometry and three terms on physics, however, students were not offered Regents biology or any chemistry. English and history were covered in depth and students had to take four years of Latin and three years of a modern language.

1940's **Shirley HACK Hirschel '40** is retired from the NYC Board of Education and is living a happy and busy life with her wonderful family. She is looking forward to her 60th Reunion next year. • **Ruth WALCOTT '40** writes that she is currently surviving heart problems and is looking forward to her class reunion next year. She sends greetings to all who remember her talks to students at the High School about civil service careers. • **Rosalind ABRAMOWITZ Pinto '41** is a retired teacher living in Forest Hills. She is a member of Community Board 6, the Forest Hills Municipal Art Society, the 112th Precinct Community Council, the International Society of Poets, the R.F.K. Democratic Club, the Central Queens Historical Society, the Nat'l Assn. of Female Executives and the HCHS and Columbia Alumni Associations. • **Gladys BALBUS Lipkin '42** writes that her husband, Nathan J. Lipkin, a retired dentist and orthodontist, died in March, 1999. He, their three children and five grandchildren had recently celebrated the publication of her 35th nursing textbook *Effective Approaches to Patients' Behavior - 5th Edition*. She is delighted that **Barbara HELLER '58** (see Winter and Spring '99 AlumNotes) is a Hunterite, adding that they have both been involved in the Hadassah Nurses Council, establishing a Master's Clinical Program in Israel. • **Esther WIGDEN Glass '44** has retired from college teaching at LIU/Southampton but is still adjuncting in Literature. • **Rita HEISLER (Frank) Paleschuck '44** received her B.A. from Hunter College in 1948, her M.S. in Physics from Adelphi University in 1969 and completed all work for her

Ph.D. except for her dissertation. She worked as C.E.O. and President of Flair Manufacturing Corp from 1970-1988 and then was V.P. of Operations until 1997, when she retired. She has three sons and seven grandchildren. • **Raya SPIEGEL Dreben '45** writes that having reached the mandatory retirement age for judges in Massachusetts, she is now on recall, which means that she can take three months off. She recently saw **Helen GOLDBERG Angel '45** and **Peggy WALZER Charren '45** and wishes the class of '45 would have a reunion in 2000. Any volunteers to coordinate activities? • **Vera Julia GORDON '47** continues to enjoy her work as a garden guide at the Brooklyn Botanic Garden and also takes watercolor classes there. • **Muriel WILSON DeLorio, June '49** is retired from her career as an operating room R.N. She has four children and 8 grandchildren, ranging in age from 10 months to 11 years old. • **Vicki BLASS Fitzgerald, June '49** retired in 1998 from food journalism. Currently she does some free-lance writing on local history and culinary history and for recreation, enjoys gardening and hiking. She has two children and two grandchildren. • **Irja KARR Frenzen, June '49** works as an R.N. for Marriot Int'l Inc. Nursing Home and has two children and one grandson. • **Rosalind STEINHARDT Frim, June '49** graduated from Harvard Medical School in 1956 and is currently practicing psychiatry. She has four children and six grandchildren. • **Catherine RUSSO Ippolito, June '49** is living in Atlanta, has four children and five grandchildren and keeps busy as a "Master Gardener" and volunteer. • **Gloria GROSS Kreisman, June '49** is retired from her career as the V.P. of Public Relations for Macy's. She has two daughters. • **Laura GOLDSTEIN Levin, June '49** is a retired elementary school teacher. She keeps busy as a volunteer with the National Council of Jewish Women, and enjoys theater, concerts and other leisure activities. • **Carmen BELL Matthew, June '49** lives in New York City, where she retired as a public school principal in 1991. She has two children and four grandchildren and keeps busy with the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture, her church and travel, including visits to Senegal, Ethiopia and Brazil. • **Esta EPSTEIN Pekow, June '49** is currently residing in Seattle and is retired from social service work with the elderly. She has three children and four grandchildren. • **Florence REIF Richman, June '49** of New York City worked as a broadcast executive with NBC from 1953-1965 and has also done free-lance research and writing. She volunteers at the Metropolitan Museum and is involved with the American Jewish Committee and the Stephen Wise Free Synagogue. She has two children, one of whom graduated from HCHS. • **Jane SCHWARTZ Schultz, June '49** works as a research administrator for a company which distributes human tissue for research



