

Getting Together

Hi,

Denise Naso told me that you might have a current list of those attending the Hicksville High School 1961 reunion in September. I haven't lived on the island in years, but would be interested in finding out who is attending.

Dick Weinand '61

Editor Note #1: information relating to the upcoming reunion can be accessed by going to <http://61.hixreunion.com/index.htm>

Editor Note #2: Dennis Naso made a trip to Vermont recently. While there, he contacted a classmates of ours, Virginia Dalia. They had a nice visit and when they departed both commented about looking forward to the September reunion.



Happy Summer!



Hi Bob,

Dennis Naso gave me your contact information and I am so happy to be going to the 50th class reunion. I have been out of touch with my classmates for 50 years. I can't wait to see everyone.

Best,

Bunny Miller Pollack

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Did you get this photo from Bill Canham?

Thought with the 50th coming up you may want to use it.

My brother is the first person seated, Austin (Buddy) Bowles.



Marilyn Bowles '66



Hi Marilyn,

I am copying this reply to all the editors, to make sure your photo (attached below) from Bill Canham is received by all the staff. By the way, my father, Leo Lichtenstein, who passed away in 2004, used to mention an acquaintance of his named Austin Bowles? This was in Tampa, Florida, where my parents retired to a long time after I graduated from Hicksville High in 1959. I think they knew each other through membership in a Tampa tennis club.

I wonder if that Austin Bowles was your brother?

Best

Henry Lichtenstein



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Hello HixNews:

Can you help me get in contact with singers from Hicksville? My wife Kathy and I are coming east from Colorado for the last weekend of August. It would be great to see them again. Do you have any ideas? I taught in Hicksville Music Department from 1962 - 1988.

Thanks,

Chuck Arnold

ckarnold@comcast.net

Editor Note:

To see more about Mr. Arnold, go to Memory Lane. Access can be gained by going to the Home Page.



OMG, my wonderful Mr. Arnold. Now I have to find a way to get home to NY this summer! I may be in Colorado for business sometime in the next few months so might be able to get in touch with him.

Thanks Bob!

Tina (Gardner) Kwiatkowski '69



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Dear Bob

Wanted to let you know that I will not be attending the September Reunion for the class of 1961. Please use my deposit wherever it may be needed. I do enjoy the small Florida reunions and will continue to attend those when I can. Have fun!

Clem Baldwin Moors '61

What Florida Reunion...when and where???

Bill Ross '59

Editor Note

There are none planned at the moment. I will let you know when another is planned. The last one was back on March 19th.

<http://entertainment.webshots.com/album/579974224mfvCYV>

Click on the above link or copy and paste to your web browser.

Thanks

buffalo bob casale

What small reunions in Florida?

Veronica Schill Scully '72

Another Note...

There are loads of former students who live in Florida and many alumni snowbird for the winter in various locations in the Sunshine State. If one person is sponsoring a mini, they usually contact the newsletter and we post a note about the upcoming mini reunion, where, when, etc.

If you're name is not on the hixnews google list, please get your name added so you can be advised of special events.

Check out the above hyperlink for a former mini reunion.

Thanks

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Hi All!

This is a picture of me (Joan Carbonaro/Wetzel) and my husband, Bruce, of 45 years (July) taken on May 6th, 2011. We were on the Oasis of the Seas cruise ship. I even got to do zip-lining! Loved it!

Looking forward to seeing you all in September for our big 50th reunion!

See you then!

Joan (Carbonaro) Wetzel

PS: Hi cousins, Tom and Fran....can't wait to see you both!



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HICKSVILLE, NEW YORK



Thanks for the memories



Hi Bob,

It is great that you have all these pictures. I don't remember having any photos with my friends from High School.

Good memories.

