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President's Letter

Dear Fellow Alums & Friends of HCHS:

I am writing this at the end of the Hunter school year, so while you will be reading it toward the end of the summer, it's a very fitting time for me to thank all of you who have been such a great help during this past year in the Alumnae/i Association.

Despite drippy weather in the Northeast (to say the least!) and a difficult economy, and a war being fought, we at the Alumnae/i Association managed to achieve our best ever fundraising on behalf of our efforts to help the High School. Thank you very much to the many respondents who answered our request for help! We also had a wonderful 2003 Reunion — with a lot of enthusiasm on the part of participants; a wonderful speech by Jennifer Raab '73, the president of Hunter College; generous gifts to the School; and, yet again, really heartfelt comments by representatives of the many milestone classes (going back more than 60 years!) all indicating the importance of Hunter High to them in remarkably consistent terms over several generations, in several buildings (all of them not ideal for a school!) and remarkable life experiences in the 20th and 21st centuries. Special thanks go to the many alums who came from far away to attend; to the volunteers from our board who ensured that this event would come off without a hitch; and to the class coordinators who are part of the important "glue" of the efforts to keep everyone in touch and thinking of Hunter.

We also have tried to update the look of *AlumNotes* and have tried to better provide camaraderie and communications within the Hunter community by starting a new website — hchsaa.org. Also, we handed out at Reunion a draft of a funding allocation strategy so everyone is better able to understand how we approach using funds which are not already earmarked by the donors — we think this is tremendously

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New Alumnae/i Website

We're happy to announce that after months of work, our new Alumnae/i Association website has been launched; the address is www.hchsaa.org. The design and content has been a collaborative effort of our board of directors, staff, and Adria Quinones '79, who also provided programming assistance. The site features news about the school and alumnae/i, ways to connect with other alums (Reunion and Regional Chapter contacts, class websites and egroups and our message board), and archives of past issues of *AlumNotes* as well as other items of interest. The website is open to the public, but certain features are password protected (e.g. *AlumNotes* archive, Class Websites and Egroups, and the Alum Email Directory). The password is PURPLE and will only be published in *AlumNotes* or given to those individuals

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who request it by email and who we can verify as being alums of the high school. We welcome your feedback on the website — please email us at hchsalums@yahoo.com. ☐

Welcome Alums of 2003!

With this issue of *AlumNotes*, we welcome 184 new members of the Alumnae/i Association—the graduates of the class of 2003! We're glad to have you join us and we wish you all the best with your post-high-school endeavors. The Alumnae/i Association publishes this newsletter four times per year in an attempt to keep our alums informed about each other as well as our alma mater. We sponsor several get-togethers during the year, with our largest being

the annual Reunion each June. We request that all alums pay annual dues to help support our activities, though we waive dues for current year grads and offer reduced dues of \$15 for those grads of 1-3 years. Please keep us informed of your whereabouts so you can continue to receive our mailings. You can call, email or snail-mail us with your news and address updates and if we can ever be of help to you in any way, please don't hesitate to call on us. ☐

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Letters to the Editor

Editor's Note: In our Summer 2002 issue, we published a brief item on activist Adam Shapiro '90 in our "Hunterites in the News" column. In a subsequent issue, we published a Letter to the Editor from Cynthia Ozick, Jan. '49 who took exception to the original item. Following Ms. Ozick's letter, we included the following Editor's Note: "The item in question, like most in 'Hunterites in the News,' was based on input from the individual in question, classmates and media reports. Such items run largely unedited, but we agree that this one should have been edited to include more neutral language." We subsequently received several letters critical of Ms. Ozick's position, one of which - from Jacqueline Deval '79 - we published in the Spring 2003 issue of our newsletter. Since the issuance of the Spring issue, we have received several letters in opposition to Ms. Deval. Obviously, the situation in the Middle East inspires strong opinions and it was never our intention to take a position on the situation. We were advised that a person who had been prominent in the news, Adam Shapiro, was a Hunter High alum, and we included a mention of him in a column entitled "Hunterites in the News" which (obviously, we thought) reports on alums who have been the subject of stories in the media. We printed Ms. Ozick's letter, and one rebuttal (out of several received), out of a sense of fairness. However, we do not feel that further discussion of this issue is appropriate for our newsletter, which after all, is intended to celebrate and connect alums of Hunter High. Therefore, we will not publish the several recent letters we have received on this topic and do not plan to print any others on the conflict in future. We hope that everyone in the alumnae/i community will appreciate our position on this matter.

To the Editor:

At last the lyrics to our graduation song *I Happen to Like New York!* (published in the Spring 2003 issue). What memories they evoked! I tried to read them out loud and didn't get very far before bursting into tears. It seems like yesterday when we sat in our auditorium in the old 68th St. building and sang with great fervor. Many thanks to MarEl Zimmerman Adler, my classmate in '42, for sending in the lyrics, as revised by Charlotte Hochman. Miss Hochman was a delightful music teacher, obviously as much a lover of New York as most of us were. Unfortunately, the same issue of the newsletter carried news of the death of another classmate, our beautiful and

much admired G.O. president, Selma HALPERN Silverstein. I read of her passing, and knew it wasn't just yesterday when we all sang together. Thanks to the staff of *AlumNotes* for creating this wonderful publication!

Mary WORTSMAN Jacobs, June '42
(so long ago!)

To the Editor:

Enclosed is a donation to the Barbara Keyser Memorial Fund. Miss Keyser was a remarkable woman and teacher whose devotion to her students and desire to help them reach their full potential has been unequalled in my experience. She was a stimulating teacher, provocative, humorous and energetic. She took our class to Washington DC to meet senators and congress members in order to encourage us to think and act politically (or civically). She remains a vivid memory to those of us who had the good fortune to have her as our Social Studies teacher during her years at Hunter.

Geraldine POPPA Schechter '55

Editor's Note: The Alumnae/i Association is still accepting donations to the Barbara Keyser Memorial Fund and also to the Jack McNeil Memorial Fund. Both of these long time faculty members are remembered with fondness by their students. Checks should be made payable to the HCHS Alumnae/i Assn. and sent to our office with a memo notation as to the memorial fund for which they are intended.

To the Editor:

Thanks to the kind assistance of **Claire GOLDBERG Cornell '64**, an AlumnaGram from me appeared in your newsletter in 2001, asking for participants in a photo-documentary project about women born in 1931. As a result, 9 of the 42 women included in the project are HCHS graduates! They come from five different graduating classes and as you would expect, they comprise a wonderful group. The book I have written and illustrated with black and white photographs has been completed and is in the publishing pipeline. I will let the Alumnae/i Association know as soon as it is available.

Ina Loewenberg

To the Editor:

Yesterday afternoon I went to London to the Globe Theatre for a performance by the

HCHS Shakespeare Club. The kids were on a visit to the Globe where they had a workshop for three days. We managed to see some of the rehearsal and then the performance. They were so engaged and involved, and some of them were quite talented. And so athletic. The best I remember being able to do at that age was run down the subway stairs in high heels! Tumbling was out of the question - except once in the auditorium when I tripped over my own two feet! It was great to meet Barbara Miller, her husband, Nan Asher, Audrey Maurer and the chaperones: Gail and Josh. I was delighted that they brought greetings from Marge Goldsmith. They are on their way to catch the Eurostar as I write this and they will see Judy Hodges in Paris. (See related story on page 17)

Michele LEVENBOOK Kohler '61

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important to attract others of you to donate and so that everyone knows that we are highly respectful of monies we are given to "shepherd."

We sponsored a Young Alums event on May 30th which was a successful restart of this group, and we've committed to continuing to sponsor such events at least twice a year.

I'd like to also congratulate the graduating seniors who were named recipients of the Thomas Hunter Award: Daniel Gourevitch, Lila Neugebauer, and Daniel Stolz and those named recipients of the Mildred Busch Award: Francisco Alba and Jacob Samuels-Kalow. These five individuals each received a \$1,000 scholarship from the Alumnae/i Association which I was delighted to personally present at the June 16th Honors and Awards ceremony at the high school.

Last, and not least, we congratulate Elena Kagan '77, the High School's selection as Distinguished Alum of 2003, who has done something remarkable not only in achieving her new distinction as the first woman to be the Dean of Harvard Law School, but who also actively acknowledges her stints at Hunter High and Elementary Schools as part of her background. She has made us all very proud.

In this issue, we devote considerable attention to thanking the many people who gave to our fundraising effort. In our next issue, we will talk a bit about the SPI (Strategic Planning Initiative) effort that Jennifer Raab initiated, and more on efforts to raise Hunter's profile closer to the standing it richly deserves both locally and nationally.

I hope that everyone has enjoyed their summer.

Cordially,



Joan Rosenthal '72

P.S. I would like to sincerely thank departing board members John Edwards '88 and Kari CHIN Chachkes '87 for their service to the board and our association and to welcome new board members Barbara Lambert '64, Amy Gong '93 and Marguerite Liao '91.

Welcome New Alumnae/i Association Board Members

Each year in *AlumNotes*, the association publishes an invitation to alums interested in serving on the board of directors to submit their nominations to our office. In order to encourage fresh perspectives, directors are limited by the by-laws to a maximum of two 3-year terms, after which they must leave the board for at least one year. Board members exiting this year are: John Edwards '88 and Kari CHIN Chachkes '87. John has actively served on the board for five years and during his two terms, was co-editor of *AlumNotes*. Kari, although having served for only one year, was active as the board's Recording Secretary and was instrumental in helping revitalize the Young Alums group. Both will be missed for their contributions.