purposes. She has three children and seven grandchildren. • **Alice FAGAN Shofner**, June '49 retired last year from her work as a media specialist in high school libraries in Bedford, NY, and Mt. Vernon, NY. Currently, she is enjoying traveling and language study and tries to play golf. • **Marlene LUCKTON Tanzer**, June '49 is currently living in Arlington, VA. She previously taught English in an alternative high school, was a syndicated newspaper columnist and did historical research and writing; she still writes occasional pieces. She has four children and six grandchildren. • **Marie TRENTADUE Tangredi**, June '49 retired as an assistant in the Remedial Reading Program in Babylon, NY, and is currently a volunteer in a Lakewood, NJ elementary school. Widowed, she has three children. • **Leila HOREN Weissman**, June '49 retired as an elementary school principal in June, 1991 and is currently enjoying life by taking watercolor painting classes, leading an investment club of former colleagues, traveling and enjoying activities with her family, which includes three children and four grandchildren. • **Anita WIDENSKA**, June '49 is living in Queens and is retired from a career with Citibank.

1950's **Diane DIPRIMA** '51 recently received an Honorary Doctor of Literature degree from St. Lawrence University and last year had Books 1 and 2 of her epic poem, *Loba*, published by Penguin and her *Memoirs of a Beatnik* reprinted. She hopes to attend her 50th reunion in 2001. • **Audrey MOHRMANN Melms** '52 just recently retired from the University of Miami. • **Marilyn "Lynne" YELLIN Cohn** '54 is a medical librarian for a psychiatric hospital. She has three children, five grandchildren, and a retired husband. • **Audrey LEVINE Friedner** '54 is retired and now works only at having fun. She has two children and four grandchildren. • **Inge VOLLWEILER Gould** '54 writes that she was unable to attend the recent class reunion as she was traveling in Europe at the time. She retired about five years ago from her job as manager of training and development for an environmental engineering firm. When her husband retired, they moved to the Boston area to be near their daughter and her family; they also travel to Los Angeles several times a year to visit their son and his family. She keeps busy with art classes, a book group, and seeing operas in a variety of locales. She has recently gotten together with **Hannah RAZDOW Simon** '54 and **Lenore BAUMRITTER Patton** '54, who also live in the Boston area. • **Yvonne GROSEIL** '54 lives in Manhattan and just obtained her Ph.D. in Anthropology in May of this year from the New School for Social Research. She is currently working in the subscription department at John Wiley & Sons, Inc. • **Barbara FINKELSTEIN Lesser** '54 is a retired librarian with three children and seven grandchildren. • **Arline SEWITCH Lieberman** '54 is a retired guidance counselor and staff developer. She has three married children and eight grandchildren and keeps busy with

tennis and as a volunteer recorder of text books and a Youth Aid Panel member. • **Lynne LIGOT** '54 keeps herself occupied with bridge, watercolors and soccer. • **Annette LIGOT** '54 is retired from her career as a guidance counselor. She keeps busy playing bridge and doing needlework and quilting. • **Carol ROSENFELD Schneebaum** '54, of the Bronx, works as a physician at Montefiore Hospital Medical Group. She has two daughters, one studying to be a doctor and another who is a television reporter. • **Bea GOLDNER Spear** '54 works for the NYC Board of Education as a Supervisor for Pre-school Special Education. She has three children and three grandchildren. • **Jacqueline FEIT Spivak** '54 is living in Savannah, GA since retiring as an elementary school teacher in New Jersey. She has two sons and three grandsons and is active playing tennis and bridge. • **Ruth BRATTER Wauters** '54 lives in Washington, DC and is a professional reader of books on tape. She has four children, one of whom, unfortunately, is deceased. • **Elaine POSTELNECK Yamin** '54 is retired from the computer field and currently volunteers teaching English as a Second Language. • **Arlene SOLOMON Lawson** '54 is retired and enjoying traveling, mostly with Friendship Force. She wonders if anyone else out there is involved with FF? She'd love to hear from you or any of her classmates at her email address: grammy98@earthlink.net • **Grace LAURO Lanciani** '58 is living in Gainesville, FL with her husband, Carmine, who teaches at the University of Florida. Their son, Chris, recently married and he and his wife, Laura, will be living in Centreville, VA after he receives his PhD in Electrical Engineering from GA Tech. Son Andrew is a marketing analyst for Blockbuster in Dallas. • **Jo ASARO Manning** '58 early-retired to Miami Beach in 1997 after a career in special librarianship and is now working on a free-lance, part-time basis at the University of Miami as an assistant professor in the Reference Department. She is also a published author (see the notice in the Bookshelf & Art Gallery section on page 13). • **Constance BLUMENFELD Leibowitz** '59 is living in Virginia and has two children and two grandchildren. She retired from teaching in 1996 and since then has traveled extensively, spent more stress-free time with her family and has had the luxury of time to devote to physical fitness. • **Marilyn DUBOW Krakauer** '59, of New York City, has two teen-aged children. She performed in solo and chamber music concerts all over the world until having her children and has been in the New York Philharmonic since 1971. • **Ellen GALSON Ritteman** '59 is currently an administrative law judge in Pennsylvania, hearing disability and Medicare cases. When she retires, she plans to complete her Ph.D. dissertation on 16th Century French Literature or perhaps get immersed in another subject, such as linguistics or anthropology. • **Deborah HARTLEY Forchielli** '59 has two children, three grandchildren and one more on the way. She taught in elementary school for several years