Bill Canham '61



Jim Thompson



Ed Caesar



Casale – Goldsmith – McCarron



Chris Heldt, Bobby Katceavage, Eileen Casale, Patti Casale, Bob Casale, Kathy Kapsol

14 Edgewood Dr. August 1961

My son's were fraternity brothers with Ed Caesar Jr., at NYU
Volena Henningsen '61

Thanks for the memories

Great Pictures. Thanks. Oh how we've changed over the years.
Howie Zuckerman '61

Dear Bob,

Thanks so much for this great information; you have just been INCREDIBLE and I know everyone else appreciates all your hard work as much as I do. Thanks too for the photos of your family. I had no idea you were going through Alzheimer's with your wife and I'm very sorry to hear it. It's a tough disease to deal with and my heart goes out to all of you. Joyce is a beautiful woman and I'd never have guessed from the photo that she has this terrible illness.

Really looking forward to seeing so many people in September and thanks to all the photo's I might even recognize some!

Take care...

Hugs,

Eileen Oxenholm Baxter '61



Dear Bob:

While going through some of my parents old pictures, I came across the one attached.

It was taken in June of 1955 in Joe Havlik's back yard. Joe and Don lived on Crescent Street. I lived around the corner on Briggs Street. Don lived next to Elaine Endsley who lived next to Gordon Van Sise. All of us graduated in '65. The picture brought back some great memories. As you know, Joe died a while

back. I ran into Don about six years ago. I think he lives in North Babylon or Lindenhurst.

Joe joined the Army, me the Marines and Don the Air Force.

Great job with the newsletter.

Semper Fi,

Bill Walden '65

Thanks for the memories

Dear Bob,

Thanks so much for the look back and reminding me how horrible I looked. LOL!! Hey, it is what it is.

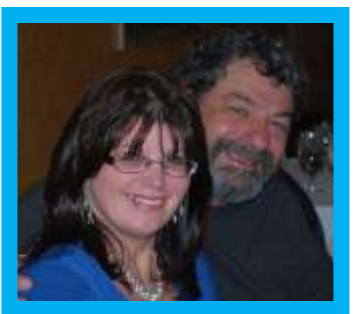
What was I thinking with those glasses and ugh! that puka bead necklace. But, as I recall it was fashionable at the time. It's hard to believe that it has been 35 years. Thinking back to high school, I just felt lost. We were a graduating class of, I think, 900? I didn't participate in sports, or music, or the plays and clubs, oh and no proms either if you were overweight at that time no boy would ask you and you didn't go to the proms without a date. You see, I was a "tech" student. I went to BOCES for half the day. So I didn't associate much with most of the kids in those photos. We had our own group. But, you really don't see them in yearbook photos.

Some how always feeling on the outside. But, we had a ball. We went roller-skating at the Levittown Roller Rink on Hempstead Turnpike in Levittown. And to the Hicksville Movie theatre, too. There were dances; the carnivals were a blast at St. Ignatius. It was a religious trek to the Mid Island Plaza every Saturday. Then of course we hung out at the bars (yes, we were under age) What was the name of that place in Farmingdale on Main St. that played Beach Boy Music and had surf boards hanging from the ceiling and lifeguard stands. Cant think of it right now and its funny I have lived in Farmingdale since 1986!!

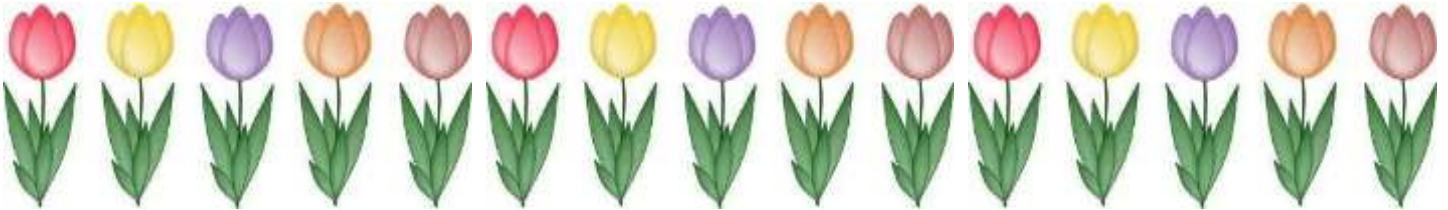
Oh by the way, I went to Westbury Boces for business occupations. I worked for Avis rent a car for 11 years, right out of high school. Then I stayed home for 10 years to raise my kids. Now, for the last 11 years I have worked for New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury. First, in the Office of Financial Aid and now in Admissions.

