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PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Fellow Alum,

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Hunter College High School Alumnae/i Association, Inc., and personally as well, I wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to those of you who have responded to our first fundraising letter, sent to you last fall. I hope even more of you will be moved to participate as you read this. I am delighted to report that we have received over \$45,000 so far. This is a sum far in excess of any raised in the Association's history!

Here's a news item: The Association is now able to accept donations of securities. Please contact the Association office at 212-772-4079 for details.

The Search Committee continues to

work hard to find our next Principal/Director of the Campus Schools. Interviews with candidates are proceeding.

Y2K arrived with no disruption to the Association's computer system. (The only Y2K bug the Association experienced was the permanent malfunction of your President's recently purchased telephone answering machine.)

This issue of AlumNotes presents the first in a continuing series of articles about a prominent alum — this time it's Charles E. Ardai '87 of *juno.com* fame.

The following data normally would be mentioned under News from the High School, but I am delighted to boast that three of Hunter's six entrants to the Intel Contest (FKA Westinghouse) have been selected as semifinalists: Maggie Samuels-Kalow '00 (asthma); Nathan Perl-Rosenthal '00 (DNA in E. Coli topoisomerase as a control); and Laura Vernikoff '00 (sensory perception). We are very proud of them! Each student received \$1,000. In addition, HCHS received \$3,000 for support of science and math. There are only 300 semifinalists nationwide. The pool narrows to 40 on January 24th. Those 40 will spend a week in Washington, DC presenting their work to a panel of judges and to each other in a rigorous series of meetings. From these, 10 winners will be selected. These graduating seniors are wonderful examples of Hunter's prominence in the country and the intellectual caliber the school has always had.

Winter Brunch To Be Held February 6!

Take a break from winter to join friends at the 2000 HCHS Alumnae/i Winter Brunch. We'll be gathering on Sunday, February 6, at 12:30 p.m. at Raymond's Café, 88 Seventh Avenue (between 15-16th Streets). Once again, we will take over the private dining room downstairs and our menu will include a cocktail, choice of entree, dessert and coffee or tea. The price, including tax and gratuity, is \$25 if paid in advance or \$30 at the door. Please use the form on the back page to mail your payment to the association. The brunch is also offered as a gift to those paying Premium Dues of \$75. Seating is limited, so mail your check right away. If you have any questions, call the office at 212-772-4079. (Note: The brunch is not run as a fundraiser and therefore the cost is not tax-deductible.) □

Reunion 2000

Preparations are underway for Reunion 2000, to be held on Sunday, June 4th, at Hunter College High School on 94th Street and Park Avenue. All graduates are invited to participate, with milestone classes (those ending in 0 or 5) being encouraged to arrange extra activities for Reunion weekend. Many classes now have coordinators working on contacting all members of their class and planning special get-togethers (see page 9 for details). If no coordinator is listed for your class and you are willing to volunteer, please contact our office as soon as possible so we can help you get started. □

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Letters to the Editor

To the Editor:

There seems to be an error in the article from the archives (Fall 1999) on the arrival of male students at HCHS. They arrived in September of 1974, not 1975, as I was the "big sister", along with **Jessica SCHWARZ Zik '75**, for some of the seventh graders, which included a group of the boys.

Ruth LEVI '75

To the Editor:

I am a graduate of 1928 and wonder whether there is a group from that class. I was G.O. President and my sister, who has passed away, was Vice President. She subsequently taught at the High School and was faculty advisor of the prize-winning French magazine. Miss Webster was our mentor who held us together, made up our programs and kept a careful eye on our demeanor. Hunter High has always played a very important role in our lives. Our classes were held all over the city.

Henriette JUDELS Rattner '28

To the Editor:

[My teacher at HCHS], Ruth Leenthal, gave us a very interesting assignment to write an article about science and relate it to world history. I took a large roll of white shelving paper, divided it into two horizontal panels, and matched scientific events with world historical events. I received an "A" and had the good sense to save it. I later handed it in as a project in nursing school (Cornell-New York Hospital) and again received an "A". Wish I knew where it eventually wound up. Miss Jonas had an effect on my writing skills that I've used through the years. I can never thank either one of them enough.

Gladys BALBUS Lipkin '42

To the Editor:

It was with profound sadness that I read about the death of **Ellen LLOYD Gallagher '56** in the last issue of *AlumNotes* (Fall 1999). Ellen was the Big Sister of my seventh grade class from 1955-56. If anyone epitomized the Big Sister organization, it was Ellen. She made it her goal to assist each and every one of us in all aspects of our lives, both in and out of school. Ellen helped us with our program selections, saw to it that we joined as many extra-curricular organizations as we could handle,

mediated our disagreements with fellow classmates, encouraged us in every endeavor and offered a friendly ear and advice for personal problems as well. She spent all her free time with us each day, taking her lunch "on the run" as she went from table to table in the cafeteria to speak with us.

After she graduated, I knew she intended to study nursing at Hunter College. Sadly, I lost track of her after that, but somehow always knew that she would be one of the finest nurses any patient could have. There simply was no person I have ever known who had more compassion and patience than Ellen Lloyd. Whenever I remember my Hunter days, I always see Ellen's smiling face. I'm certain she is sorely missed by her friends and especially her family. I hope [the Alumnae/i Association] can convey to her husband and children the deepest sympathy of all Ellen's little sisters in class 7A6.