before a career change to banking and is presently considering whether to join her husband in retirement. • **Frances HOLLAND Schwartz '59** is retired from her work for AT&T and American Airlines, as well as from being a full-time at-home mom. Her son, Benjamin, 23, just graduated from SUNY Binghamton. She is an active Episcopalian, while her husband and son are Modern Orthodox Jews. They keep a small apartment in Jerusalem, where she joins her husband, who winters there, as her schedule permits, and they spend the rest of their time in Kinderhook, NY. It winds up being an interesting life as she moves between Jewish and Christian worlds, which is pretty unusual when she is in Israel. • **Phyllis KREEZER Samuels '59** of St. Pete Beach, FL is a retired school psychologist who worked for the New York City Board of Education. She has four children, four grandchildren and one on the way. Her hobbies are travel and staying fit. • **Joan LEONARD Spangenberg '59** lives in Queens and is retired from The Bank of New York. She has four sons and nine grandchildren. She presently enjoys reading, music, photography and travel. • **Laura LIPELES Harris '59** resides on Long Island and works at SUNY Farmingdale. She has three children in their 20's and she's looking forward to retirement and some time for herself. • **Karla MOSKOWITZ Turkheimer '59** is a New York State Supreme Court Justice and has two children. Her hobbies are birding, hiking and playing the piano. • **Joyce NACHTIGAL Lippmann '59**, of Ossining, NY, is a psychotherapist for Phelps Counseling Services at Phelps Memorial Hospital. She formerly worked for Merrill Lynch and Pitney Bowes prior to obtaining her MSW in psychotherapy from Columbia in 1996. She remains best friends with Gladys KRUM Li '59, whom she's known since 9th grade. • **Phyllis NADLER Kirschner '59** resides in Tarrytown and has one daughter who is an advertising copywriter. She is presently employed as a school social worker and has become bilingual in Spanish. She plans to retire in four years and then spend time on her jewelry making. • **Helen REES Lessner '59** has two daughters (both actresses) and one grandson. She used to teach 4th and 5th grade and after being at home with her children for a time, she returned to the work force as an advertising copywriter and did voice work for radio commercials. She and her husband have been active in community theater and she plans to take voice lessons with the hope of joining The Blue Hill Troupe. • **Frances SCHIFF Wills** has three children and one grandchild. She is currently the Superintendent of Schools for Briarcliff Manor and her hobbies are reading and gardening. • **Joan SCHWARTZ David '59** works as a teacher at Mt. Pleasant Cottage School and will probably retire within the year to join her already-retired husband. She has two sons. • **Linda WEISS Spiegler '59**, of Washington DC, taught world history (after being Dr. Wittmer's imitator in the Senior Show) for three years, worked for VISTA and George McGovern, raised her two

children and then became a travel agent. She and her husband spend long weekends in their cottage in the Catskill Mountains and both see themselves continuing to work as long as possible.