I wonder what has become of all those kids who felt like me. I just went on to lead a typical Long Island middle class existence. Kind of boring, really. But, it's my life and I chose it. I love my family and I thank God every day that I have a husband who with all my faults still loves me. We have been married for 27 years.

I don't miss high school it was NOT "the best time of my life." (as everyone kept telling me back then) The BEST time of my life were the years following high school. When I was in my mid twenties before I got married. Now, that was a blast! I was single, independent, working. Hey, it was the 80's, say no more!! To the right are Josie and Joe in 1982 when they met and a more recent picture!



Josie Bacchi Whitezin '76



Thank You's



Dear Bob & the HixNews Gang :

Thank you for the sweet birthday card! It really brightened my morning. I loved seeing the little bears make a delicious cake just for me! All best wishes to you and the whole gang at the Hicksville High Newsletter. You're doing a wonderful job.

Harri Molese '56

How very thoughtful.

Thank you for the anniversary card and for thinking of us. I really enjoy the HHS newsletters.

Jeannette (Beauregard) Wiesenbahn '57



Dear HixNews:

Thank you for your kind birthday wishes. How time flies by in life. It seems only yesterday we were all in Hicksville High.

Kurt Stietz '60

More Thanks

Dear Editors,

Just want to thank you for including me in your Birthday Greetings in the April Newsletter. It was very much appreciated, especially the electronic greeting card. Thanks again!

Love to all,

Cathi Arico Joannides '61



Thank you so much for the most enjoyable Birthday Card...you just gotta love those bears! Hope to see you all next year at our 50th (WOW)!

Luv

Patti Bilancia Posillico '62 & Joe Posillico '61
XOXOXO



Thank you for the warm wishes and lovely card you sent to John and I for our 46th anniversary! We both loved the Strauss waltz and especially the teddy bears. Helped make our day!

Barbara DiBella Dowd '62 & John Dowd



Happy Anniversary!

We're not done with the thanks...

Dear HixNews:

Thanks for the "bear" birthday card!

Phil McCrea '65

Dear HixNews:

Thanks to all, for the birthday wishes!

Carl Chris Calma '76

Hello Everyone!

Thank you for remembering my birthday...love those animated cards. I do have an email address change (anyone needing a copy of the change, please send a note to editors@hixnews)

Many thanks

Lorraine (Kalen) Lowen '66



What a "Sweet" way to say Happy Birthday.

Thank you very much!

Love,

Joyce Jurgensen Thorburn '67



Loved the anniversary card, but there must be some mistake. We can't be married 41 years--last we checked we were in our 30s! Thanks again--and great job with the newsletter as always.

Tom & Gail
(Cluxton)
Sneyd '63



Tank you, tank you, tank you

Dear Friends at the Newsletter:

Can't thank you enough for the great Anniversary wishes. We celebrated our 46th on May 16 and it was just a pleasant surprise to get a card from you.

You are the greatest!

Thanks again

Carol (Mack) & Cliff Berry '63



Dear Bob and all the gang,:

Your anniversary card was so cute and thoughtful--thanks! You all do a great job with the Hix News every month and we appreciate it!

Best Regards,

Pete and Kathy (Trant) Adamo '66



Thank you so much for the "neat" bears birthday card. I played it over a number of times. This is the big "70" and I couldn't be happier. I have been blessed with outstanding health, a great family and loads of love. God bless you for you do for all of us.

Love

May (Perduto) Horn '58

You guys are full of Thanks!

Bob and the Gang at HHS Newsletter:

Thanks so much for remembering my birthday with your thoughtful card. It is nice to have friends remember your special day.

And, while I'm at it... thanks to all for the work you put into the monthly newsletter. I really look forward to reading it. Stay healthy and happy!