Due to increased interest from members in serving on the Alumnae/i Association's Board of Directors, the current board voted at their meeting on June 24th to increase the number of its members from 15 to 16, as permitted by the association's by-laws. The new board members are:

Barbara MAYER Lambert '64 continued on to CCNY after Hunter, graduating in 1968 with a major in Sociology. She worked for Mayor Lindsay's administration for several years and then went back to school, Hunter this time, and received an MA in College Counseling in June 1972. Barbara then started working at Baruch College and has been there ever since. After many years in Academic Advisement, the last five as Director, she moved to the Career Development Center and is currently the Associate Director/Manager of Corporate Relations and is in charge of Baruch's extensive on-campus recruiting program for graduating seniors. Barbara has been married to Steven Lambert, a real estate executive, since 1971. They live in Manhattan and have one son, Corey, who is 26 and works in advertising. Barbara is looking forward to joining the Board and renewing her relationship with Hunter. Although she says she did not necessarily

appreciate it at the time, Hunter gave her a marvelous education and fostered her thirst for knowledge. She has long term experience in CUNY, not to mention that it has been the source of all her education since 7th grade, and she hopes that she will be an asset to the board because of her background.

Marguerite Liao '91 graduated from Yale in 1995 and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago in 1999. She is currently a graphic designer at Columbia University's Office of Publications. Marguerite led the organization of the Class of '91 10-year Reunion which enjoyed a turnout of more than 140 people and set a record for a 10-year Reunion Class Gift total. Hunter continues to be a valuable influence in her life—things she learned then still resonate today. As a teenager, Marguerite understood how lucky she was to be attending Hunter. As an adult, her appreciation of that outstanding educational experience grows only stronger as the years pass by. As alumnae/i, she feels that we understand best the importance of ensuring that the rich experience will endure for current and future generations of Hunterites. She believes we are responsible for giving back to the school that gave us all so much. She would like to work toward strengthening alumnae/i ties to the School, increasing alumnae/i communication and turnout at events, and encouraging more robust participation in fundraising efforts. Hunter is a great school and we can help make it even greater.

Amy Gong '93 is returning to the board after a brief absence. She earned a BA at Wesleyan University in 1997 and is currently working as the Associate Manager of Government Grants at The New York Public Library. She helped coordinate her class's 10-year HCHS reunion this year, has been leading the Young Alums group for several years, and was instrumental in planning its recent May 30th get together, which was a big success. □

Reunion 2003

by Marge Kolb '78

One of the joys of being an alum of Hunter High is attending the annual general reunion on the first Sunday of June. It reaffirms the shared belief that ours was and is a remarkable high school environment and that by molding us academically and socially during our formative teen years, Hunter set us on the road to carving out well-balanced, positive adult lives for ourselves. It makes us wish and hope and plan that our high school will always be available to future generations of gifted and fortunate adolescents - like the ones we once were.

This year's reunion took place on Sunday, June 1, 2003, at the current location of the High School - 94th Street and Park Avenue (incredibly, the school's home for over 26 years already!). Over 200 milestone class members were in attendance - those from classes ending in 3 or 8 - along with classmates from other years, as well as special guests: Jennifer Raab, the current president of Hunter College, and milestone herself from the class of '73, and High School Principal and Campus Schools Director, Dr. David Laurenson. The day's program included a continental breakfast, individual class gatherings, a general assembly - with a speaker from each milestone class - and a buffet luncheon. We were also pleased to welcome current and former faculty members, including Adrienne Barnhart, Anna Morello, Parker Baratta, Fran Salzman & Richard Klutch. Some faculty members who could not attend sent notes, including Mildred Lawton who wrote from Tulsa, Oklahoma: "Hello and best wishes to members of the HCHS milestone classes. I will be thinking of you as you gather to enjoy Reunion 2003."

As always, one of the day's highlights was the general assembly, where Ms. Raab and Dr. Laurenson addressed the attendees and speakers from all the milestone classes informed about their class activities and remembrances of Hunter through the years. The Alumnae/i Association's president, Joan Rosenthal, began the assembly by welcoming everyone and noting that 2003 marks the 30th anniversary of the Alumnae/i Association, which was founded when the High School was in danger of being shuttered by Hunter College. She



Left to right: Joan Rosenthal, Dr. David Laurenson and Jennifer Raab.

then introduced Jennifer Raab, the President of Hunter College. Raab attended Cornell, Princeton and then Harvard Law School, worked as an attorney, and in the mid-1990s was appointed to serve as head of NYC's Landmarks Preservation Commission. She was named to head Hunter College in 2001. Ms. Raab proudly noted that she is the first Hunter College president who is also an alum of the High School. She remarked that it is amazing to her that some of her former teachers now call her "boss." Ms. Raab recalled that she had been "a poor kid," whose parents and siblings had not attended college. She credits Hunter High for all the professional and educational success she's had in her life, adding that only her Hunter High diploma hangs in her office, because it made all her other diplomas possible. Her view is that Hunter Elementary and Hunter High are integral and very important parts of Hunter College. The relationship, which once had the campus schools acting as laboratory schools for the college, flourished until the late 1960s when CUNY went to open admissions and needed the 68th Street building. In the early 1970s, Hunter College President Jacqueline Grennan Wexler thought to close the campus schools, but ultimately decided not to, in part because of protests by alums and parents of then-students. Raab's class, and the rest of the High School, moved to two floors of an office building on 46th and Lexington. From that point, the relationship between the high school and college was damaged and there has been mis-trust since, Raab said. Fewer Hunter High students went on to

study at Hunter College and gifted education came under attack as being "elitist," with the college's School of Education taking a dim view of it. The high school continued to flourish, however, due to its great faculty and bright students and in fact, was recently shown by *Worth* magazine to be the number one public feeder high school to Harvard, Princeton and Yale. It was also difficult in recent years for the High School to get the recognition it deserves; it was forced into having a series of acting principals for three years until finally being lucky enough to find Dr. Laurenson in time for the start of the 2001 school year. In addition, for 15 years encompassing the 1990s, there was no increase in the school's budget for supplies and equipment. Now, however, the college lists the maintenance of the High School among its goals and college staff members are actively working with the city to get the high school its fair funding - which in the current NYC fiscal climate, means simply not having its budget cut! The college is also using its resources - P.R. department etc., to get the high school the recognition it deserves. For instance: in January three local daily newspapers ran stories on students taking the HCHS entrance exam, the Debate and Chess teams have been in the news, and CBS's Andy Rooney interviewed one of the high school's Social Studies classes recently for the *Sunday Morning* show. Other steps taken to improve the connection between the college and the school are that Dr. Laurenson now reports directly to Hunter College's Provost, where in the past he would have reported to the Dean of the School of Ed-

ucation; the college is adding Honors programs in an effort to attract more top-caliber students, including graduates of the high school; and Raab initiated the Strategic Planning Initiative at the high school this year to encourage discussion among the high school's constituents about the operations of the school (entrance requirements, curriculum, physical plant, fundraising, etc.). Ms. Raab closed her address by asking that alums help the school by providing internships for its students, identifying themselves in the world as HCHS alums, and lastly, providing whatever financial support possible.

Dr. Laurenson reported on news from the high school: Team sports are growing and there are now 19 varsity teams - nine for boys, nine for girls and one which is co-ed (fencing). The girls' volleyball team was the runner-up for this year's city championship. The musical repertory group presented *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying* this year. In addition, six one-act plays written and directed by students were performed (three in the fall and three in the spring) and the Shakespeare group performed *Twelfth Night*. Eighty student musicians toured Spain and gave concerts in three venues and a senior, Ann Lee Siang, had an exhibit downtown of her photographs. For the second year in a row, a Hunter student won a playwriting competition and will have his piece produced in Hollywood by professional actors. The school has an active student government which organizes events such as Spirit Day and Carnival, and there is still a Big Sib program (where upper-classmen mentor younger students). Sadly, though, there is no longer a Big Show or "Sing."

The next part of the assembly program was an opportunity for representatives from each milestone class to speak. Although the class of 1998 did not have an official class coordinator, their members rallied to attend the May 30th Young Alums Happy Hour, organized by the Alumnae/i Association, in large numbers. In addition, about 12 class members attended the General Reunion and two of them addressed the assembly to express their love for Hunter and the "great community" they had enjoyed while students as well as their appreciation for wonderful faculty members like Mr. Kagan and Mr. Klutch.

Speaking for the class of 1993, Amy Gong reported that her class had enjoyed an event the previous night at a wine bar,

with approximately 100 class members in attendance (and guests swelling the number to about 130).

Class of '88 members, as well as HCHS Alumnae/i Assn. board members (and husband and wife), Judy CHIN Wong and Tai Wong, summarized their class as being "busy with their careers and starting their families." They also wished to congratulate class members Sandi Dubowski (on the success of his documentary film *Trembling Before G-d*) and Julian Shepard (who recently had his play *Buicks* in production). Tai also made a pitch for interested alums to send donations to the High School's Social Studies Department, c/o Mrs. Meeker, if they wish to support the Marienhoff Award, which is a prize given annually to the student who writes the best Social Studies essay.

Representing the class of 1983, Brian Scott reminded everyone that his class was the first to start in the 94th Street building and remain there for six years until graduation. The class held a "bash" on the night before the General Reunion which was attended by about 140 people. Email has been great for catching class members up with each other and messages were received from as far away as Japan and Brazil. Brian remarked that it's hard to describe Hunter to people who didn't at-

tend, and he found it difficult to explain to his wife his level of commitment in putting together this year's reunion.

Speaking for the class of '78, Margaret McMahon explained that the class is lucky that it will be able to celebrate its 25th reunion both this year and next year — most class members, who began together in 1973, chose to stay the extra year until '79 when the high school changed its ICY program from opt-in to opt-out (a few earlier classes in the 1970's had the bulk of their members graduate after only 5 years). The '78/'79 class was the last to be all-women, with the first handful of boys admitted in 1974 to the class of 1980. The class also participated in the move from Lexington Ave. in the E. 40s to the current 94th Street location. She recalled playing field hockey next to the U.N. and bowling down on 14th Street; she also remembered having to bring in paper for exams due to budget cuts at the school.