1960's Justice Patricia Anne WILLIAMS '61 was selected to preside over the Amadou Diallo homicide case. Justice Williams, described by The New York Times as "one of the most prominent African-American jurists in the city," was picked at random from a pool of a dozen judges for the racially charged case, in which four white police officers are charged with second-degree murder in the killing of Diallo, an African immigrant. **Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61** notes that Justice Williams was the class of 1961's president for four years in a row, in 9th through 12th grades and is "really a special person." • **Anita STOLLER Cocomello '66** writes that "the friendships formed at Hunter continue to be such a great influence in my life. After 20 years as a Health Counselor, my good friend Dr. Judi SCHOENFELD Weissinger '64 convinced me to change careers. I now love my work in Pharmaceutical Research and recently received my PhD in Holistic Science." • **Sofia GALSON McManus '67** writes that she "would love to say hello to anyone from the great class of '67 - have totally lost touch with Hunter until now, but still have special memories of a unique group of women." Sofia also writes that she has been living on the West Coast since graduating from UC Berkeley in 1971. She worked in the corporate business world for 15 years, then retired and has been in Oregon since 1989 together with her spouse and 12-year-old son. She keeps busy as a school and community action volunteer and is currently in training for her first marathon in October. She'd love to hear from classmates via email to sofiaeuigor@aol.com. • **Heather KANEY '66** writes that she has been working for the past 10 years as the school psychologist at Hoover Elementary in Oakland, CA (in the school district that brought us Ebonics as a second language a few years back). She tells this small-world story: When speaking to a new teacher, Sara Theophall (an ex-New Yorker, who is working at Hoover as part of the prestigious Teach for America program where fresh-out-of-college graduates are placed at underserved inner-city or rural schools), Heather mentions that she went to HCHS. Sara says that her mother went there too. Her mom turns out to be **Christina KALLAS '69**, who is an attorney in New York City. Now all that is left is for Heather and Christina to meet (on either coast) to reminisce about what it was like at Hunter in the fabulous '60s.

1970's **Susan TOBACHNIK '71/'72** is living in Belmont, CA, and works in San Francisco as a physical therapist. She and her husband keep busy with their two daughters, Ruthie (4) and Becky, who was born in March, 1998. • **Jane DUBIN '74** was sorry to have missed her 25th Reunion in June because she was in Alaska. She would like to say hello



to her classmates **June BINNEY**, **Lori GINZBERG**, **Denise SOFFEL** and **Sandy SINDEL**. • **Hallie BOORSTYN Friedman '76** is temporarily relocating from Merion, PA, to Ann Arbor, MI (where she received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology in 1984) for two years. Any alums from the 70's in Ann Arbor? • **Marcia KANE Hittner '76** is an Assistant Vice President with Citibank, N.A., currently in the consumer bank's Citibanking Systems and Technology division, supporting resource analysis, process improvement and quality programs. She plans to return to a project management position in the next 12-18 months and is looking for that opportunity, hopefully in the retirement plan/banking industry. She is also looking forward to her class' 25th anniversary reunion in 2001. • **Andrea NIMBERGER '76** is proud to say that she recently became a single mom to an amazing baby boy named Brandon, who was born Jan. 13, 1999. She says it's the best thing she ever did in her life.

1980's **Stephanie KAY '82** is a painter, living and working in Boston since 1989 (see the notice in the Bookshelf & Art Gallery section on page 13 about her recent exhibition). She recently spent a terrific weekend with **Jill COHEN '82** who came up from New York to visit; they are still the best of friends. She'd love to hear from other "co-conspirators" from the class of '82. • **Daniel SELTZER '82** sends email to say that he recently went to see the **Oren BLOEDOW '82** birthday bash at The Fez, where Oren was honored by a number of bands and played with them all. Accompanying Daniel were **Daniel SULLIVAN '82** (who is to become a dad shortly), **Ralph CARTER '82**, **Daniel HOLT '83** and **June WULF '83**. All looked great and are doing well. Daniel is also in regular contact with **John EPHRON '82** who is now living in Seattle with his wife Joan and young son Jacob. From time to time, he also runs into **Giles RICHTER '83** on the Upper West Side; he will be relocating to Japan for a time after completing his Ph.D. at Columbia. **David BOLOCAN '82** manages to spend a few days a week in town between business trips abroad and **Vicky OLSEN '82** and **Josh SEIDEN '82** promise they are moving back to New York from Palo Alto next year, along with their two daughters. Daniel has also seen **Abby ASHER '82** with her daughter on Broadway and he even got to spend some time with **Liz KATZ '82** and her family when she was in town from Oregon. Finally, Daniel happily reports that he has a daughter and two sons of his own and adds that he's thrilled to see so many of these dear friends from what seems to be