Sandy Brindisi '66



A note to Val Pakaluk

A couple of years ago, Al & I visited with you at the Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory. First of all I wanted you to meet my husband, Al Drago, and second of all, it had been a very long time since I had seen you.

Val, as my first Maid of Honor back in 1953 when John Ennis & I married, I have to say I am very proud of you and of all of your accomplishments. WHO KNEW!!! My first maid of honor was going to be such a "trail-blazer".

Our first meeting at Hicksville High School back in the 1950's was pretty uneventful, until we both started working for Seaman & Eisemann at 90 Broadway Hicksville.



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A note to Val Pakaluk

A friendship started, and that is why I chose you to be my maid of honor.

Just want you and everyone else to know, that I am very, very proud of you, and I hope to see you soon.



Bridal Shower



January 11, 1953

Unfortunately, my husband, Al Drago, passed away on Dec. 17th, 2010 from prostate cancer. He really thought you were a great person.



Al & Dot Drago



Val Pakaluk

Love,

Dorothy (Kunz) Drago '50

New Readers



Larry Anton, '61



Paul Heischmann '62



Lorraine Ramos '64

Maryann (Uebel) Blane '73

Mathew Pinelli '98



Frances (Monte) Honett '65

Patrick Russell '95

Cheryl Albach Dunakin '82

More new readers!



Linda Rennie '65



Geri Lombardi Verola '75



Debora Hoffer '82



Rozanne (Ehardt) Ruhsam '61



Mary VanDerlaske Dolan '82



More new readers!

Carol Rubin '89

Editor Note:

This is Editor David Rubin's sister. How about getting some of your classmates involved. It's simple to register. Go to <http://hixnews.com> and when you arrive at the home page, look to the left and enter your email address in the google groups email slot.



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I would appreciate being added to the list of 1960 graduates. I also saw that Mary Jane Graswald is looking for me so I will give you my information in hopes that you will pass it on to her. Thank you.

Beverly Carman '60

"Looking for" and Updates



Charlie Zimmer

Hi Guys and Gals

Art Pardo from the class of 1962 is looking for
Charlie Zimmer (1962).

Thanks



Art Pardo

Hi HixNews:

I would just like to update you on my new e-mail address. This replaces my old address as of 5/11/11. All of my other information will stay the same. Keep up the excellent work on the newsletter as I always look forward to receiving it. Thanks again.

John E. Cisler '58

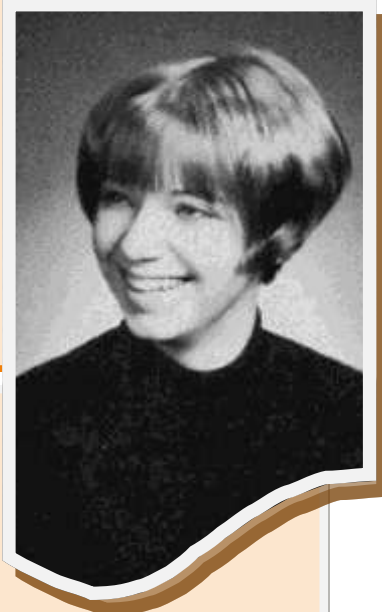
Editor Note: if anyone needs to contact John, please send a note to editors@hixnews.com

Bob:

There are several Steve Goldsteins on Facebook. It would be nice if we knew which Goldstein to go to. Is there any way you can send me Steve's address in Centerport?

Thanx,

Marianne Carine Hoerner '68



Dear Bob and Marianne:

The address in Centerport is Stephen E Goldstein 1111 Washington Dr,
Apt A Centerport, NY 11721-1826

Thanks - Chuck

Looking for..

Hello Bob

Would you please add the following search for me?

Carolyn Wood Imbrie is looking for Eileen Kessler Lee (both class of 1963). The email I have for Eileen is no longer working.

Thanks



Eileen Kessler



Carolyn Wood

Dear Eileen Kessler Lee,

Your friend Carolyn Wood Imbrie (HHS Class of 1963) would like to contact you, but she doesn't have your latest email address. Please see her request, attached below.