Margreth DEISSENERGER Schmitt '61

To the Editor:

I was saddened to read of Jane Greenspan's death. She was my seventh grade teacher in 1964. I recall her telling us that we could only wear lipstick on Fridays. Since I had never worn lipstick on any day of the week, I took her comments as instructions to buy and wear lipstick, thus my introduction to the world of cosmetics. For later graduates—at that time there were only girls in the class—don't know if boys wore lipstick in her later classes. After thirty years and 3,000 miles since graduation, I still think it's neat that I had a teacher who once was a Rockette.

Harriet Seldin '70
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To the Editor:

I was amazed and delighted to find that **Eveline BLAUSTEIN Felsten, Jan. '46** was interested in finding me (Class Notes, Fall 1999 *AlumNotes*), as well as **Nicky EINHORN, Jan. '46** and **Barbara GREENWALD, Jan. '46**. As a matter of fact, I would like to find all of you. [In the same issue], **Eva KANNER Rosenzweig Kugler '49**, a holocaust survivor, asked about other holocaust survivors. According to the Holocaust Museum definition, I am a holocaust

survivor, although I was never in a concentration camp, and during the Anschluss (I was born in Vienna), I was going to the Notre Dame de Sion in Trieste, Italy. However, I was prevented from going back to school in Vienna. I came to the U.S. (also not a word of English, but plenty of German, French, and Italian) in May 1940 with my parents. We ended up in Elizabeth, NJ, which I hated. I wanted to go to Stanford U., and knew I couldn't get in from an Elizabeth, NJ public school. So I applied to Hunter, passed the exam, gave my aunt's NY address where I had lived for a few months while my parents lived with other cousins, trying to get work and a place to live. I never went to a fourth, fifth or sixth grade. I did HCHS in 2 1/2 years, loving the teaching, but not able to make friends because I was afraid someone would find out I traveled to and from Elizabeth, NJ every day. So I was especially delighted that someone at Hunter remembers me. Would love to see you all!

I did my Stanford U. B.A. and M.A. in 3 1/2 years. (Sue KADISON, from HCHS, appeared at Stanford half-a-year after I did. What's happened to her?) I worked all my life: business writer, articles everywhere including *FORTUNE*, books about business, T.V. plays on network, me on NBC TV's "Nightly News", novel *Indiscretions*, published in U.S. and abroad in

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Alum Profile Charles E. Ardai '87

By Tai Wong '88 & Judy Chin Wong '88



Charles E. ARDAI '87,
ColumbiaUniversity '91

"If people ask, *How did I ever get by without this, I wouldn't trade it for anything*, then you know you have a successful invention," commented Charles Ardai '87, President and CEO of Juno Online Services, Inc., the Internet service provider. Ardai co-founded Juno in 1995 initially as an email provider based on the observation that the one thing that every Internet user did was send and receive email. Today, Juno has eight million subscribers, a market capitalization of more than \$1 billion, and annual revenues in excess of \$50 million.

Ardai admits, "I didn't have the faintest idea it would become this big." In fact, Charles became an Internet entrepreneur somewhat serendipitously. After graduating *summa cum laude* from Columbia University with a degree in English and Comparative Literature in 1991, Charles went to work for Davis Publications pursuing a strong interest in writing and publishing. Soon after, however, he was recruited away by former Columbia professor David Shaw and joined D.E. Shaw & Co., L.P. He served as Director of Strategic Growth and was largely responsible for hiring many of the early professionals at this successful Wall Street broker-dealer boutique known for its expertise in derivative and exotic products. At Shaw, Ardai worked closely with Jeff Bezos, who eventually founded Amazon.com

and became TIME Magazine's Man of the Year for 1999.

In 1995, Ardai was inspired with the idea of creating an Internet service provider whose costs would be defrayed by on-screen advertising. Juno started out as a fairly basic product as he wanted to be one of the first providers of email services generally available to the public. He reasoned that once you booked subscribers, they would be disposed to remain loyal; changing providers would mean changing email addresses. The vast potential of the Internet was especially compelling: "At the time, there were 10 or 15 million people on the Internet — but with 270 million people in the U.S., we believed that eventually 100 million people were going to need it. *That's a great market.*" Ardai isn't content to sit on his laurels, however, asserting that "our goal is to keep growing it." In an effort to expand its subscriber base, Juno recently announced the expansion of its free basic service to include not only email but full Web access as well. (Juno also offers premium services that offer extra features for a fee.) The market thought highly of the move; Juno stock (symbol: JWEB) *tripled* in value on the day of the announcement.

Charles credits Hunter with fostering an open environment where intelligence was prized and the mind was cultivated. "The tools that I use in business—habits of mind, analytical thinking, a healthy skepticism of conventional views can be credited to the Hunter ethos which encouraged challenge," he says. Ardai found that he had already been exposed to much of the Core Curriculum at Columbia while at Hunter. He has tremendous respect for raw intelligence. In fact, he assembled the early team at D.E. Shaw based nearly on intelligence alone. "A person who is intelligent can get experience, but someone experienced doesn't get more intelligent," opines Ardai. He believes that when you put enough smart people together, you will reach an 'ignition' point where the returns will grow exponentially. Hence his decision to replicate the Hunter environment at D.E. Shaw and Juno.