a surprisingly long time ago. • **Ken DINITZ '84** and his wife, Beth Silverberg, are relocating from Brooklyn to Anchorage, Alaska, this summer. It's been a dream of theirs to visit Alaska and after Beth was offered the executive directorship of the Great Land Trust there, they couldn't pass up the opportunity. Any alums interested in starting an Alaska chapter with Ken? • **Nikki FEIST '85** moved back to Manhattan this past June after 13 years in the San Francisco Bay Area, where she attended grad school and surfed competitively. She works as Senior Mobility Instructor at the Helen Keller National Center, the world's only comprehensive rehab facility for people who are deaf-blind. Nikki holds a Master's degree and Clinical Rehab credential from San Francisco State University. Nikki's sister **Gena FEIST '87** graduated cum laude from Fordham Law School this May. While in San Francisco, Nikki hosted **Kara DYRACK '85**, who visited from Atlanta, where she works in the computer industry. Nikki can be emailed at feisteye@hotmail.com. • **Alison VOLPE '89** is currently a third-year medical student at Stanford Medical School.

1990's **Ronald James COLOMBO '90** received his J.D. from the NYU School of Law in May, 1998, after which he embarked on a one-year clerkship in Houston, TX, with Judge Jerry E. Smith of the Fifth Circuit of the U.S. Court of Appeals. After the clerkship ends in August, 1999, he will marry Miss Kimberly Anne Earl. In October, he will commence employment with the commercial litigation department of Sullivan & Cromwell in New York City. • **Jen LEE '92** married Mark Hong, a 1999 graduate of NYU Dental School, on June 12, 1999 at the Bellagio Hotel in Las Vegas. • **Amy GONG '93** recently left the Vera Institute of Justice, a nonprofit criminal justice think tank, to join the New York Public Library as Associate Manager of Government Grants. She keeps in constant contact with many other members of her graduating class. • **Elizabeth CHASE '96** just finished her junior year at Barnard College, majoring in comparative literature (French/English). Past summers she worked at the Dalton School Summer Camp as a swim teacher and swim program director, however, this summer she will be in Washington, DC, interning at the White House.

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

Save These Dates:

- **Wednesday, September 29:** New York Area Networkers Group, 6 p.m. at The Omega Diner, 122 West 72nd Street.
- **Saturday, February 5, 2000:** Winter Brunch (time and location to be announced).
- **Sunday, June 4, 2000:** Reunion at Hunter College High School.



In Memoriam

Eva HOROWITZ Lober '24 passed away in Jerusalem Dec. 29, 1998. She was a graduate of Hunter College and was an educator and for many years a substitute teacher in the New York City school system. Her late sister, **Miriam HOROWITZ Ginsberg '23**, was also a graduate of HCHS, as is her daughter, **Vivian LOBER Rohrl, Jan. '49**.

Naomi STEELE Richmond '36 died last summer. **Dellora HOWARD Hercules '36**, would like it to be remembered that she and Naomi were the dearest of friends and that Naomi loved Hunter High.

Frieda HOLTZMAN Israeloff '37 passed away Nov. 23, 1997. She taught at P.S. 76 in New York City for 20 years and the library there was dedicated in her memory on November 3, 1998. She is survived by her husband.

Grace ROSTANGO Frank '40, of Sands Point, NY passed away suddenly April 6, 1999. She had an M.B.A. from NYU and was the Chair of the Sands Point Historic Landmarks Preservation Commission and Village Historian. She is survived by her husband, John, and son, Gordon.

Phyllis WEINUS Oder, Jan. '43 died on June 23, 1999 at home in Bay Shore, NY. She was also a graduate of Syracuse University and the Graduate School of Library and Information Science, Queens College, CUNY. Mrs. Oder was a retired librarian, most recently at the Massapequa, NY Public Library. She had also published a book of clerihews (humorous poems), designed and sold embroidery kits, worked as a volunteer for several community organizations, and enjoyed

walking and birdwatching. She was predeceased by her husband, Irwin, in 1997. She is survived by her daughter Danila Oder, of Los Angeles, and son Norman Oder, of Brooklyn.