Thanx,

Henry Lichtenstein

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Note to Henry:

Thanks for helping to make the connection. Eileen sent me an email.

Carolyn



Looking for...

Hi,

First of all, thanks for the great job all of you do to keep everyone informed and in touch. And second, please add the following names to "People Looking for People List"



Dale Simpson - class of 1964

Rosemarie Cologne - class of 1963

Person who is looking for them is: Leslie Chanin (now Lesllie Leon-Kennedy)

They can reach me at LeslieTheK@comcast.net

Thanks so much.

p.s. I just remembered one more person - Joanne Stevens - class of 63 (not sure if she spelled her last name Stevens or Stephens, but I think the "v" is correct).



Leslie Chanin '63



Looking for?

Hi my name is Robert Lamounette and I am an alumni of the class of '71. Is there a form or more info that you are listing? Is there a way to contact some to the people that you have already listed ie. current addresses, phone numbers or E-mail addresses. Thanks

Robert Lamounette '71

Dear Robert,

If you would like to become a private alumni member, we can show you a member list, containing names and class years only. All other member info is **NOT** publicly disclosed.

We are **NOT** a mailing-list provider.

Best,

Henry Lichtenstein



In Memoriam



PASSING OF 2 HHS ALUMNI- CLASS OF 1937 :

JOHN VELSOR (d. 2004)

FRAN (LOVETT) VELSOR (d. 2008)

Russ Kane P.A.-C.

Kissimmee FL

kane.russ@yahoo.com



Hi All,

You all do a great job every month. I just wanted you and the class of 1956 to know that we've lost another classmate. Barbara Steck Bennett passed away in Oct. 2010. She lived in Georgia for many years and had moved to Sarasota, FL shortly before her passing.

Loretta Lorenzo Seibert '56

The name Patricia McCarthy Schwalbach, class of 1956 should be removed from your current listings. Patricia passed away in March of 2010. She had lived in Sarasota Springs, NY for many years.

Shortly after moving to Palm Bay, Fl, she died of Kidney failure due to heart disease. You may contact me for more information if needed.

Diana Gund Schleyer '55

In Memoriam

The editors are editing again...that's our job.

We are trying to update the In Memoriam page of the newsletter to include all former students who have passed away over the years. If you know of any students who have passed, please drop a note to editors@hixnews.com advising of such passing.

Thanks to Phil Fulco for submitting the following...



Bob,

According to my yearbook notes, the following members of the class of '57 have all passed away:

Jule Santacrocce - She was killed in an auto accident before graduation in '57.

Rita Bianchi

Michael Campanelli

John Dounelis

Hal Frischman

Katherine Judge

Barry Kleiss

John Magee

Peter Nygren

William Reinhardt

Jack Roberts

Edward Sneckenberg

Eugene Zaza

Other than Peter, I didn't mark the dates of their passing. Maybe someone can help with dates.

Phil Fulco '57

In Memoriam

Dear Editors,

Keith Hayes, Class of 1977, recently passed away.

This is his obituary.

Thanks,

Stefanie Cedar Shames (Class of 1977)



Keith Hayes, 52, of Long Valley, NJ passed away on April 20, 2011 at Morristown Memorial Hospital.

Ask Keith if he had traveled the world and he would say yes. Ask him what his favorite place was and he would say, home or “up at camp”.

A strong and positive person, who was often described as a gentle, artistic, focused and talented, He knew and loved everything about plants, had a wicked sense of humor, and perfect hair. His idea of relaxation would be pruning his fruit trees or building car stopping snow sculptures or cutting trails at Mill Pond Park. Whether it was his job, his volunteer work or one of his many projects, he did it with only perfection as a goal.

Keith was born on February 21, 1959 in Hicksville, NY to the late William and Jean Hayes. His bond and love for his family was strong and he will be sorely missed by his brothers Bill and Glenn Hayes; his sister Lisa Hayes; his sister-in-law Sharon Hayes; his Aunt Kathleen and “Aunt” Elsie, both of whom held a special place in his heart, as well as his cousins, nieces and nephews.