Charles warmly remembers former Social Studies chairman E. Ira Marienhoff's (1969-1994 at Hunter) 10th grade Economics class where Marienhoff relentlessly questioned accepted world views and taught students to be cynical about assumptions. Ardai's fondest memory of Hunter was the time when he set up Marienhoff with a few hundred cookies. "Marienhoff always hated people eating in class, so one day I came to class after lunch, sat in the front row and noisily ate a bag of cookies." Finally, Marienhoff couldn't stand it anymore and threw down his customary "Did you bring enough for everyone?" whereupon Charles threw open his jacket to reveal package after package of Chips Ahoy's and other snacks.

Over the years Ardai has remained true to his passion for gaming, a drive that inspired him to publish unofficial school newspapers called *Venture* and *The Hunter Hobbit* while he was at HCHS. He has been a regular contributor to *Computer Gaming World* for the past 14 years, for instance, since just before graduating from Hunter. He also recently co-authored a robot story inspired by Isaac Asimov with Michael Burstein '87. "These are the things I do out of love," says Ardai, "I feel enormous gratitude to those institutions and people that did well by me when I hadn't done anything to deserve it."

Gazing into the future, Ardai says, "...the Internet has passed the critical mass point; in 20 years, everyone and his father will have Internet access; and it won't necessarily be on a computer. People will be able to tune in from anywhere." The Internet is well on its way to becoming an indispensable tool. Ardai, recently married to Naomi Novik, planned his entire wedding online and also used the Internet to find his apartment. "If you aren't on the net, you are missing out on important parts of modern life," says Ardai. In fact, with the environment advancing so quickly, he muses, "In 20 years, all the technology we are so excited about today may look crude and archaic, just like the caricatures of the men in waistcoats and top hats from the turn of the last century."

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1999 Fundraiser is a Great Success!

The Board of Directors of the Alumnae/i Association would like to extend its thanks to all those who sent contributions in response to our recent fundraising letter. This was the first such fundraising drive by the association and your response was overwhelming, with more than \$45,000 received through late December.

Many alums sent notes thanking the association for initiating this effort and recalling the excellent education they received at HCHS. An alum of '75 wrote that she learned more in six years at Hunter than in five years at MIT. A 75-year old graduate wrote that although she is not wealthy, she does thank HCHS for an excellent education. Some alums recalled that the school was deficient in extra-curricular activities for economic reasons and donated with that in mind. Another alum urged everyone to write to the NYS Assembly, Governor and Board of Education to demand adequate funding for gifted education at HCHS. Another opined that considering all the money our parents saved on tuition, we should have an enormous donor base! In the Spring issue of *AlumNotes*, we will report more fully on the total amount of donations received and how the monies will be earmarked for contribution to the High School. If you haven't already done so, it's not too late to donate to this fundraising drive. Simply mail a check for whatever amount you can and include a note as to how you'd like it earmarked. The suggested areas are: Computerization / Science, Math & Language Labs / Teams / Scholarships / Performing Arts / Wherever it is most needed. You can also indicate an alternate choice, such as the Library, Visual Arts, etc.

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1979-1981. Husband No. One, father of my two sons and two daughters, dumped me for a younger woman in 1981, when he hit age 47 like a truck into a brick wall. No. Two, John Burns Mooney, with whom I lived for 14 years, still spent last Christmas at home with me in Southampton, and died on January 1, 1999. It's been a rough year. I have finished an early draft of a manuscript for a new non-fiction book, *The Fix*, about the corrupt New York State Court system, and what Pataki, D'Amato, Brad Race, James Gill, Ed Koch and others have done to make a corrupt system FAR WORSE.

PS. I did complete all course work for a Ph.D. (ABD) at NYU in Macro-Economics, Corporate Finance, and Marketing, while running Evelyn Konrad Associates (corporate P.R. business) and raising my four kids (with lots of competent professional nanny and household help!)

Evelyn KONRAD, Jan. '46

To the Editor:

There is a story of two people (in the original, they were both men, but this is 2000!) who consulted the learned rabbi, and each asserted that each was correct. After listening to them, the rabbi announced, "You're both correct!" A third party protested, "How can they both be correct?" The rabbi agreed, "You're right too!" I'm no rabbi, or more accurately, a rebbitzin, but both Suzanne MARYANOV Frankle and the opposing alums are correct [about "SING"]!

My delightful and well-informed classmates Rita GLANZMAN Rubin and Sara SPIRO Portnoy gave me the clue: "Sing" died at the end of their freshman year! As an entering sophomore from junior high, I spent three, not four, beautiful years at HCHS, regrettably denied "Sing." Therefore, Suzanne MARYANOV Frankle having

graduated in 1947 has a valid point in stating that she and her classmates never experienced "Sing."

Sylvia ZUCKER Bernstein '49

To the Editor:

Ouch! Mea culpa, Mea culpa! Obviously, I did not sufficiently clarify my remarks concerning "Sing" at Hunter High. Let me put it this way - in the years I attended Hunter High, from 1943-1947, there was no High School "Sing." If there had been, I would surely remember it (or them) as I remember the Hunter College "Sings" in which I (or friends) participated. I thank those who wrote to correct me; I enjoyed reading their letters about "Sings" I knew nothing about!