Betsy Minkin and Judy Moch reported that the class of '73 had their main event at the general reunion and had a nice-sized turnout. Betsy expressed the view that attending an all-girl school in the late 60s into the 70s had helped her and her classmates to be self-confident

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Young Alums Events

by Amy Gong '93

On Friday, May 30th, more than 100 alums in their 20s and 30s packed Local Café in midtown Manhattan for the first Young Alums event of the year. Hunter spirit and beautiful weather brought a greater turnout than expected, with the group quickly spilling out onto the sidewalk. Attendance was especially high from members of the class of 1998, which was marking its fifth year since graduation. Despite the crush, a good time was had by all. (Additional photos can be viewed on our website at: www.hchsaa.org under "News")

On Friday, November 28th, join fellow Young Alums from 5:30-8:00 p.m. for a fun evening of bowling at Leisure Time Bowl (625 8th Avenue on the 2nd Floor of



the Port Authority building). The cost is \$20 per person, and will include lane and shoe rentals, as well as snacks. Please RSVP to kchachkes@mestel.com so that we can reserve the appropriate number of lanes. □

Alum Profile - Henriette JUDELS Rattner '28

by Judy CHIN Wong '88 and Tai Wong '88



Dynamo...Romper...Giants' houses. These terms may sound unusual to our ears today but Henriette JUDELS Rattner '28 uses them to paint a vivid picture of Hunter College High School and New York City three-quarters of a century ago. Rattner, a sprightly nonagenarian who lives in Greenwich Village and summers on Fire Island, recalls that the high school moved from sharing a building with a Jewish organization on 86th Street to a furniture building in Murray Hill to the familiar "Gothic" building on the northwest corner of 68th Street.

Henriette and her younger sister Nettie—"the brains of the family"—commuted together to Hunter from their home in Washington Heights in Upper Manhattan on the Fifth Avenue line which then boasted double-decker buses. Rattner relates how a ticket taker would come around to collect the nickel fare. Like commuting students of today, the Judels did their homework on the

bus, including reading Shakespeare and Eliot's *Silas Marner*. "Hunter was in a class by itself—it was a jewel in the system," Rattner recalls. "It was a great honor to go there, though one didn't boast of it." Rattner started as a freshman and spent four years at Hunter before matriculating at Hunter College. Nettie, though younger, started at Hunter at the same time and also graduated in 1928. The sisters were quite involved in the school with Nettie serving as VP when Henriette was President of the G.O. "Nettie and I ran a fair that raised several thousand dollars for the G.O. one year," she recounts. They were both also on the basketball team where Nettie was the center and Henriette a guard. Small wonder then, "that people always thought we were twins."

"The bonds formed [at Hunter] were different than any other," Rattner remembers. Rattner served as G.O. President, a position she won with speechwriting help from friend, fellow alum and later noted novelist Hortense Calisher '28. Hunter yielded many life-long friends; "...there was Irene Wouk, Herman's sister, Bertha Boschwitz Leibs Dorf, and Lillian Kent." Rattner wistfully sang bars of the Hunter high school song as she recalled "rompers" which were dark blue uniforms that the young women wore when they had physical education class—"...made of some very tightly woven material that covered us very well." She also recalled that girls wore long stockings when they swam. Another memory of NYC from her high school days were the penny Chicklet machines placed between support girders in the subway system. "It seemed all of a sudden everyone was chewing gum at the time; chicklets must have just been invented," she recalls. The Judels family had initially come to the United States from Belgium just after the outbreak of World War I. The family returned to Antwerp after the war but returned a few years later. She recalls being astonished at the skyscrapers going up at the time—"we thought of them as giants' houses."

Rattner has fond memories of the faculty (all women at the time), especially principal Louise Webster. "Ms. Webster was a real dynamo—she did all the program-

ming for the school by herself. She ran a tight ship but we all admired her. She always wore this high, formal collar. She couldn't believe that Nettie and I actually had to pretend to be a musician and a monkey on 42nd Street and Fifth Avenue in order to get into Sigma Gamma Pi, the honor society at HCHS." There was Ms. Byrne the Latin teacher who always used blue kleenex. "I thought they were blue handkerchiefs!" Ms. DeGraff, another Latin teacher who taught Virgil and the *Aeneid*, was convinced that Latin made for orderly housewives. Ms. Hering, a physics teacher, was deaf in one ear "so you could sneak into class late" if you were clever. In her favorite subject, English, there was Ms. Brubaker, who would become an institution in the English department. Ms. Fenzen, the German teacher, was convinced that the Judels sisters completed each other's homework. Ms. Loyden the librarian was strict but told great off-color jokes. Finally, there was Ms. Verplank who notably kept pencils and other sundries in her ample "ba-zoom" (casual for bosom, as Henriette subsequently explained to her befuddled interviewers).

"Nettie and I both became teachers, it was a natural thing to do at the time—the proper thing for a young lady." Rattner did admit though that she might have gone into the arts (she briefly attended the National Academy of Design after Hunter College) had she not signed up for a Board of Education teaching test. She remembers the teaching certification exam as being extraordinarily long and extremely difficult. "It took months to qualify, there was an oral section, a written section and finally an observational section." After brief stints at a couple of schools, Rattner landed at Music & Art in 1937 where she would teach for the next 38 years. "Nettie, though, was chosen to teach at Hunter because she was an exemplary student." Both had been influenced by the then president of Hunter College, a Dr. Culligan, who encouraged teaching and particularly teaching at HCHS, which at one stage was threatened with possible extinction. Rattner taught primarily French but also English, Spanish, and art and still has for-

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New Pacific Northwest Chapter in the Works

Lorraine CUNNINGHAM Colby '79 has volunteered to organize alums living in Idaho, Oregon or Washington. Please contact her at colbyfamily5@earthlink.net to be placed on an email contact list and let her know where you live and what kind of activities you'd be interested in having the chapter sponsor.

Special note to chapter leaders: If you have any news or notices of meetings or get-togethers that you'd like us to publish, please let us know by October 15th.

Alum Profile

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mer students, some in their 70s, who visit and call. At Music & Art, eventually renamed LaGuardia, Rattner also met the late E. Ira Marienhoff, who later became the iconic and long-serving chairman of the Social Studies department at HCHS. "Ira was a very dear friend," she remembers. "He was also a little bit opinionated," she added with a chuckle.

After her retirement in 1976 and until recently, Rattner continued to teach English at NYU in the "English in Ac-

tion" program where older, typically graduate, students could spend time learning to speak English. She taught students from widely diverse backgrounds, many from China and Japan including "one young lady from China who still occasionally writes." "I guess I am just a pedagogue at heart. There's a vibrancy in teaching. When that stopped, the world became much more muted. Your outlook becomes different when you're not engaged with young people," Rattner concludes. Her current activities include swimming and adding to an extensive collection of watercolors that track the history of Ocean Beach from the 1940s to the present. □

Milestone Class Coordinators

2004 Reunion (General Reunion will be Sunday, June 6, at the High School)

1954: Yvonne Groseil, Arline SEWITCH Lieberman & Lucy Lynch; email Arline at WARL2@aol.com

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1994: Egroup address: <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hunter94/>

Class of '54 Milestone Reunion 2004 in the Works

A planning committee for the milestone class of 1954 is already busy creating a "Reunion to Remember." A gala celebration for Saturday night, June 5, 2004 is in the works. This is a rare opportunity to reconnect with old friends and find out what your classmates have been up to in the last 50 years. Look for a registration form in the fall. We are still looking for a number of lost classmates, but have recently found the whereabouts of Margo Frank Marshall (in Venezuela!) and Penny Portnoy Diamond (in California). Yeah! We have mailed out a questionnaire for the purpose of recreating an updated edition of our 1954 yearbook, *Annals*. If you have not received this form or have any questions, please contact: Arline Sewitch Lieberman via email to: WARL2@aol.com (610) 565-0305

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Milestone Class Reunion Celebrations

January '48 - Class Coordinators:

Miriam KOSTINER Roschelle & Alida ROGNONI Mesrop

What's special about our class?

Whenever we get together, we have a grand time! We gathered on Friday of Reunion weekend at Via Brasil, a wonderful midtown restaurant. The wine flowed, the meal was terrific, and the conversation never stopped. Co-chair Alida ROGNONI Mesrop even printed our very special menu as a souvenir. Classmates came from all over the country - California, Michigan, Florida - and points in between.

The excitement continued on Saturday when once again we assembled to talk and eat. The Hunter College Faculty Dining Room was the location for a festive luncheon. We had time and space in which to mingle, share family photos, get reacquainted with both the 1948 Annals and the 1998 "Updated Annals" - our 50th year publication. Husbands joined alums for both the Friday and Saturday events. They shared recollections and family "secrets" about life with a Hunter girl. Throughout the two days, cameras clicked even if it sometimes meant interrupting conversation. After all, important happenings had to be preserved on film.

On Sunday, those of us who still had energy continued the reunion at the high school. We were inspired by the achievements and enthusiasm of the many other Hunterites, both younger and older than ourselves. Throughout this coming year, we will continue a tradition started twenty years ago. Those of us in the Northeast, and any who happen to travel this way, will have mini-reunions every few months. For many of us, the Hunter High experience changed the direction and focus of our lives and we will always be grateful to our wonderful school.

January '53 - Class Coordinator:

Rachel Lawrence

To paraphrase Stephen Sondheim: "Good times and bad times, we've seen them all, my dears, And we're still here." That's the way our senior year's student government president, Irma JAFFE Becker, put it at our fabulous golden anniversary dinner the Saturday night of reunion weekend. About 55 of us, with assorted husbands and partners, gathered at Moran's Restaurant in the Chelsea district. Classmates traveled from Israel, Belgium, California, Florida and points in

between to be part of the momentous celebration. And what a grand, warm celebration it was! Hugs, tears, gasps of recognition, lots of flashing cameras...

Earlier in the day, we went on a guided tour of Central Park's Conservancy Garden. Rain threatened, but nothing could dampen our spirit. The poor guide had a hard time being heard above the chatter of so many women with so much to say after 50 years. After the garden stroll, we crossed the street to visit the Museum of the City of New York. Two of the featured exhibits focused on women: "Roaring into the 20's, the New New York Woman" and "New York Women in their Prime - 70 and up." The night before, several classmates went to see Jules Feiffer's "A Bad Friend" at Lincoln Center's Mitzi Newhouse Theatre.