After graduating from SUNY- Cobleskill and then the Rhode Island School of Design, he moved to Cedar Lake in Denville, NJ, with his partner. When they left, what became life long friends, and moved to Long Valley, he quickly became an involved member of the Long Valley community. Serving as President of the Washington Township Land Trust, he was committed and successful, with others just as dedicated, in preserving open space and the ongoing restoration of the Obadiah LaTourette Grist Mill. Keith placed a high value on preserving the history and architectural integrity of the community and served as a member of the Washington Township Historical Commission.

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In Memoriam

Keith Hayes Obituary continued...

Prior to his career as an Office Manager for Trius Pest Management, where he knew every client off the top of his head and will be missed on a daily basis, Keith was a woven stylist in the home furnishing industry. It became very commonplace to hear him say "Oh, that's my fabric". One of his first jobs after graduating was with Elizabeth Eakins in New York City. His weaving skills executed her rug design that was installed in Gracie Mansion's Dining room.

The outpouring of support and caring over the past few months has been overwhelming and gratefully appreciated. He will be missed by many but most of all by his loving partner of 28 years, Jim Fitterer and his dog, Tillie.

There will be a celebration of Keith held on Saturday, May 21, 2011 at the Mill Pond Park in Long Valley. Additional information will be posted on their website, www.wtlr.org

Interment will be private. Memorial donations may be made to Washington Township Land Trust of Morris County, Inc., PO Box 4, Long Valley, NJ 07853. For more information and online condolences visit www.williamjleberfh.com



In Memoriam

Hello! The following was dictated to me by my father, Chet Nichols ('58), to send to you. As you may or may not know, he is bed-bound with Multiple Sclerosis, and my parents choose not to have a computer, so I act as his "secretary", and print out the newsletters for him. :)

Thanks so much!

-Heather (Nichols) Pickett

Hello,

Just received your May newsletter, and saw the article from Pete Foster re: Peter Nygren's death. As you may know, I graduated in 1958, and went through grade school with both Pete Foster and Peter Nygren. I am sorry to hear of Peter's passing. Thank you for a very interesting newsletter.

Chester (Chet) Nichols - Class of 1958

P.S.: Updated info: Live in Spanaway, Washington

Married to Elizabeth - anniversary 12/01/62

Birthdate 11/16/39



Dear HixNews:

Please add to Your In Memoriam Page the following deceased classmates



Jim Powers (Class of 1969)



Bob Courtney (Class of 1968)

Thanks and sorry to be providing grim information.

Tim Donovan '70

Dear Buffalo Bob

Where our own beloved Buffalo Bob corresponds for a few pages with a random reader

Hi Bob,

Fun pictures! I noticed in particular the one on Edgewood Drive. I lived at 18 Edgewood Drive. Were we neighbors? Are we referring to the same Edgewood Drive that was just a couple of blocks from the high school (parallel to Division Ave)? Forgive me if your memory is totally clear about all this and you knew exactly where I lived and, yes, you were on the same block 5 houses down... I'm just bad at remembering these things. But I am very excited to be seeing everyone so many years later and jogging some of this lazy memory.

Nancy Sherman '61

Yes, we were neighbors. Ann and Andy Miller lived next door to me. Check out the May Issue. The newsletter toward the bottom, there's a note to Terry Madden Best, class of '65.

love yah bob

I asked my mom, currently living in Eugene, OR, where I am now visiting her for Mother's Day, about your family. Unlike me, she, even at 93, immediately remembered your family. Totally put me to shame. Was she right that at one point you moved to Hawaii? Anyway, all this memory jogging is lots of fun and making me more and more eager for the reunion. And, still need to get to those old photos. I'll do it, I promise.

Nancy

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Dear Buffalo Bob

I came home on leave from the navy in December of 1964. My family moved to Hawaii in May of 1965. My dad was working for the military (Army) and was transferred. Below is Chris Heidt and me in the driveway.