Suzanne MARYANOV Frankle '47

To the Editor:

In reply to Marian CARTON Gulack '42 (Fall 1999) - thanks for the memories [that] your letter brought back to me. "Sing," of course, was the strongest, because Lorraine GOVERNMAN and I were the writers of not just the 1938 Sing, but of several others as well. We loved it, despite all the hard work and long nights of practices. I remember traveling home alone on the subway at 10 o'clock at night when rehearsals were over, and never once worrying about my safety. Try doing that today! Our six months at 96th Street, and our year at 32nd Street in a converted factory building (we rode up in a service elevator) convinced all of us that the surroundings were nowhere as important as the education we were given. It helped to build our characters as well - we learned that when life gave us lemons, we could make lemonade. We lived under slum conditions and never even saw them. We were learning and having fun, and the excitement created by our wonderful faculty was what was important to us. I haven't seen Marian or Lorraine in many years, but we really had something very special back then.

Elinor SACHS French '42 □

Save These Dates:

- ☆ Sunday, February 6, 2000: Winter Brunch, Raymond's Cafe, 88 Seventh Avenue (between 15th & 16th Streets).
- ☆ Sunday, June 4, 2000: Reunion at Hunter College High School, 94th and Park Avenue



Class Notes

1930s **Lenore HOLMAN Greiman '34** writes to say that **Prof. Dorothy Belle MOSKAT Pollack '38** begins the 24th year of her Classics Institute. Lenore and **Hortense HIRSCH Frank '35** are among those HCHS alums who have recently attended the Professor's classes on Greek or Roman History or Mythology. • **Louise FOLLIOT Daniels, Feb. '38** graduated from Hunter College in Feb. '42, joined the Women's Army Corps (WAAC and WAC) in '43 and served both in the U.S. and abroad in Australia, New Guinea, Leyte (P.I.) And Manila (P.I.). While living in Texas after the war, she attended Texas Christian University under the G.I. bill, doing extensive graduate work in English Literature and History. She returned to NYC in 1954 and resumed studies at Queens College in the 1960s, where she received her Master of Library Science in 1969. She then taught at JHS 117 in the Bronx until she retired in 1989, and she's now loving her life of leisure. She has one daughter, who is the co-manager of a travel agency.

1940s **Lorraine GOVERMAN Wechsler '42** is retired in Chapel Hill, NC. She invites anyone passing her way to come to visit. • **Rhoda WIESENBERG Brownstein '43** writes that after an academic career of teaching and research in elementary education, she "retired" in 1981 and began selling residential real estate. She's found it to be such an enjoyable vocation that she has no thoughts of retiring unless she has to. She'd like to hear from her classmates. • **Rose FRANCK Thompson '44** is currently living near Pittsburgh and wonders if there are any of her classmates nearby. She can be emailed at rctylert@stargate.net. • **Hannah KAISER Papanek, Ph.D. '44** is presently working at the Minda De Gunzburg Center for European Studies at Harvard. • **Ellin JACOBS Cohen '46** writes that the years she spent at HCHS remain among the happiest of her life. She is now a retired teacher and keeps busy playing chamber music, taking Continuing Education classes and giving private instruction in the violin. She was happy to hear from classmate **Roslind VAN HOUTON** recently and wonders if **Rosalind STEINHARDT Frim** received her letter. She would love to hear from others in her class. • **Suzanne MEYEROWITZ '47** is retired from career counseling at the University of Rochester. She has since trained to be a docent at an art gallery and loves doing that. She continues living in Rochester and has three children in the NYC area and one in Alaska. • **Pearl COHEN Metz '48** writes to ask, "What happened to all the girls in the June '48 class?"

1950s **Anna Lou ELIANOFF Aldrich '50** is retired from Chase Manhattan and is divorced and on her own again. She writes that she is "half back to [her] pre-pubescent, 14-15 year old, self-directed self, and a half-crochety old woman." She has five daughters, two grandchildren and a great dog who all keep amazing her with how different they are. She is looking forward to the 50th reunion to see what everyone in the class is becoming. • **Arlene SCHARAGA Eisenberg '51**, co-author with her two daughters of the *What to Expect...* series of parenting books, has been chosen by Hunter College to be

awarded an honorary doctorate in June, 2000. • **Elaine ZURIFF Stein, Jan. '53** owns an art gallery and when not working, she travels, finding Elderhostel a gem. She has three children and one grandchild. • **Linda GROVES Gerstein '55** is a Professor of History (Russian and European) at Haverford College in Pennsylvania, where she's been teaching since 1965. She earned her BA from Radcliffe in 1959 and her Ph.D. from Harvard in 1966. • **Barbara MALLOY Glaze '55** is delighted that she now has her two children, their spouses, and two grandchildren (plus one on the way) living within a 15-minute drive. Barbara plays on three tennis teams (two of them for seniors), is active in an investment club, and of course, babysits. After two years of medical problems, her husband is well on the way to recovery and they hope to start traveling soon. • **Joan KANE Nichols '56** is living on the Upper West Side of Manhattan and working as a textbook editor for McGraw-Hill, though she's planning to move to Boston next year. Her recent young-adult biography of Mary Shelley has received such nice reviews that she's been inspired to plan one of H.D. Thoreau. She's also just finishing up an adult literary mystery about the discovery of a possible manuscript by Dickens. • **Irene CONRAD Warshauer '59** has just moved to become of counsel to the law firm of Fried & Epstein in New York City. She will be continuing her practice of mediation, arbitration and representation of policy holders in insurance coverage litigation, as well as providing general legal advice.