The good times continued at the reunion lunch Sunday at the high school. We even found people we remembered from the June '53 graduating class who were seated near us. (We were the last winter-graduating class.) After lunch, we went back to the 'hood, visiting the old high school neighborhood on 69th Street and Lexington Ave. We ended up at a diner on Second Ave., and the talk continued to flow.

The memories linger on, enhanced by our reunion yearbook - a compilation of completed questionnaires returned by class members - AND our website, featuring reunion photographs. The website address is: <http://users.rcn.com/fsandy/hchs>

Many of us had changed our hair color, put on weight, lost weight - but we found common bonds that had brought us to Hunter in the first place, helped form us and have sustained us through the years..."And we're still here."

June '53 - Class Coordinators:

Shari Barton & Mary Ellen KELLY Wolf

Reunions are self-selective, so of course all of us that attended our June '53 Fiftieth reunion were svelte, stylish and sophisticated! We met Saturday evening May 31st at the Jewel of India (see...sophisticated) for cocktails, dinner and good fellowship. The private room was decorated in lavender and white and for several hours we were teens again - not the mothers, grandmothers, doctors, lawyers or whatever that we have become. Most of us had not seen each other for the full fifty years so there was

lots of catching up to do and except for the time when three brave souls sang numbers from our "Sing," the room was filled with continuous, happy chatter. We chatted so fast and furiously that the Class Gift was not discussed, so classmates may send in contributions directly to the alumni office.

That chatter spilled over to Sunday morning where we took orders for the questionnaire "package" that we had assembled and for the updated class list. The outstanding results of the questionnaire were that (1) To a person, Hunter was considered an excellent academic preparation for college and for life and was considered a very significant life experience and (2) with the exception of one part-time Minister, every respondent felt the current political and world situation was terrible. One classmate summed it up by saying: "it stinks." It was clear that the liberal bent we had as Hunterites was still with us to these many years later.

The two most important consequences of the reunion were the rekindling of friendships and the renewed affection for the High School. We hope these continue throughout the rest of our lives.

1958 - Class Coordinator:

Gail GRANGE Berson

Our 45th reunion on June 1st was a stunning success. Almost thirty of us got together at The Vinegar Factory for brunch. Many of us even recognized one another. Alumnae came from all over for the occasion (from as far away as California to as close as 86th Street). One of the attendees suggested we each take a minute to tell something about ourselves. Each person spent a little more time than the one who spoke just before her, and included more information, thoughts and feelings about themselves and their opinions. It became such a warm and intimate experience that we all agreed we couldn't let five years pass before seeing one another again. We're considering small gatherings at one another's homes. We even mentioned having our fiftieth reunion at a spa.

So far, we have collected \$2,873 in donations for books to the HCHS library in memory of Barbara Keyser, our senior advisor as well as our history teacher. One of the sentiments that was frequently expressed at the reunion brunch and in the

questionnaires was how lucky we were to have attended Hunter High and how much our experiences there continue to impact our lives.

1963 - Class Coordinators:

Jane Solomon & Susan COHEN Esquilin
Perhaps 40 is a magic number; perhaps Susan Cohen Esquilin's creation of an email list is responsible; perhaps it's the time in our lives — but this year the Class of '63 has not stopped reuniting. First we met, 50-strong, including classmates from Europe and the West Coast and in between, the day before the High School reunion for a four-hour catch-up fest. Then we joined the high school festivities on Sunday and happily reported collecting over \$4,000 for the repair of a piano for the school's music program. And then we kept on meeting. There was a small gathering in San Francisco the last weekend in June for those who did not make the New York event and more is to come. Columbus Day weekend will see another full-blown reunion in San Francisco. For many of us, our years at the high school were a singular time. We are refreshed when we renew ourselves together. We look forward to reporting again for our 45th!

1968 - Class Coordinator:

Miggie Warns

The Class of '68 enjoyed a buffet dinner with wine and beer at Raymond's Cafe in Chelsea on the evening of Saturday, May 31st. Over 50 class members attended and reported back that they found the food and, especially, the company to be highly enjoyable, and a lot of hugging of "long-lost" friends was observed. CDs of our Senior Sing were distributed to all, as well as "door prizes" of books written by class members and by HCHS former English teacher Richard Peck. Our official class website was launched a few days later. Class members may register at <http://www.hchs68.com/reg.htm> to receive the username and password that will give access to the site.

1973 - Class Coordinators:

Judy Moch & Betsy LAMPERT Minkin

About 20 members of our class showed up for our 30th reunion plus two almost members - Joan Rosenthal '72, president of the Alumnae/i Association (who entered with us but graduated a year early) and Marjorie Lewis '72, sister of Laura Lewis, who was unable to attend. Two classmates traveled long distances to be with us - Andrea Wilcox came from Oakland, California and Laurette Tuckerman fit us in between traveling

from her home in Paris, France and a conference in Utah. We were honored to have Jennifer Raab, who was ICY and graduated with us, as the keynote speaker at the general reunion. She is not only president of Hunter College, but a strong advocate for the high school as well! Quite a change from our school years when we marched with signs saying "Save our School." Judy (a/k/a Yehudit) Moch and Betsy LAMPERT Minkin were the class spokespersons at the assembly and announced the class gift of over \$2,000 which the class designated for library acquisitions related to women, since we were one of the last classes to experience all six years of Hunter as an all-girl's school. By the way, we welcome classmates to add to this gift by sending a check made out to HCHS Alumnae/i Association (to the address on the back page) and designating that your donation go to the Class of '73 gift. We all got to sing *Alma Mater* at the end of the assembly, then were treated to someone playing the *Sarah Maria Jones* song, while all the oldies sang along. At the last couple of milestone reunion assemblies, our class was admonished several times for being noisy and rowdy. We were a little more sedate this time. . . are we finally maturing?? Several of our former teachers showed up as well. The Nadels didn't come, but Parker Barratta came into the classroom to visit us, along with Fran Salzman, who looks much the same, too. We reminded Mr. Barratta that we were in his first existentialism class, which, as Sue Bulavinetz recalls, rarely touched on that topic. Richard Klutch came down to the cafeteria and was immediately surrounded by "girls and boys." Then a bunch of us all went up to see him - amazingly he remembers us. Susan loaned her digital camera to someone who wanted to take a picture of a woman sitting right in front of our class. Afterwards, we found out that the woman was Anna Morello!! What a sweetie she was. She didn't get up when they asked for any current/ former teachers to stand, so we didn't get a chance to say hello. Also well worth mentioning is the virtual reunion site for HCHS73 that Maggie Cowlan set up. In order to join, send an e-mail to HCHS73-subscribe@yahoogroups.com.

1978 - Class Coordinator: Marge Kolb

The Class of '78 is a bit of an "orphan" with only 51 graduates - comprised of 15 members of the class of '77 who opted to stay the extra year for ICY (Inter-

Collegiate Year) and 36 members of the class of '79 who chose to graduate early when the ICY program was changed from opt-in to opt-out. So, we had a small turn-out of only 8 people (including a couple of '79 grads who came to see us) at the general reunion on June 1st, but nevertheless it was an enjoyable time and the intimacy gave everyone a chance to really talk. Luckily, we get to celebrate reunion again next year with the bulk of our classmates! Classmates who attended on June 1st were Lorraine CUNNINGHAM Colby '79, Eve Ferdman '79, Sharon Gumerove, Jill Kirkwood, Marge Kolb, Margaret McMahon, Adria Quinones '79, and Inga Wilder '79. Lorraine has offered to work on planning next year's reunion and it's hoped that many more will attend.

1983 - Class Coordinators:

Brian Scott, Guy Doherty, Jonathan Arak, & Kelly Washburn

For a brief time the HCHS graduating class of 1983 existed again, in a form, during the weekend of May 31st when we gathered to celebrate 20 years of alumnae/i bliss! The venue chosen was The Cocktail Room and attendees were charged a fee, part of which was contributed to the school as a lump sum of \$750. Although the weather outside was less than conducive, skies were bright and clear inside the club, where 111 classmates partied through the night. We had the place to ourselves all night, from 7pm until they kicked us out at 4:45 am! Some of the remaining party-goers relocated to a local diner afterwards for breakfast and more conversation. A souvenir given out during the festivities was an MP3 CD containing 136 songs that reflected our high school years (1977-1983), 83 of which were actual classmate picks! The front cover sported an updated illustration of our mascot, Null 'N Void (a Pushme- Pullyou, or two headed llama, from Dr. Doolittle), from the same renowned artist, Kyle Baker! At 11:30pm we took over the mike and gave shout-outs to past and present coordinators, along with a remembrance of one classmate, Bruce Boyer, who passed away in 1999. We held a contest for door prizes (a number was written on the back of the CD sleeves), said prizes reflecting the era in which we attended the school. The prizes were: a Rubik's cube; Mattel handheld electronic football game; an Atari 10-in-1 video game system (10 games on a chip packed into a

Current Fundraising Drive is Most Successful to Date!

Our current fundraiser, which kicked off in late 2002, is now officially our most successful one to date, with donations topping \$68,000! The bulk of the donations were left to our board of directors to determine a use, although a significant portion - \$16,000 - has been earmarked by the donors to be used for one of the following areas: Athletics/Extracurricular Activities; Computer Technology; the Library; Science, Math & Language Labs; Visual & Performing Arts; or Scholarships. Our board, comprised entirely of volunteers from our alumnae/i membership, represents a broad range of graduating classes from the 1940s to the 1990s and includes current faculty members of the school. Its members will discuss current needs at the school and disburse the bulk of the funds this fall. As always, the school's administration will be consulted about where the unearmarked funds would be most appropriately funneled.

Our association was officially incorporated as a not-for-profit in 1997, and thus became eligible to accept tax-deductible donations. Prior to that, our fundraising consisted primarily of encouraging milestone classes to solicit gifts, which could be earmarked as they wished. We held our first association-wide fundraising effort in late 1999. That, and our subsequent three annual fundraising efforts have raised a total of \$192,000, an average of \$48,000 per year. Our board of directors would like to thank all donors to the current fundraiser, and especially to recognize our significant donors who are listed here.