Across the street, the first house on the left in the background is Swiatek, then Bonnie Garrison and the yellow would be the Peters. One of their children, Mickey, had a disability. She used to run around with the neighborhood kids and never was left behind.

Love yah bob



So ends another episode of "Dear Buffalo Bob"

*Tune in next month for another nostalgic episode,
sure to bring back wondrous memories... we hope!*

Tell Us About Yourself

Hi editors.

I just wanted to say that this month's paper was terrific. It is always good but for some reason I enjoyed it more this month. I'm going to try to get around to doing a "profile" this month. It's been on my list of "to do" for awhile now. Will send it when i am done with it.

Judy Marcus Shivers 1964

Dear Judy,

We would love to have you do a HixNews Profile for the next issue. You would then be the first lady to have done so. It might start a trend.

Best, Henry



I'll make you laugh with my answers!

Judy



Thank you very much for your profile, Judy. It will appear in the June Issue of the Newsletter (the link to it will be, as usual, [Hixnews Profiles](#) on the main page of our website).

You are a princess for doing our first profile by a HHS alumna!

Best, Henry

Henry Lichtenstein

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HIT' N' ROLLS

Dear HixNews

Paul Korman from the class of 1969.

My Band, Dr "K's" Motown Review has negotiated to play at the following venues...

Please post the following list of when and where the band will be performing locally (and in PA.).

Thanks so much for your consideration and let me tell you how much I appreciate the newsletter's helping us get to the alumni who have followed us for years.

Thanks again

Paul "Coney Island" Korman (You may not remember, but I'm a "Big Wheel" at Coney Island)



When: June 4, 2011 @ 11:00am

Where: Central Park 72nd Street Bandshell

It's a Fundraiser for the Young Adult Institution (Y.A.I.) Foundation
Serving People with Disabilities and their Families for Over 50 Years

When: July1, 2011

Where: Common Ground Park, Gillette Avenue, Sayville, NY

It's a Friday night outdoor free concert.

When: July 2, 2011 @ 8:00pm

Where: B.B. Kings Club, 237 w.42nd Street, NYC

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MOT' N' NUTS

When: July 9, 2011 @ 8pm (until 11pm prox)

Where: Jones Beach Field 4 Bandshell

When: July 21st, 2011 @ 7:00pm

Where: Smithtown Library, 124 East Main Street, Smithtown NY

This is part of the Outdoor Concert Series

When: July 23rd, 2011 @ 8:00pm

Where: The Hollywood Casino, 777 Hollywood Blvd., Grantville PA

When: July 29th, 2011 @ 7:00pm

Where: At the Glen Cove downtown business district outdoor show

When: August 6th, 2011 @ 8:00pm (until 11pm prox)

Where: Jones Beach Field 4 Bandshell

Paul Kormans Dr. K's Motown Revue is a band that takes you on a realistic journey of Motown and that unique sound. You are instantly transported to a special point in time. The sound makes you want to sing along to each familiar song. Their sound; their stage attire; their 1960s dance routines add to the image. An 11 piece band keeps Motown true to its roots in each performance, they send you back to another era.....what a ride!!!!



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ART ROMEO

Paul's band has shared the stage with such classic greats as the Vanilla Fudge, Eric Burdon, Leon Russell, Bobby "Blue" Bland, Leslie Gore and many more.

Dr. K's Motown Revue has been performing once a month at Mohegan Sun for the past 4 years!!



I am very pleased to announce that starting on May 12th, I will be doing a solo spot at Piccolo Mondo in Greenlawn. You might have seen the write up about this place in Newsday. It is a small, classy restaurant with outstanding food. In fact this is where many other restaurant owners go for dinner when they are off. I hope to see some of you. This is a chance to support live music on Long Island and help the economy at the same time. Look at it this way. You get a great meal, listen to some music and help the country all at the same time. See you soon.

Art Romeo '60

Random Thoughts

I must complement the staff of the Hix News Letter. You do a fantastic job. Would you believe that sometimes when people ask where I grew up and I say Hicksville, they think it's a joke. I assume most of them grew up on Mars.

They do tend to have funny ears!