1960s **Louise CAVICCHI Loe '60** has been teaching history at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA for over 26 years. Recently she attended a wonderful solo concert there by **Maria D'AMATO Muldaur '60** (who had the hit song *Midnight at the Oasis* in 1973). They had not seen each other since graduating from high school. Louise reports that Muldaur's current CD, *Southland of the Heart*, is terrific. • **Margreth DEISSENERGER Schmitt '60** reports that Eric J. Schmitt graduated in May, 1999 from Tufts Medical School in Boston and is now in his pediatric residency at Children's Hospital, St. Louis, MO. • **Naomi REICE Buchwald '61** was confirmed by the United States Senate on September 13, 1999, as a U.S. District Judge for the Southern District of New York following her nomination by President Clinton. For the 19 years prior to that, she served as a U.S. Magistrate Judge in the same court. The position of District Judge has life tenure. • **Ellen WEISS Ash '65** has been enjoying the activities of the HCHS Alumni Group in the Washington, D.C. area, and in particular, becoming reacquainted with **Joanne SHUSTER Wilkenfeld '65**. They spent a most interesting evening last year listening to **Helen EPSTEIN '65** speak at The Holocaust Museum about her latest book. Ellen writes that she's become quite obsessed with gardening and has spent the last few years creating formal beds and woodland trails throughout her 5-acre Virginia property. For their 30th anniversary last year, she and her husband took their children Phillip (29), his wife Elizabeth (28), Meredith (26) and Brad (15) to Israel for three weeks.



1970s **Harriet SELDIN '70** is the President of the San Diego County Dental Society. The last female president of the dental society was first elected in 1895. • **Valery GOLDBERG Baker Einhorn '71** belatedly announces her marriage to Hal Einhorn on June 11, 1994, and the subsequent arrival of their "happy, healthy, funny, spirited" daughter, Zoe Olivia, on December 7, 1997. Valery lives five days a week in Rhinebeck, NY but would consider moving back to New York full-time for her daughter to get a HCHS education! Valery is still in touch with **Marta BOUZAS Varela**, but would love to hear from **Nancy GALT** and others (call 212-288-1073). • **Kathi Ann MINTZER '71** became a partner at the New York City CPA firm of Kranz & Co. LLP in January, 1999. • **Susan PETERSEN Avitzour '72** emigrated to Israel in 1980 and with her Israeli husband, Daniel, is living in Jerusalem with the four younger of their seven children (six girls and a boy). Susan worked for several years as a lawyer, including seven years as the Deputy Legal Adviser of the Communications Ministry. Last year she retrained to be a mediator and is now trying to make her living in that field. She would be thrilled if any old friends from HCHS were to contact her while visiting Israel; her address can be obtained from the Alumnae/i Assn. • **Robin BERNSTEIN '74** has been living in Stockholm for 10 years, working as a legal language consultant. • **Marjorie FLACKS Wittner '77** is a lawyer in private practice in Salem, Mass. who specializes in employment law. She's been married since 1988 to Ben Wittner and has two children, Michael, born in 1990 and Alexandra, born in 1994. She writes that it's hard to believe that the 70s have become a nostalgia industry and that her daughter is wearing bellbottoms! • **Janet STERN Berkowitz '77** lives in Queens with her husband Jay and six year old daughter Hillary. She is currently an engineering manager at InterDigital Communications Corporation in Melville, NY. • **Judy Goldsmith '78('79)** is a tenured associate professor of computer science at the University of Kentucky in Lexington, from which she is currently on sabbatical. She's been with her husband, Andy Klapper, for over 10 years and 3 jobs. She also writes fiction occasionally and performs various community services, winning a national mentoring award in 1998. • **Rochelle HAHN '79** is living in Boston, MA with her husband and two children (aged 5 and 7). Currently, she is the Associate Director of the Legal Advocacy and Resource Center, a public interest law office in Boston.

1980s **Katherine HESS Tallering '80** has been living in Chicago for the past four years with her husband, Ken, an attorney and partner in an investment firm, and their three daughters, Stephanie, 9, Allison, 6, and Jennifer, 2. Katherine has temporarily retired from the practice of Pediatrics to stay home and be with her own children. • **Lauren BUXBAUM Kacir '81** is living in Temple, Texas and works as a rural pediatrician about 40 miles northeast of Austin. She has to go 30 miles further north to find a synagogue (in Waco) and although the rabbi left recently, he was not related to David Koresh, and she has it on good authority that the FBI had nothing to do with his exit! Lauren is still married to her "long, tall Texan," who abandoned his structural moving business to attend law school, spending his first year at CUNY in Queens