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Raymond G. Falci '82

\$1,500-\$2,000

Joan D. Rosenthal '72

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Hallie Cohen '65
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Brian Kanterman '81
Anna Kovner '92
Barbara Kaplan Lee '49
Judith C. Lewent '66
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\$300

Gabrielle Friedman '87
John Marks '83
Tai & Judy (Chin) Wong '88

\$250-\$300

Stephen Cilento '84
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Marjorie T. Landsberg Goldsmith '61
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Tai & Judy (Chin) Wong '88

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Proposed Funding Allocation Strategy

As a result of increased efforts on the part of the Board and the generosity of our members, the HCHS Alumnae/i Association has realized a significant increase in the amount of funds raised over the past few years. We are particularly proud and appreciative of this net gain given the current challenges in our economy.

Over the past several years, the Association's fundraising efforts and allocation processes have followed a consistent logic and pattern. In large part, our actions have been in response to requests made and priorities established by the school as well as the specific requests of donors.

As we expect this positive trend in fundraising to continue, we think this is an appropriate time to articulate and share the strategic framework that has, and will, continue to guide the fundraising and allocation activities of the HCHS Alumnae/i Association.

Designated categories for receipt of HCHS Alumnae/i donations are as follows: student and faculty development/enhancement, technical and facilities improvements, specific departments or fields of study, and extra curricular activities. Vehicles we have identified to raise funds for the above include: fundraising letters, class gifts, memorial funds, bequests, and an annuity fund.

Alums are encouraged to provide feedback on the proposed plan by contacting our office. □

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 Jacalyn Giacalone Williams '64
 Tiana Wimmer '75
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 Elaine Postelneck Yamin '54
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 Cathy Hutchings Zumoff '64 □

Music Students Tour Spain - Thank Alums for Their Financial Support

Eighty-two HCHS music students, faculty, family members and related travelers toured Spain in April and were helped along by a \$6,000 donation from the Alumnae/i Association. The tour was organized and led by Michael Stratechuk, artistic director; Micheline Beaudry, Jazz Chorus director; Paul Beaudry, Jazz Ensemble director; Linda Bell, Festival Chorus director; Sean Crouch, Concert choir director and Robert Sabin, Jazz Ensemble guest director. The group's first concert, held in Valencia, elicited tears, which could be found coursing down many cheeks during the final applause. After the concert, many expressed gratitude for bringing to them what they called some of the most beautiful music that they have ever heard. The second concert was at the InIglesia de San Miguel of Cuenca, a very old city famed for its Casa Colgadas (Hanging Houses) which appear suspended from high cliffs surrounding the city. The local TV station filmed the entire concert and aired it at 7 p.m. the next day. The final concert, at Escorial, was in a beautiful setting, but on a very small stage. It was presented by the Spanish Cancer Association and the Red Cross as a fundraiser to fight cancer.

Student Angela Brown submitted the following account of the trip:

A four-star hotel, Sabadell's, right outside Barcelona...Bus B pulled up at the Hotel Verdi, led by Paloma, our enthusiastic tour guide from the Canary Islands. After getting our keys and room assignments, we had plenty of time to unpack, find our friends, and look around the neighborhood. The streets were extremely clean, scattered with groups of people strolling. Most of us Hunter kids found each other at El Corte Ingles, a nearby department store. Despite the mixture of jet lag and excitement, we all managed to get settled that day.

The next morning, with my Catalan book under my arm, I was ready to immerse myself in the Spanish atmosphere. On the bus, I noticed huge "No a la guerra" (Say no to war) signs in several windows as I looked for scenery to photograph. The signs were a kind of reality check, as if to remind us that the war was still going on, even though we were taking a fun break

from our usual routine. Paloma explained the historical background of everything, from the layout of the neighborhood to the famous Spanish architects (especially Gaudi). Gaudi's name was mentioned pretty often in Barcelona, especially when we visited La Sagrada Familia. It's a cathedral that's still a work-in-progress, but what had been done so far was amazing. Besides the sightseeing, we got a taste of everyday life in Barcelona, from shopping to avoiding pickpockets and beggars. On Saturday night, a group of us went to an Easter service near our hotel. I was looking forward to the service, especially because I wanted to hear Catalan spoken (the service was all in Catalan). After the service, the priest welcomed "the American students" and even invited us to join the congregation in an Easter celebration after the service.

The next day, our buses took us down a rickety road toward a breathtaking city: Monserrat. There were so many beautiful sights: the mountains, the monastery, the items in the art shop and museum, and a special wooden sculpture called the Black Madonna. Some of us stayed to attend a concert, where the Boys Choir (coro Escolania) performed. Their presence and intonation were impressive; I enjoyed the performance and hoped that our own would also go well. The next day, we visited Tarragona and Valencia, two old-fashioned towns full of souvenir shops, flea markets, and gorgeous Moorish architecture.

Like the two previous regions, Cuenca is a town with an old-fashioned style. Its uniqueness is marked by the Hanging Houses (Casas Colgadas), which were homes built on the cliffs. We visited several other towns and cities during the rest of our trip. Our travels also spanned from Toledo, with its rich religious history, to Madrid, with its authentic paella and intense flamenco performances. I definitely realized the diversity of Spain, in terms of religion, language, culture, food and even geography. We enjoyed a variety of experiences in Spain—we stayed in snazzy hotels in modernized cities, spent one night in a monastery in the mountains, and one night in trailer park bungalows. Palaces, museums, discotecas—we did it

all. I loved the experience because I had the chance to go to Europe for the first time, to speak Spanish almost all the time (translating and conversing) and to meet new people within our Hunter group. Our musical performances also made the experience great. The audiences loved us, and I actually had fun performing. I knew that all of our hard work, preparation, and extra rehearsals had been worth it when the audience cried: "Otra, otra!" (Encore, encore.)

Thank you Hunter College High School alums for your generous grant, making this incredible experience possible for us! □

New High School to be Sponsored by Hunter College

Hunter College is sponsoring a new "early-college high school" beginning this fall - part of a national wave of such schools designed to help minority and low-income students complete high school and get a jump on college before they graduate. It will be called the Manhattan/Hunter Science High School and will be located at the Martin Luther King Jr. High School on the Upper West Side of Manhattan. The school will be small, with no more than 500 students, and will emphasize science. It is being created in part with money from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which is donating \$400,000 to help with start-up costs. The school will be run as a partnership between the city's Department of Education and Hunter College.

Officials at Hunter College said they wanted to play a more active role in improving secondary education. "Our responsibility as a public college is to make sure we are helping prepare high school students to do college work," said Jennifer Raab, the president of Hunter. The new school is expected to enroll from 60 to 100 ninth-grade students this fall, and will be looking for students interested in science who have solid grades and attendance records and strong recommendations from their middle schools. The school will not require an admissions test. □

News From the High School

Elena Kagan '77 was named the High School's Distinguished Alum for 2003 and addressed the seniors at their graduation ceremony on June 26th. Ms. Kagan was recently appointed Dean of Harvard Law School, the first woman ever to hold this position. City councilmember Eva Moskowitz and Hunter College president Jennifer Raab also addressed the graduates...This year's graduating class featured 54 students named National Merit Finalists and six National Achievement Finalists. In addition, 25% of the graduates will be attending Ivy League schools: 12 will be going to Harvard, three to Yale, six to Cornell, five to Prince-

ton, six to the University of Pennsylvania, five to Columbia, two to Brown and five to Dartmouth; two students are headed to Stanford and two are going to MIT...The PTA Special Projects Committee has decided to make the HCHS library its "pet project" for the upcoming school year. The committee has agreed to commit the bulk of its budget—approximately \$40,000—to fulfill the library's request for laptops and a wireless network...A major renovation project began at the High School after classes finished up on June 13th. This project, costing more than \$1.4 million, involves addressing the ventilation system to improve air quality,

repairing the floor in the gymnasium and working on two language labs...The Hunter Chess team was co-champion in the 2003 National Junior High Chess Championship held in Orlando, Florida on April 25-27. Eighth grader Katharine Pelletier placed ninth overall, winning 5.5 out of 7 games... Hunter's Debate Team placed 2nd in the NYS Debate Championships held in Albany from April 25-26. Caroline Friedman and Hope Reichbach were co-champions in the novice division...On May 8, Hunter won the city championship in the Mock Trial Tournament sponsored by the New York State Bar Association... □

Milestone Class Reunions

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joystick that encompassed the entire system!); an MTV 20: Pop DVD with videos from the 80s; and a *Fast Times at Ridgemont High* DVD!

The next day found some of us at the general reunion at the high school, where we schmoozed with classmates and some of our teachers (Mr. Baratta, Mrs. Barnhart, Ms. Salzman, Mr. Klutch, and Mrs. Morello). Brian Scott gave a brief speech at the general assembly to acknowledge Hunter's influence on the class of 1983, and to show the appreciation of the class. A group of us took Mr. Baratta out to lunch, while another contingent made our way to the Staten Island Ferry, where some of the parents and children had planned a Sunday outing. Some members of the latter group met earlier at the Manhattan Mall to coordinate their efforts.

Kudos go out to the coordinators: Brian Scott, Guy Doherty, Jonathan Arak, and Kelly Washburn. From some of the feedback received, an admirable reunion effort was planned and executed! As always, the class of 1983 looks forward to their next major reunion in 2008, and many more beyond!!

1988 - Class Coordinator:

Jill Slater

It was at the 10-year Hunter reunion that our class decided that we loved reunions and could not wait for the 20th to have another one. So, when the 15th came along, we rallied. Our reunion took place

on Friday, May 30th at Anita's—a bar in SoHo. The bar was slow to fill up but by late in the evening we had a bustling crowd of '88ers. As always, people were nervous, apprehensive, and reluctant to attend, but as always, once everyone showed up, no one wanted to leave. It truly brought tears to my eyes at one point to see and feel the effect of a 6-year high school bond pulsing through the room—bringing old friends together, but even uniting those who may not have been close in high school. The connection was palpable and deep and conversations surged. We see one other so intermittently and yet there is so much that draws us together. People talked and talked. Amongst the 75 or so attendees, there was salsa dancing, there were ample photo opportunities (everyone looked great), and there was show-and-tell of all sorts. I will speak for the rest when I say that a good time was had by all.