Rhoda ROTHMAN Taub, Jan. '44 lost her battle with cancer Feb. 7, 1999. She was her HCHS class vice-president and was voted class orator. She went on to Hunter College and after graduation worked as a pre-school and nursery school teacher until her retirement. Her friend **Dickie KESSLER Miller, Jan. '44** writes that "[Rhoda's] husband Billy Taub lost his wife, her three children lost their mother, her grandchildren lost their grandmother, and I lost my oldest and dearest friend. Rest in peace, Rhoda."

Alice NEWHOUSE Gilbert '47 died of cancer Jan. 19, 1999 after a three-year battle. She worked for 50 years as a bookkeeper for her husband's business — R.D.G. Musical Instruments. She leaves behind her husband, four daughters, nine grandchildren, and many adoring friends.

Liana DeBONA Nixen '48 died Feb. 9, 1999, leaving behind two sons and a daughter. Her son, Peter, writes that his mother was born and raised in the mid-Bronx, the child of Italian immigrants. Her admission to Hunter immediately brought exposure to an international intellectual community - albeit one predominantly made up of WWII newly immigrant schoolgirls - and a deeply inter-cultural perspective which she kept with her to her dying days. It also developed in her a love of art and music drawn in part from her new-found proximity to

Manhattan's fine museums and performing arts. She often reflected upon her high school moments spent with Miriam this or Anna that, or her Sunday afternoons spent rowing in Central Park, or taking in the art collections at the Frick. After graduating, she was admitted to Barnard College, where she met her husband, a student at Columbia Law. Her son writes that he draws strength from his mother's ideals and values - whether about the importance of family loyalty, intellectual curiosity, or personal fortitude - which there is little question that Hunter helped to cultivate in her and which she, in turn, cultivated in her native Californian children, who blossomed into: an attorney who became a modern-day shopkeeper, a schoolteacher and quintessential soccer mom; and, a foreign exchange student who in time became a divinity school student.

Elaine DAVIS '50 passed away at her home in Kew Gardens Hills Monday, July 5. She had recently undergone heart surgery, but seemed in rather good form. For those who knew her well (**Carol TOMLINSON Spencer**, since fourth grade at P.S. 23 in the Bronx, and **Vera LENCHNER Zolberg**, since sixth grade) it is truly difficult to imagine that such a lively, humorous, serious person is no longer with us. After a long, successful career as an educator and school principal in Hollis, Queens, Elaine cannot really be said to have retired. She never tired of her social and voluntary activities, her church membership, sorority and other organizational engagements, and her enthusiasm for friends and family. Her sister, Audrey, and



brother-in-law, Lee Walker, who live at 8086 South Garfield in Burr Ridge, IL 60521, are arranging a memorial service shortly after Labor Day in New York, for the many friends who will miss her presence sorely.

Molly ROLAND Pelliccaro '50 has passed away. She had worked as a librarian in the Effinger Elementary School in Lexington, VA.

Ellen LLOYD Gallagher '56 died in April after a year-long battle with brain cancer. She was a former nursing professor at Queensboro Community College and vice president at the Florence D'Urso Pavillion of Our Lady of Mercy Medical Center in the

Bronx. She attended Hunter College, receiving a bachelor's degree in nursing in 1960 and a master's degree in the same field in 1963. In 1988, she received her Ph.D. from Adelphi University's nursing school. She grew up in Sunnyside, Queens and had been living in Bayside since 1970, where she was active in the community and served as a member of the Friends of Crocheron Park. She is survived by her husband of 37 years, James, as well as seven children.

Joan FARBER '69 died peacefully June 19, 1999, of cancer. She is survived by her husband Alfred Kleinbaum and children Ben and Anne. Loving and courageous, she was loved and admired by

her family and friends. The family has asked for donations to be made to the American Cancer Society.

The Alumnae/i Association was just recently advised that longtime HCHS Social Studies teacher **Jane Lewis Greenspan** died on May 20, 1996, at the age of 72. She was a graduate of Barnard College in 1950 and was most recently residing in Saint Petersburg, FL.