before transferring to Texas Tech in Lubbock. They have two children together, Charles, who is almost six and Samantha, five, who are both in a primary Montessori program in Temple. • **Hilary BLUMBERG '82** moved to Westport, CT and she and her husband, John Solder, have two boys, John-John and Alec. She is a research psychiatrist at Yale where she sees **Marina PICCIOTTO '81** frequently at Marina's neuroscience conferences. • **Jonathan PLOTZKER '82** has been living in San Francisco for 13 ½ years and has been with his partner, Peter Brodigan, for 9½ years. He was recently promoted to Director of Catalog and Web Operations at Restoration Hardware, the national home furnishing retailer which is based in Marin County. He keeps in touch with many Hunterites from the class of '82. • **Diana DIEL Choppin '83** and her husband had their second child, Carly Michelle, on September 24, 1998. She joins big sister Katie, who just turned four. The girls love playing together and are especially talented at making the house look like a war zone. • **Sara FONTEK Weinstein '83** obtained her BA in Philosophy from Hunter College in 1990. She then traveled in Europe and lived in Israel for a short stint before earning a BS in Mechanical Engineering from the College of Staten Island in 1994. She is now working at engineering passenger oxygen masks for aviation. (Note: No, the bag is really not supposed to fully inflate.) Sara got married in 1993 and her husband's career took them to Charleston, SC for medical school and now residency in Kansas. They have two children so far, William, age 3 and Kayla, age 1. • **Kyra BROMLEY '84** married Don Hunnewell on June 15, 1996 and they have a daughter, Skylar Simone, born on March 7, 1999. Kyra is an attorney with Debevoise & Plimpton in Manhattan. • **Marianne HAUGHEY Barrios MD '84** writes that emergency medicine is treating her well at Jacobi Hospital in the Bronx, where she was recently promoted to Assistant Professor of Emergency Medicine. She and her husband, Juan Barrios, are expecting their second child in January, 2000. • **Sarah NIELSEN '84** is in her second year at Columbia Medical School. • **Katherine SCHNEEBaum '85** married John Lavish in late 1997 and is currently expecting their first child "dangerously close to the dawn of the millennium" when she expects the hospitals will be in total chaos. After earning her Master's degree in clinical psychology, she's now a 4th year medical student at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in NYC and is applying for residency in Family Practice in New Jersey, where her husband, a cognitive-experimental psychologist, works for AT&T. Katherine's HCHS friends, including **Jen FLEISSNER, Jo COHN (now Magarian)** and **Pam RENNER**, remain the best friends she's ever had—and Hunter is still her best educational experience. • **Ann SVITAK '85** is married and lives with her husband, David, near the South Street Seaport. She works for the Seaport Museum's Gift Shop as its assistant manager and accountant. • **Peter CLATEMAN '86** continues his "exile" in London after fleeing the crisis in Moscow. He has regular reunions with **Paul SHULTZ '91** whom he met while they were both in Moscow. Peter can be reached at peclatem@skadden.com. • **Harry SANDICK '89** got married to Kristen Sauer on November 6, 1999 in Garrison, NY. □



Class of '79 Celebrates Its 20th

Eve S. Ferdman '79 & Marge Kolb '78

On Saturday, November 27, the class of 1979, along with early graduates of 1978, celebrated its 20th reunion at Raymond's Cafe in New York City. Thirty-two alums attended, with some traveling in from California! A lovely buffet dinner was enjoyed by all, along with tunes from the 70s by such stalwarts as The Who, Steely Dan, The Cars, Foreigner and Blondie.

We were able to locate 35 class members who were "missing" from alumnae records and they have now been added to our rolls (*Hint to other class coordinators:* The listing of class members obtained from the Association was compared to our yearbook and the names of all missing alums were added; a list of all missing class members was then distributed by email and mail to the rest of the class; numerous people were found as a result). Donations totaling \$1,280 were received and will constitute the class' gift to the High School, to be used to replace obsolete printers and provide printing supplies for the computer lab and various departments of the school.

Everyone attending the reunion agreed that none of us looked 38 years old! We also talked about our memories of HCHS, including attending classes in an office building on Lexington Ave. (prior to the move to 94th & Park) with Lamston's downstairs and Chock-Full-O-Nuts across the street, mini-course week, "excused cuts", CT classes (Communications & Theater) where we performed scenes from plays, most notably "Our Town", and Senior trips to Boston and Washington DC (where two teachers, who will remain nameless, had too much to drink).

The evening was so much fun that about 15 classmates adjourned to a bar across the street and continued until 3 in the morning. Everyone is looking forward to the 25th reunion in 2004. □

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Special note to chapter leaders: If you have any news or notices of meetings or get-togethers that you'd like us to publish, please let us know by April 1, 2000. □

News from the High School

The debate team placed first, second, and third in the International High School Debate Tournament last summer in Slovenia... Patricia Rosof, formerly a Social Studies teacher, has been named the new Acting Assistant Principal, replacing Rena Bonne... Faculty members Maria Nadel and Jose Diaz have co-authored a Spanish textbook... The girls cross country team has been practicing for the season, weekdays in Central Park and weekends at Van Cortlandt Park. Team members hope to improve on last year, when they finished second in the borough. □

Recent Alums Group

Recent Alums activities are open to graduates of the '80s and '90s. To be added to the RAG mailing and email list, contact Christine BERGMANN '92, at 605 W. 112 th Street, #4-B, New York, NY 10025 or email her at bergmann.1@alumni.nyu.edu. □

Membership Dues

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

Email us your email

If you don't think we have your email address on file, please take a second to email it our office manager at mkolbcorr@aol.com



Milestone Class Coordinators

Reunion 2000:

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Note to class members:

Peggy & Anita would welcome additional help/suggestions regarding the 45th reunion planning.