1993 - Class Coordinators:

Laureen Barrameda & Amy Gong

More than 130 members of the class of 1993 gathered on May 31 for our much anticipated ten-year reunion. The class coordinators organized a wonderful cocktail party in the upstairs lounge of Divine Bar West in midtown Manhattan. Delicious hors d'oeuvres and an open bar added to the fun, celebratory atmosphere. Many alums had not changed one bit in appearance even a decade after graduation. A few surprised their former classmates with their amazing "extreme makeovers." Everyone looked fantastic. Not surprisingly, the '93 alums comprised a high-achieving bunch. Numerous teachers, musicians, writers, art-

ists, doctors, and lawyers were in attendance, as well as many others who work in the non-profit, science, performing arts, and technology fields. After the cocktail party, almost everyone continued the festivities at Faces and Names, a bar a few blocks away. Nearly a dozen remained outside the bar at 5 a.m., looking to continue the party. By all accounts, the reunion was an unqualified success!

The high attendance was attributable in large part to the coordinators' ability to track down former classmates through small networks of alums who had kept in touch with one another. Class coordinator Laureen Barrameda started the ball rolling in June 2002 by creating an e-group where alums could learn about the reunion planning (<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/hchs1993>). As word of the e-group spread, more alums joined, and the e-group now numbers 123 participants. Many alums are eager to stay in touch after renewing their friendships at the reunion. Through the e-group, they are making plans and sharing information with their classmates. E-group postings continually attest to the fondness that alums feel for Hunter and the relationships they developed there.

1998: Although the five-year milestone class did not have a volunteer coordinator, many class members took advantage of the Young Alums event on Friday, May 30th to gather as a group. About 11 or 12 class members also attended the General Reunion on Sunday and were interested to see the school again and to hear from milestoneers from classes of 10 to 60 years ago. □

Hunterites in the News

Bernice (Bunny) WORMAN Hauser '49 was inducted into the Hunter College Hall of Fame on May 2, 2003. She is currently the Director of Inter-Campus activities at the Horace Mann School, having worked in the field of education for 40 years, first as a science teacher and then as the Primary Science Chair at the Walden-Lincoln School. She is the co-author for Scholastic's *Science Place* series, Macmillan/McGraw-Hill's *Helping Your Child at Home with Science* and the *Getting Started* series. As the primary correspondent for the Clearinghouse for Science, Society, and Education, she has written over 40 articles (available on the ERIC database) and has presented at over 25 national scientific conferences. Ms. Hauser is also well-known as the founder and leader of the post-adoption workshops at the 92nd Street Y where she serves as a research consultant for all their adoption courses. Until recently, she was vice president of the Board of Directors of Louise Wise Services, an adoption-child care agency based in New York City, on whose board she still serves. Ms. Hauser earned her B.A. and M.S. from Hunter College and another M.S. from Baruch. She has been active in the HCHS Alumnae/i Assn. since 1974 and served as president from 1984-1988.

Gloria Lucker, Jan. '53 was inducted into the Western New York Women's Hall of Fame on March 27, 2003. She is the owner and founder of Optimal Therapy Services, which was the recipient of the YWCA's first Woman-Owned Business award in 1996. She is also the chair of the Erie County Commission on the Status of Women, a board member of the YWCA of Western NY and a member of the YWCA Leader Luncheon and Public Policy Committees.

Peggy MONKMEYER Mastroianni '57 received the Louis J. Lefkowitz Award from Fordham Law's Public Interest Resource Center on April 8, 2003. The award is given each year to an individual whose commitment to public service is personified in the career of Louis Lefkowitz (Fordham class of '25), who spent 22 years as Attorney General of New York State. Ms. Mastroianni has served as the Associate Legal Counsel of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission since 1996. She previously taught English at Hunter High from 1963-1970 and went on to Fordham Law School, from which she graduated in 1974. After Fordham,

she prosecuted voting rights and jury discrimination cases for the ACLU Foundation from 1976 to 1979 and then began work for the EEOC as a trial attorney late in 1979. In 1983, she was appointed as an appellate attorney and in 1989 became special assistant to the General Counsel of the EEOC. The following year, she became Attorney Advisor to the Chairman of the Commission and in 1991, Ms. Mastroianni, who has been heralded by a high government official as "one of the most well-known national and international experts on disability rights" was appointed Director of the Americans with Disabilities Act Policy Division, at the time when the ADA was first enacted.

Heather Dubrow '62 recently won a National Endowment of the Humanities Fellowship and a Guggenheim Fellowship for her new book, a study of the workings of lyric in Renaissance England. In addition, the Nominating Committee of the Modern Language Association has asked her to be one of the three candidates standing for the Second Vice Presidency in an election this autumn (the second vice president automatically becomes president in a future year).

Jeanne Mullgrav '79 was appointed in April, 2002, by NYC Mayor Michael Bloomberg as Commissioner of the Department of Youth & Community Development. Among other responsibilities, the agency supports youth and community services through contracts with a broad network of community-based organizations throughout New York City, including Beacon Community Centers, Violence Intervention and Prevention programs, and Youth Development and Delinquency Prevention programs. The agency also runs NYC Youthline, a 24-hour directory for referrals to youth programs, social services and other community resources as well as a crisis intervention service. Mullgrav's previous position was as Director for External Affairs at The After-School Corporation. She also served as Deputy Director of Intergovernmental Relations in the New York State Office of the Attorney General and as Division Director of both Court Programs and Governmental Affairs of Victim Services. Mullgrav earned a B.A. at Swarthmore College and a J.D. at the New York University School of Law.

Cynthia Nixon '84 appeared in PBS's annual Shakespeare festival in May. The piece was entitled *The Shakespeare Sessions* - a performance documentary also featuring David Hyde Pierce.

Sandi Simcha Dubowski '88 had his documentary movie *Trembling Before G-d* broadcast on television in June on the Sundance Channel. The film revolves around intimately-told personal stories of Hasidic and Orthodox Jews who are gay or lesbian, and the profound dilemma they face - how to reconcile their passionate love of Judaism and the Divine with the drastic Biblical prohibitions that forbid homosexuality.

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

Recaps of Important News/Dates

- Next **Young Alums** event will be held on Friday, November 28th. See page 5 for complete details.
- Be sure to visit our new website: www.hchsaa.org (see announcement on page 1).
- **Reunion 2004** will be held on Sunday, June 6th at the High School (94th St. & Park Ave.). If you've never been to reunion, check out the articles in this issue about this past year's celebration (pps. 4 & 8). Milestone class members - multiples of 5 years since graduation, including: 1939, '44, '49, ..., '89, '94, & '99 - should check page 7 to see if their class has a volunteer coordinator yet. If so, contact that person with questions and suggestions about your class reunion. If not, and you'd like to volunteer yourself, please contact the Alumnae/i office by telephone to 212-772-4079 or by email to hchsalums@yahoo.com.
- **Save the Date:** Our annual **Winter Brunch** will be held on Sunday, February 1st. Additional details will be in the next issue of *AlumNotes*.

Class Notes

1940s

Myra SMIT Fooden, Ph.D. '43 has had two sequential careers - first as an actor, then as a psychologist (University Associate Professor and private practitioner), and then again as an actor when living in Canada for more than 10 years. Now back in New York and Florida, she is "sort of" retired, but doing some teaching at St. John's University and Florida Atlantic University, and performing. All that's in between enjoying eight grandchildren aged 5-22. She's delighted to be back in NYC with old friends and alums of HCHS and College. • **Irene MORRIS Reiter, June '43** spent 40 years teaching English and chairing the department in three Philadelphia high schools and has spent the past 13 years in "retirement" while continuing to teach literature to adults. This is "pure teaching": no papers to grade, no discipline problems, no administrative hassles. She also delivers 10-15 book reviews monthly to clubs, libraries, luncheons, apartment complexes etc. with her lecture fees donated to charity. Her HCHS hero was faculty member Dr. Leah Jonas Peavy. • **Elsie LAUE Raffensperger, Jan. '45** writes that her oldest grandchild, Matthew Henderson, will be attending the Univ. of KY Law School in the fall. His younger sister, Karen, will attend the Univ. of Mexico for her junior year; she is a journalism major at U.K. • **Dr. Masha KABAKOW Rudman, June '49** is still hard at work. She's completing two manuscripts, teaching at Umass full-time, and directing the elementary teacher education program there. She is looking forward to her class's 55th reunion next year.

1950s

Anna Lou ELIANOFF Aldrich '50 is thrilled to report that her grandson, Ciaran O'Connor, is entering the 7th grade at HCHS in September, just as she did 59 years ago (when the school was, of course, all girls). • **Stella PURCE Revard, Jan. '51** is a Professor Emerita in English Literature at Southern Illinois University and has had two books published in recent years: *Pindar and the Renaissance Hymn-Ode: 1450-1700* and *Milton and the Tangles of Neaera's Hair*, which won the Hanford Award in 1997. She was named Honored School of the Milton Society of America in 1998 and was elected to the Hunter College Hall of Fame in 1999. She is currently the president of the International Association of Neo-Latin Studies and has been busy planning the association's Congress which was held in Bonn, Germany in August. • **Iris H. MARKS Sasson '54** is now spending most of her time at her old family home in Monroe, NY after living for 30 years in Israel. Now that she's retired, she has time to visit her three grandchildren, who are living on 3 different continents. She also meets classmate Esther GISSINGER Goldfarb from time to time. • **Keris LAKE Murray '55** recently retired from the NYC Department of Education. September will finally become just the month after August! Keris has no concrete plans for retirement, but she's open to suggestions! • **Barbara Filner '58** retired recently as senior program officer at the Howard Hughes Medical Institute after 14 years of creating and managing fellowship and other grant programs in biomedical research and education. Prior to that, she was director of the Division of Health Sciences Policy at the Institute of Medicine/National Academy of Sciences. Before moving to the Washington, DC area, Barbara was an assistant professor of Biology, first at Columbia University and then at Kalamazoo College. She has also served for the past four years as the president of the Association for Women in Science Educational Foundation. She and her husband are enjoying retirement, spending much of

their time traveling, visiting local museums, gardening or birdwatching.