We have also been advised of the passing of **Sarah MARMOR Brody '25**, **Anna R. MOONEY Ohlstein '37**, **Ruth SCHAFFEL Wolotsky '38**, **Carlotta HENDERSON Certaine '39**, **Jane GUNSOLUS Hernes '42**,

Alumnae/i Bookshelf & Art Gallery

Stephanie KAY '82 had a solo exhibition of her paintings entitled "The Endicott St. Pictures" at Boston University's Sherman Gallery from April 13-May 8. Stephanie also teaches painting and drawing at Boston University and The Art Institute of Boston. Reproductions of her work can be accessed on the Web sites of the B.U. School for the Arts, The Art Institute of Boston, or Boston College's Art Faculty. She is also hoping to have her next show in New York and is looking to hook up with a good N.Y. gallery.

Jo ASARO Manning '58 will be among the first writers published by a new, niche publisher, Regency Press (www.regency-press.com), with a short story in *A Regency Sampler* (August 1999) and a novel, *The Reluctant Guardian* (December 1999). Jo has had several short stories in *Star* magazine, was in the *Herotica 4* anthology (1996) and was selected for the CD and tape version of that anthology (only seven stories out of 26 were chosen). Her audiobook, *The Prairie Princess & The Sanskritologist*, can be special ordered from Amazon.com.

Former HCHS Teacher **Kathleen Rockwell Lawrence** is leading writing workshops at the First Annual Writers' Conference at Sagamore, The Historic Adirondack Great Camp, from July 24-26. Ms. Lawrence is the author of three books: *Maud Gone*, *The Last Room in Manhattan* and *The Boys I Didn't Kiss*. Her essays, reviews and articles have been published in *The New York Times Magazine*, *The Antioch Review*, *Ms.*, *Writers Digest* and *Vogue*.

News From the High School

New York's Senator, Charles Schumer, spoke to an assortment of eighth and eleventh grade social studies classes, faculty, and the news media on May 7, 1999. He discussed the school shootings in Littleton, Colorado and took questions and comments from students...Feminist activist and author Gloria Steinem came to HCHS on June 3, 1999 for a lecture and Q&A session. She also stayed for a luncheon/chat courtesy of the Women's Issues club. The Junior class introduced its mascot, Apocalypse Cow, at the Carnival on June 10...From May 22 to May 30, students in Level V French traveled to Quebec, Canada to take part in a French immersion program. They spent one night in a youth hostel in Old Quebec City and then met up with host families at the Universite de Quebec in Jonquiere, with whom they spent the rest of the week. They also attended seminars where they studied Quebec history, culture, music, language, and dance...For the third year, Hunter students participated in the Fed Challenge, a competition sponsored by the Federal Reserve, which asks competing teams to decide whether interest rates should increase, decrease, or stay the same. The students were advised by Economics teacher, Ms. Satinder Jawanda, and began meeting in November. In researching the question, the student team utilized macroeconomics text books and the expertise of well-known economists. The first round of the competition began on March 25, and after rigorous presentations, the HCHS team made it to the local finals. In achieving this honor, each student was given \$1,000 as a prize and Hunter was awarded \$4,000, which is to be used to establish an economics lab.



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Milestone Class...

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Anna SONG was in town from L.A.; Kyra Bromley brought her husband and their baby daughter Skyler. Emma O'Brien, who coordinated the event, had to help a friend in need, and could not attend, but she would like to say hello to everyone. We all agreed that the 15th is not an emotionally resonant milestone. Plans are underway for the 20th, and Emma and Lionel Adal will be putting together a newsletter and class Web site! (The class gift totaled \$360.)

1989: Class Coordinators: Gloria LILLARD Miller, May SCHEE & Josh BURSTEIN.

The Class of 1989 had a great time at Reunion! Now 10 years out, most of the class has finally settled down into careers and sometimes family life. Unfortunately, our class is also scattered across the globe. We enjoyed receiving messages (even one poem!) from classmates abroad, though, with a number in the U.K. — perhaps we should have a mini-reunion in London next time? Luckily, though, more than 80 classmates made it to New York for our class gathering on Saturday night. While most people were still local in NYC, a number came from New England, the Midwest and a good number from the West Coast, too. We had drinks and dinner at Ciccio and Tony's in midtown. The food was great and the conversation was better. We even had a basketball game for added entertainment — Go Knicks!. While nametags weren't necessary yet, we're afraid we might need them in 2004. When in doubt, though, you could always assume that you were talking to