- 1960: **Jeanette ISENBERG Bersh**. To update your name, address, phone numbers or email, please contact her at: ADDRESSING@aol.com or by mail to: 9 Clayton Drive, Dix Hills, NY 11746, 516-462-9828. An alternate person to contact is **Barbara PHILIP Bennett** at RDBBEN@aol.com or: 19 Douglas Road, Glen Ridge, NJ 07028, 973-743-4763.

The millennium will be the class's 40th reunion and the class coordinators would love to hear from all class members.

- 1965: **Barbara FALK Sabbeth**, 72
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- 1970: **Bonnie QUINT Kaplan**, 35
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- 1975: **Deborah Beth KAHN**, 3092
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11229, 718-645-1912 (home),
212-308-7697 (work)

Note to Classes of 1980 & 1985:

No one has volunteered to coordinate reunion activities for either of these classes. Some kind souls should contact the Alumnae/i Association ASAP so you can get moving with reunion plans. Call 212-772-4079 or email mkolbcorr@aol.com.

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Reunion 2001:

- 1971: **Joan ROMANO**, (516) 451-2404

Harris Directory is in the Works

The Alumnae/i Association has entered into an agreement with Harris Publishing Co. to produce a current alumnae/i directory for 2000. Soon you will receive a notification in the mail asking you to telephone Harris on a special toll-free number, at a time convenient to you, to verify your name, address and other information. We will also be able to publish your college alma mater(s)

and year(s) graduated, your profession, name of spouse and children and your email address.

We haven't published a directory since 1993, so we hope to catch up with lots of you and provide you with a reference tool you can use for many years to come. We expect the directory to be published by the end of this year. □

Alumnae/i Announcements

Roberta PIKET '83 issued her second CD, "Live at the Blue Note", featuring her jazz piano trio recorded in performance at the world famous New York jazz club (Half Note Records). Roberta recently returned from a month-long tour of Japan with her trio. She can be contacted at her website at www.Robertajazz.com.

Ed RANDALL '89, **Ross GARON '89** and **Ben DATTNER '88** are involved in the recent launch of an innovative web service called "Blink" (<http://www.blink.com>), which is a free online bookmark manager that lets users access, save, and share web links from any computer, and surf and search the web faster than ever before. It's especially useful for students and faculty members who do collaborative research and tend to access the web from more than one computer. Blink is growing rapidly and continues to hire staff members for business and technical positions (check out the site for a list of current job openings). Ed can be contacted at ed.randall@blink.com, tel. 212-792-5677, fax 212-792-4192 or <http://www.blink.com/members/erandall>.

Amy SOHN '91 published her first novel, *Run Catch Kiss*, with Simon & Schuster in the summer of 1999. The paperback, by Scribner, will be out in July, 2000. Amy's website is www.amy-sohn.com. □

New York Area Networkers News

The Networkers Group will next meet on Thursday, March 16 at the Omega Diner, 122 West 72nd Street in Manhattan. There is no cost to attend—just pay for what you order to eat and drink. We plan to have a different alum give a short talk on his or her area of expertise at upcoming dinners. If you would like to give a 15- to 20-minute talk at an upcoming Networkers Dinner, please call Andrew Clateman '84 at 212-932-2500. □



In Memoriam

Correction: In the Fall 1999 issue, we incorrectly reported the death of **Dorothy "Dolly" GARFEIN Maloney '40**. An obituary printed in the *New York Daily News* reported the death of Dolly Maloney, a graduate of HCHS; however, she was not the same person as **Dorothy GARFEIN '40**.

Martha KORN Weidberg '28 passed away on August 6, 1999 at the age of 88. She was in fine health until suffering a bad fall. She was a 1931 graduate of Hunter College and taught at JHS 113-Olinville Junior High School in the Bronx and before that at PS 64. She and her late husband funded the Lawrence E. and Martha K. Weidberg Scholarship Fund which has allowed many to attend Hunter College. She is survived by her two daughters, Alice Feldman and Eleanor Mekeel.

Elaine FRIEDE Wenger '41 passed away on October 18, 1998 at home in Newton, Mass. Elaine received her B.A. from Hunter College in Statistics and an M.S. in Physics from Smith College. She initially worked in color matching dyes at Alexander Smith, a rug manufacturer, where she was in charge of the spectroscope. She then worked at Republic Aviation in Analog computing. Her eye for color is manifest in her paintings, at first oils and then pastels. She married and devoted her time to raising two children before returning to work at Raytheon and then at GTE until retirement. She is survived by her husband, Irwin, a son, a daughter, five grandchildren, and a house full of her original paintings.