1960s

Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61 writes that she is currently reading the book *In a Little Kingdom* (1990: Sharpe, M.E. Inc.), which was written by former HCHS English teacher Perry Stieglitz. He went to Laos in 1959 as an exchange teacher and went on to marry into Laotian royalty and to work as a foreign service officer in Laos, France, Thailand, and Washington, D.C. • **Lauralyn Bellamy '65** earned an M.Div. *cum laude* from Emory University and was ordained a Unitarian Universalist minister. She then founded and served U.U. Metro Atlanta North from 1989-1997 and served as a chaplain at local hospitals from 1998-2001. She is currently the Minister of Pastoral Care at Atlanta Unity Church. She and her husband, Jim Emig, recently celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary, and their sons, Luke and Zachary, are grown and out in the world. • **Theresa Kudlak '67** is an anesthesiologist at Maine Medical Center in Portland, ME. She lives on the ocean and goes clamming in her front yard, but still misses the excitement and diversity of NYC. Hardly a day goes by that she doesn't explain a Latin derivation of a word to her children, Emma, 12 and John, 11. Thank you Irving Kizner! Also, thanks to Ms. Brubaker and Ms. Burstein for making her a "grammar fanatic" (her children's term). Theresa's years at HCHS marked the most intense learning in her educational career, surpassing even Barnard College and Columbia Medical School. • **Carol ZINN Congedo, MD, FACS '68** is on the board of directors of the Lupus Foundation of Pennsylvania and chairs the Patient Services Committee. She is also an intern at the Jewish Education Institute of Pittsburgh, in curriculum development, and will complete her masters degree in curriculum and instructional design at Point Park College in December of 2003. • **Chris Kallas '69**, who has a general practice in Manhattan, has been elected vice president of the New York Women's Bar Association. • **Dr. Anita STOLLER Cocomello '66** traveled from her home in Plantation, FL to Berkeley, CA to see her son last November. While there, she visited Heather Kaney '66 and they had a wonderful time exploring Berkeley and catching up with each other. Both agreed that it felt like only yesterday when they were chatting away on the Woodlawn- Jerome #4 train, commuting from the Bronx to HCHS. Anita is an independent contractor in the pharmaceutical research field; Heather is a school psychologist in the Oakland Unified School District. They enjoyed their reunion so much they have made plans to travel to New Orleans to visit **Rona LEHMAN King '66**, who resides there.

1970s

Tracey GREENE Riese '74 reports that her younger daughter, Lillian, graduated from Hunter Elementary this past June and will join the HCHS class of 2009 in September. • **Melissa Hartman '79** gave birth to her first child, a boy she named Robert Day Woodward-Hartman, on May 29, 2003. Her partner of 19 years, Lyn Woodward, gave birth on May 31 to Ellery Jane Woodward-Hartman. The women both underwent *in vitro* fertilization at Stanford University and got pregnant at the same time. They're excited beyond belief, but just a bit tired! • **Marie O'Connell '79** works as an attorney for the U.S. Dept. of Justice in Washington, DC. She is getting married to John Bonkowski on September 20, 2003, at the church in Georgetown where they met.

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Alum Announcements

Millicent GERSON Dillon '40 announces the publication of her most recent novel: *A Version of Love* (W.W. Norton, March, 2003). Set in the late 1950s, reviewers have called the book "a probing, intense examination of a corrosive affair between a psychoanalyst and his needy patient." Millicent has also published nine other books: novels, a collection of short stories, and biographies (of Jane and Paul Bowles, Isadora Duncan, and Mary Cassatt). She has been a Guggenheim Fellow and has received five O. Henry awards for short stories. Her previous novel, *Harry Gold*, was a finalist for the PEN/Faulkner Award for Fiction.

David Salvage, M.D., '80 is having his novel *The Dolphin Smiles* published later this year by The Other Press; it is one of their featured items in experimental fiction. David calls the novel a "meditation on feminism, psychoanalysis, medicine, erotic madness, and other varied topics that make fiction interesting." An advance review by Edmund White states that the novel "belongs in the realm of Virginia Woolf, Jean Rhys, and Katherine Mansfield as a deep and original exploration of women's consciousness." David is going on tour to promote the book and has been invited to give readings at Brown, Bard, Yale and Berkeley, as well as numerous feminist, gay/lesbian, and alternative book stores. The book has also been optioned by Miramax for possible adaptation into a feature film. David wishes the best to all Hunter alums and notes that his book is dedicated to the memory of faculty member Ana Christina Bozzo, who died of lung cancer in 1991, with special thanks for her vision of creativity and her work toward creating a world of abundance. He invites

alums who are teachers to consider including the book in their courses; it will be available soon via Amazon.com as well as in major bookstores.

Roberta Piket '83 and her musical group Alternating Current have a new CD - *I'm Back in Therapy and It's All Your Fault*. The CD can be purchased on-line at the group's website: www.alternatingcurrent.info. In June, a review in *LA Weekly* described Piket's latest disc as a spacy, reverb-soaked plunge into loosely structured early-70's fusion, adding that while the pianist [Piket's] penchant for dissonance and quirky time changes remains, she sounds quite transformed from earlier recordings.

Jeremy Dobrish '86 had the latest play he authored, *Eight Days (Backwards)*, produced at the Vineyard Theater off-Broadway in NYC from May 28-July 5. The play follows 13 urbanites as they move backwards in time trying to connect and re-connect. The play was directed by Mark Brokaw and received great reviews.

Adam Smith '88 held a solo show of his paintings entitled "Spirits, Vapors and Hearts" at East Hampton Dental Associates in July and August and was in a group show entitled "Noah's Ark," curated by Catherine Valenza, at the Islip Art Museum from July 2nd until September 14th.

Robert Lopez '93 is the musical composer of the show *Avenue Q*, which originally opened at the Vineyard Theater off-Broadway and has since moved to the Golden Theater on Broadway. The story involves a charming yet run-down outer-borough neighborhood where the residents - both puppets and humans - deal with everyday New York challenges like getting a job, falling in love and discovering their purpose in life. The show's off-Broadway run was awarded the 2003 Lucille Lortel Award for Outstanding New Musical and was nominated for a 2003 Outer Circle Critics Award for Outstanding Off-Broadway Musical.

Benjamin Sloat '95 & Andrew Bui '00 were two of 12 photographers (out of 40 who submitted work) to be included in a show at the Chambers Fine Arts Gallery in Chelsea. Other photographs represented work of some well known artists. Ben and Andy began their photographic studies as students of Alison School (HCHS photography teacher - retired).

Steve Hofstetter '97 is working in New York as a stand-up comedian. Hofstetter

has also appeared in 15 states in the last six months. You can see him regularly in NYC at the Underground Lounge, Nevada Smiths, Standup NY, and many of the city's other clubs. The standup work has also led to television appearances on *Ed* and *Law and Order*. Steve's book *Student Body Shots* has been successful with its sales and he's currently shopping his second book.

Jeff Lane '97 (HCES '91) is starting a tutoring company called "Schoolhouse Tutors." Its mission is to help middle school and high school students with their studies and foster an excitement about their education by connecting them with accessible, young mentors and role models. The group is comprised of passionate recent college graduates - most of whom are continuing their education in professional or graduate school—who are doing inspiring things with their lives and education and want to share their knowledge and zest for learning. Schoolhouse, which will service students in Manhattan, provides one-on-one, in-home tutoring in all high school and middle school subjects as well as in special areas (i.e. writing, gaps in past learning, college essay/college process). The company also offers SAT I and SAT II prep taught by experienced specialists. Schoolhouse Tutors can be reached at 917-974-4997 or via email to: schoolhousetutors@yahoo.com. Jeff is a 2001 graduate of Wesleyan University, where he graduated with honors in sociology.

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 area with other books by alums. The address to which to send your books is: Hunter College High School Library, 71 E. 94th Street, New York, NY

HCHS Faculty Announcement

Hunter English teacher Kip Zegers, who is beginning his 20th year in the Department, has won the Two Rivers Poetry Prize for his 6th volume. The poems are all reflections on being an English teacher in the city. These are Hunter Poems. The book is available from: trrpoetry.tripod.com, for \$7. Several earlier books are available on Amazon by typing the author's name into their search window.

Are Your Dues Due?

Have you paid your dues lately? It's easy to check - just look at the date (Month & Year) printed above your name and address on the back page - this is the date your dues have or will expire. To pay dues, simply tear off the back page, check the category of dues you're paying, and enclose the form and a check in an envelope to: HCHS Alumnae/i Assn., Hunter College, Box 373, 695 Park Ave., NY, NY 10021. Thanks!

In the Company of Shakespeare

Under the protective "wing" of HCHS faculty and parent chaperones, a troupe of 31 HCHS students traveled to England over spring break to participate in workshops at the New Globe Theater on London's South Bank. This was the second year that the Shakespeare Club has had this unique opportunity, which was made possible by Nanette Asher (semi-retired member of Hunter High's English department). Ms. Asher established a relationship with the Globe Theatre Education Department in the summer of 1999 while on a grant from the English Speaking Union. Dr. Barbara Miller, English Department Chair, her husband Rob Anderson, and Dr. Audrey Maurer, ICY program Chair enhanced the entire experience by adding their wit and wisdom to the tour. Many thanks for the good cheer and attentiveness of parent chaperones Joshua Schreier and Gail Korenthal, who made this wonderful trip possible.