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Special note to chapter leaders: If you have any news or notices of meetings or get-togethers that you'd like us to publish in the Fall issue of AlumNotes, please let us know by Sept. 15, 1999.

a lawyer, a finance guru or a computer wizard. After the restaurant closed up, the party continued at a nearby bar. And although the late-nighters weren't there early, about half of the Saturday group joined us for a lovely brunch at the high school on Sunday. A number of spouses and three kids were there to join in the fun, too. We had a great time for our 10-year reunion and we hope to make that a tradition. For those of you who couldn't be there, we certainly missed seeing you and hope that you'll be there next time! We enjoyed seeing notes from a number of you and were glad to get updates on everyone's whereabouts. Plans for 2004 are sketchy, of course, but one suggestion was a nostalgic dance in the high school gym. And we know who suggested it, so beware — we're looking for new coordinators since Gloria, May and Josh will be happily retiring from the reunion business! In the meantime, we hope to get a class email list together so that we can keep in touch between reunions. Best wishes to all and long live the Stork! (The class gift totaled \$525 and has been earmarked for funding student activities (clubs, trips etc.) for students who may otherwise have trouble paying.)

1994: The Class of 1994 gathered in a Washington Heights apartment on Saturday, June 5, to celebrate its first milestone Reunion. The party, hosted by Steve EVANGELISTA, was publicized by telephone and email and drew 50 people. Attendees caught up with former classmates, reminisced and exchanged current contact information. A number of people continued the celebration by attending Reunion activities at the High School the following day, where they also met and chatted with former teachers. □

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If you have any questions or comments or if you wish to make a submission for a future issue of AlumNotes, you can email our Office Manager, Marge Kolb '78, at mkolbcorr@aol.com.



AlumnaGrams

Hello, Class of '46! Your Annals Editor, who remembers you all, so fondly, would be delighted to hear from you. I hope life has treated you kindly. **Rosalind VAN HOUTEN Arnush**, 26307 W. Bravo Lane, Calabasas, CA 91302, 818-880-8586.

Seeking **Madeleine MILLER '49** and **Nancy HALPERN '49**. Please contact **Pat COLEMAN Lovett** or **Phoebe "Bibi" MARGULIES Joseph** (email: phoebejose@aol.com or 508-668-7750).

Joan O'MALLEY Skal wants to find **Charlotte Victoria EIGER '51** or **'52**, who may have remarried in London c. 1965. Telephone 973-256-7293.

Requesting information on **Beverly KOLENBERG** or **Elaine KAHME Shiller** of Jan. '53. Contact **Beverly FISCHER Weinstein** at 718-454-4246.

Julie RUBIN '68/'69 will be visiting NYC on October 13 & 14. Please call me at 323-225-2471 if you can get together.

Class of '70. **Rory MAYHER** and **Parker Barratta's** daughter Kate will graduate Cornell Law and be married this year. Congratulations!...**Elaine BROOKS**.

Class of '71. Whatever happened to **Angelique GUERRERO** and **Kathy DANUSIS?**...**Joan B. CARROLL**.

Elinor FINGER Josephson '75 is looking for **Laura DRUCKER '75**. Would love to hear from you; please call 561-488-5646 (home), 561-852-3231 (work), email goldie2u@aol.com.

HILTON HEAD VILLA: Available long-term in winter; weekly in season. **Shari BARTON '53**, 202-362-6524.

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New York Area Networkers to Meet

The HCHS New York Metro Area Networkers Group continues meeting on the last Wednesday of each month at the Omega Diner, 122 West 72nd Street in Manhattan. We plan to have a different alum give a short talk on his or her area of expertise at upcoming dinners. If you would like to give a 15- to 20-minute talk at an upcoming Networkers Dinner, please call Andrew Clateman '84 at 212-932-2500.

Lost & Found

If you are in touch with a classmate who isn't receiving *AlumNotes*, tell us how to reach her (or him). We rely on our members to help keep our database up to date. You can also let us know if you are looking for a "lost" classmate. We may be able to help you get back in touch.

Recent Alums

Recent Alums Group activities are open to graduates of the '80s and '90s. To be added to the RAG mailing and email list, contact:

Christine BERGMANN '92, at 560 Main Street #732, New York, NY 10044, 212-885-4164 (work) or email her at c.bergmann.1@alumni.nyu.edu.

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