Cyril Libby DAVIDSON Strauss '47 ended a brave struggle against cancer with hospice care at the home of her daughter in Maine. In her life she took time out for love and marriage, work, children and studies. Her eventful life was shared with her husband, Martin Strauss, three daughters and eight grandchildren. In their teens, all three daughters worked for the family business, Martin Strauss

Airfreight, with daughter #1 now running it. From the international business connections came good friends in many countries, a lot of "buy products" and very frequent travel opportunities-Hong Kong, Japan, China, Israel, fishing in Canada, and cruises in north seas and tropical waters. Her family remembers her as a woman of many talents in addition to her cooking, of course with no salt, who loved to cook big dinners for all her friends. She was very generous, loved to play games, go shopping and travel the world. She also taught her children and grandchildren that, just like fruit, Mallomars are a seasonal food. Cyril is also survived by her sister, **Deborah DAVIDSON Jacoby '40**, and brother, Leon Davidson.

Barbara WOLFF '59 died on October 15, 1999 from ovarian cancer. She was assistant commissioner in charge of the neighborhood development division of the New York City Department of Business Services, a job she had held for more than 10 years. In that post and for some years earlier she played a leading role in creating the business improvement districts known as BIDs which now number more than 40 and which have been credited with strengthening many commercial areas and some industrial ones by helping attract new businesses and persuading others to stay. **Ms. WOLFF** was born in Manhattan and after graduating from HCHS, received a bachelor's degree from Simmons College in Boston and a master's degree in political science from the University of California at Berkeley. She also worked for the International Labor Organization in Geneva, the United States Agency for International Development in Washington, the Parks and City Planning departments in New York and the City's Public Development Corporation, where she was a vice president. She is survived by a brother, William Wolff of Los Angeles.

Kathryn APPEL Bisk '70 died on May 6, 1999 at age 44. She was diagnosed with breast cancer in 1990 and fought the disease for many years, enduring chemotherapy, radiation and a bone marrow transplant. Mrs. Bisk was a teacher at the Thomas Prince School for more than 21 years and during that time, touched the lives of close to 500 Princeton children. She passed along her love of teaching to several others, including her husband, who switched from working in the insurance field to teaching after seeing how enthusiastic she was about her job. Mrs. Bisk served on the Thomas Prince School Gifted and Talented Committee and the regional Wingspan Committee and while on sick leave in 1996-97, she wrote reviews of gifted and talented materials. She was also a volunteer case worker for the Department of Social Services, a Milk Bank Donor, supervised graduate student teachers through Fitchburg State College and taught professional development courses. Mrs. Bisk leaves behind her husband, Richard, and three children: Brittany, Megan and Joshua.

Bruce BOWYER '83 died in October, 1999 from complications of peritonitis. He will be missed by all of his friends, particularly Chun-Wai Chan, Michael Pustilnik, David Tucker, Peter Arden, Chris Negado, David Wilson and Guy Doherty.

The Alumnae/i Association has also been advised of the passing of the following individuals: **Florence ABRAMS Brody '12**, **Barbara GOLDBERG Raines '25**, **Bertha BOSCHWITZ Leubsdorf '26**, **Helen McSHERRY '28**, **Gertrude T. O'DONNELL Morris '33**, **Ruth ROSENTHAL Chasm '35**, **Helen FILLYA Belcher '37**, **Florence NEWMAN Dubin '40**, **Harriet GOLDMAN Gorlin '41**, **Helen NORBITZ Fausner '41**, **Miriam WOLFF Jacobs '47**, **Gloria KRONIK Schreiber '49**, and **Ethel HERMANN Naclerio '52**. □



AlumnaGrams

Raya SPIEGEL Dreben '45 would love to hear from Rose Helen KOPELMAN, Mildred LIFSHITZ, and Isabelle KOSLOWSKI. Please write: 65 Hillside Terrace, Belmont, MA 02478.

Hunter College Elementary School, class of 1950. If you are an alumna/us, or know of one, please contact John Elmont at 354 Paseo de Arena, Torrance, CA, 90505, tel. 310-375-7369, fax 310-375-4704, email budannnddot@earthlink.net concerning a possible 50th reunion in 2000.

One-bedroom apartment for rent in Sunnyside, Queens. Call Rich at 718-426-0599.

Is there anyone out there from my class of June '52? If so, will you be at the June 4, 2000 reunion? Please email me at paulsheilag@cs.com. **Sheila GOLDBERG Saltz '52.**

Hello, Class of '56! **Vilma-Lee KATONAH** has moved to southern California, but would love to stay connected to HCHS! Email vilee@juno.com.

Barbara PORTNOY Weisner, Jan. '49 wants to ask Judith GELLERT Haun about her sister, Muriel, and her mother. Had lost touch with you all, and am now living in Newport News, VA. Email is bobbie@hroads.net. Phone: 757-244-2002.

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As for himself, Ardai thinks in 20 years he may write a memoir of the Internet's early years, as well as something to honor Isaac Asimov whom he cites as a mentor and inspiration. Ardai met the doyen of modern science fiction when he was doing his ICY project and working as an intern with Isaac Asimov's Science Fiction Magazine. Asimov, a half century his senior, charged him—strangely and wonderfully, Ardai thought—with maintaining his legacy: "In the ordinary course of events, you would outlive me by 50 years," Asimov said. "Make sure they don't forget me." "He gave me so much, just as Hunter did," Ardai says. "I feel fortunate to have had such great influences in my youth. It is my duty to show my thanks, and to provide a similar influence to the next generation." □

President letter . . .

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Cordially,

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