Highlights of the eleven day tour included visits to Stratford-Upon-Avon, a Thames cruise and visits to Hampton Court and Canterbury, as well as attendance at performances of *The Taming of the Shrew* and *King Lear*, and three days of Globe Workshop activities, including a "Stage Combat Workshop" in which stu-

dents were given (dull) steel daggers and swords for a highly supervised sword-play session. Our young actors' unbridled enthusiasm both thrilled—and terrified—the instructor! That evening the students "played the Globe" and HCHS alum Michele Kohler, who lives in England, was in attendance. Students also performed scenes from *Twelfth Night*, *King Lear*, *The Merchant of Venice*, and *A Midsummer Night's Dream* at the Royal Star and Garter home for retired military veterans; a performance that prompted tour guide and actor Ian Godfrey to say, "they measured up to the best professionals." An added bonus was a two-day jaunt to France for a tour of Chartres Cathedral, the Louvre, the Eiffel Tower and other famous sites. When asked if she would take another group of teenagers to Europe next year, Ms. Asher replied, "It's my joy—I'd go anytime, anyplace."

Editor's Note: The Alumnae/i Association donated \$6,100 from the Jack McNeil Memorial fund to help defray the cost of this trip. We thought it was a fitting tribute to Mr. McNeil, who taught English at the High School from the late 1950s to the mid-1980s and whom many of us remember fondly for his impassioned reading of various Shakespeare plays. The following letter of thanks

was received from The Shakespeare Club at the High School:

To the Alumni Association:

The members of the High School's Shakespeare Club want to thank you for your generous donation that helped students travel to London and France for nine days in mid-April. We all had a wonderful time seeing some of the sights in England and France and especially doing workshops at the Globe Theatre, definitely the highlight of our trip. In addition we had a great time seeing productions of *The Taming of the Shrew* by the Royal Shakespeare Company and *King Lear* at the Old Vic. We were thrilled to have been invited to perform at the Royal Star and Garter and had a fun afternoon socializing with the retirees who lived there. Again, the workshops at the Globe were amazing and the opportunity to perform on the Globe stage was a unique and wonderful experience. We were especially thrilled to get to go to France as well as England. We had a great time in France at the Louvre and shopping in Paris. Thank you so much for giving us the opportunity to go on the trip.

The Shakespeare Club □

Class Notes

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1980s

Marianne HAUGHEY Barrios '84 is still practicing emergency medicine at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx. • **Lisa WEISBORD Rosenberg '85** and her husband, Michael, welcomed twin sons Samuel David and Jacob Alexander, on May 19, 2003. Lisa was recently made partner at Porter Novelli, where she heads the New York consumer marketing practice. • **Zoe Neaderland '86** is living and working in the Berkshires of western Massachusetts. She'd like any classmates from the "days of playing handball in the courtyard" to let her know if they're up her way, although she is getting restless after five years at the Berkshire Regional Planning Commission and wonders if anyone needs a good planner? • **Andrew Bellak '88** and his family have relocated from NYC to Amherst, MA. If there are any alums in the area, feel free to email him at bellak_bain@yahoo.com. • **Dan Goldman '89** and Pristine Johannessen were married on May 3 in Chamonix, France. They now live in Manhattan near Dan's grandmother, **Lotte ROSENBERGER Kunstler '42**. • **David Randall '89** will be having a fantasy novel come out in the Summer of 2004. The title is *Clovermead* and the imprint is Margaret K. McElderry Books, of Simon & Schuster. It's a fantasy adventure about 12-year-old Clovermead Wickward, for ages 12 and up. With any luck, David

will have his Ph.D. in Tudor-Stuart British history around the same time. • **Joshua Burstein '89** and his wife Rachel became the proud parents of Emma Violet, weighing 7 pounds, 4 ounces, on May 14, 2003. Joshua currently works as an administrator and career counselor at his alma mater, New York University School of Law.

1990s

Macauley Peterson '97 writes to congratulate classmates **Gabriel Mendlow** and **Adrienne Lapidus**, who were married on June 1st in Brooklyn. • **Kristina Boylan '91** recently completed her first year of teaching history at the SUNY-Institute of Technology in Utica, NY, and hopes Hunterites visiting upstate will get in touch with her

2000s

Judd B. Kessler '00 was one of 24 juniors inducted this past spring into Alpha Iota, Harvard's chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. Selection of inductees begins with nominations of students with the highest grade point averages in three categories: Humanities, Social Sciences and Natural Sciences. Final selections were made by an election committee presided over by a senior faculty member of the area of study. Judd's mother, Randy Osofsky, is a past president of the PTA of Hunter High.

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and in her case, to survive college and the NYSE. She also paid tribute to Ira Marienhoff, whose classic quote she recalled as: "The masses are asses." Judy recalled that fellow classmates who had gone on to attend Ivy-League colleges had remarked to her that Hunter had been "so much harder." The class began their schooling at the 68th Street building, from which they were "kicked out." They went on to have a "hyper-urban" experience, attending classes on the 13th and 14th floors of an office building. She summarized her classmates as being hippie radicals, with two conservatives, during their high school years. She was pleased to announce that the class had collected about \$2,200 as a class gift, which they had earmarked for the purchase of women's/feminist materials for the library.

Miggie Warms '68 stated that her class held its reunion party the previous evening at Raymond's Café (the site of the Alumnae/i Association's annual Winter Brunch) with many class members in attendance - some until after midnight, with the result that only four class members had made it to the General Reunion. Their class had transferred their Senior Sing to CD and she presented a copy to Dr. Laurenson for the school's archives, adding that it's a shame that "Sing" doesn't exist anymore. She summarized her class as being children of the 60s, with liberal to radical viewpoints, and two members especially active in public life - Vivian Degani and Jeanne Kessler. Their class gift of over \$1,400 has been earmarked for a student project related to community activism.

Representing the class of '63, Jane Solomon informed that about 50 members of the class had gathered at her apartment the previous day and enjoyed the opportunity to talk and share their stories. She added that she is happy that the Alumnae/i Association has pulled things together so that alums have a place to make centralized donations to the high school. In the past, her class has always given a very nice gift, and this year is no exception, with over \$3,800 collected and earmarked toward repair of the auditorium's piano.

The class of '58 chose to hold their individual class event at the same time as the

general reunion and thus were not able to participate in the assembly program. Their class contributed nearly \$3,000 for their gift, which they have earmarked for the purchase of books for the library. Class coordinator Gail GRANGE Berson delivered a plaque noting the class's contribution to the Alumnae/i Association to be presented to the library.

Speaking for the class of June '53 Shari Barton and Jane Hines reported that their class had met the previous evening. Name tags with their graduation photos had been prepared ahead of time and it was thrilling to find the shadow of the girl's face in that of the now-mature woman. Most girls in the 50's entered Hunter in the 9th grade, and she recalled her mother telling her just before she took the entrance exam: "Don't worry...and please don't throw up again." There was enormous competition, but everyone knew it would be worth it - and after graduation, no matter where you went in life, you could always tell yourself, "I went to Hunter High." She remembered all the great teachers she and her classmates had enjoyed, but added that the interaction with peers was equally, if not more, important, and she felt the interplay encouraged the faculty members to bloom as well. Her class attended Hunter in between World War II and the Korean War and preceded Martin Luther King, Jr. and feminism by a decade. She recalled that at her class's graduation, their valedictorian, Itsuyo Itochi, had as her theme that of women's intellect being equal to men's, and her speech was in marked contrast to music teacher Charlotte Hochman's performance of the song *Someone to Watch Over Me*, which played up the theme of a woman's helplessness.

Rachel Lawrence represented the class of January, 1953, stating that just as they once came from all over the city to attend Hunter, 40 class members had come from all over the continent and globe to attend the 50th reunion and had felt their Hunter spirit soar! She added that hers was the last winter graduating class. They have collected \$2,500 so far for their class gift to the high school. Classmates Judy MOSCOW Heimann added that their group seems to be so happy with their lives and she credits much of this to Hunter-their first joys at Hunter made all their other joys possible.

Miriam KOSTINER Roschelle, June '48, proudly stated that her class has made its

mark in education, medicine, and law, among other fields. They attended Hunter during WW II and were in class when it was announced that President Roosevelt had died. She had to laugh at some of the comments made by younger classes about their memories of school facilities etc., because it seems things have always been the same at Hunter, through its many different locations. She recalled some favorite faculty members as being Dr. Witmer, Dr. Corrigan, and Ms. Keyser.

For the class of June '43, Lillian Thall recalled that she had started at Hunter in 1939, when the 68th Street location had not yet been built. They were at a location on 96th Street, where mice ran all around, and then relocated to an office building on 32nd Street, finally moving to 68th Street in her class's sophomore year. She recalled the principal, Dr. Brown, telling all the girls "You might have been Queen of your old school, but here everyone is a Queen, so you'll have to work hard if you want to be the Queen of Queens." There were no men around at all, due to the war, except for Jimmy, the elevator operator; the teachers were all women and she recalled that they all looked old and wore long, black skirts. No students could wear slacks; the "uniform" consisted of skirts and saddle shoes.

For January, 1943, Connie Kanarak remarked that she and her classmates were the female part of "the greatest generation" and she recalled hearing FDR's "Day of Infamy" speech in the school cafeteria. She added that even at her "advanced age" she can still "walk, talk and read *The New York Times*." Other '43 class members recalled coming from poor neighborhoods and remarked on the opportunities given to them by Hunter. One told about attending a NOW Legal Defense Fund national event honoring five women, and proudly learning that two of them had attended Hunter High.

The assembly ended on a high note, with the *a capella* singing of our *Alma Mater*, led by Helene WILLIAMS Spierman '61, after which everyone adjourned to the cafeteria for an enjoyable buffet luncheon. Later in the afternoon, the library was opened and many alums enjoyed seeing the renovations, as well as how some of the Alumnae/i Association's recent donations have been utilized. □

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Georgine Assante '57: I'm trying to reach you; please contact Kiki BRAUDE Etingin at 514-937-3010 or marina46@aol.com

Linda LAX Jacobs hopes to hear from Mary Ann Wertz, '58 grads, and other alums living in the Seattle area (for our annual Big Apple reunion). Email Linjacobs@aol.com or 206-323-7788.

Class of '59 - Where are you? Our 45th is coming up - email me: junelnoble@hotmail.com - June Allnach Noble.

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