Virginia Schmidt Tyler '61



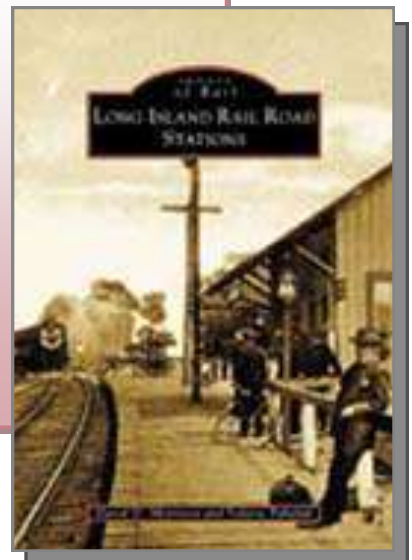
p.s. Thank you for the up-date. You are a

very caring husband. There is nothing easy about Alzheimer's and as our population ages it is practically an epidemic. Remember to take care of yourself, also. Our humming birds are back to the feeder and as feisty as ever. They are so much fun to watch. Spring comes a little later here in Connecticut then on Long Island, but it always comes back.



I stopped at the Farmer's Market in Hicksville today. Bumped into Dave Morrison, A Plainview resident and railroad history buff. Dave & I authored a book about Long Island Rail Road stations that has been selling quite nicely for the past several years. It's published by the same press that the Hicksville Book Dick Evers wrote and I edited. Apparently there are a lot of RR enthusiasts out there. But, Dave said he met and talked to Billy Joel in Oyster Bay recently and gave Billy a copy of the book. He has a photo that he's going to email me.

Val Pakaluk



Random Thoughts

Just looked at the new newsletter. I am a graphic designer here in Utah now. Using san serif type (without those little feet) in combination with changing fonts in the midst of paragraphs, and that very thin type (kind of flat with a lot of space between lines), might make it harder for many readers to read. I know it made me not want to read the contents.

You might want to keep the headlines san serif, but that small one was especially hard to read. Just too many fonts makes it confusing!

Still, I admire your work month after month.

Best,

Susan Makov '70



Hello Susan and thank you sincerely for the constructive criticism. I'm sorry that you had a bad experience with my first effort at our newsletter. The strange thing is that I did not use different fonts at all when creating the newsletter. You're the second person to report an experience relating to that issue. I'm curious whether others had the same issue so please let me know if you did. For this issue, I tried to use a more common font (in case the font selection was the issue even though I embedded the font in the PDF). I hope everyone sees this issue without any issues.

Kind regards,

David Rubin '82

Honoring those who gave the ultimate sacrifice

Sobering to say the least! Memorial Day & Our Viet Nam casualties. Some thoughts to consider while reflecting on Memorial Day.

There are 58,267 names now listed on that polished black wall in Washington, D.C., including those added in 2010. The names are arranged in the order in which they were taken from us by date and within each date the names are alphabetized. It is hard to believe it is 36 years since the last casualties.

Beginning at the apex on panel 1E and going out to the end of the East wall, appearing to recede into the earth (numbered 70E - May 25, 1968), then resuming at the end of the West wall, as the wall emerges from the earth (numbered 70W - continuing May 25, 1968) and ending with a date in 1975. Thus the war's beginning and end meet. The war is complete, coming full circle, yet broken by the earth that bounds the angle's open side and contained within the earth itself.

The first known casualty was Richard B. Fitzgibbon, of North Weymouth, Mass. listed by the U.S. Department of Defense as having been killed on June 8, 1956. His name is listed on the Wall with that of his son, Marine Corps Lance Cpl. Richard B. Fitzgibbon III, who was killed on Sept. 7, 1965.

There are three sets of fathers and sons on the Wall.

12 soldiers on the Wall were 17 years old...Five soldiers on the Wall were 16 years old.

One soldier, PFC Dan Bullock was 15 years old.

997 soldiers were killed on their first day in Vietnam.

1,448 soldiers were killed on their last day in Vietnam.

31 sets of brothers are on the Wall.

The most casualty deaths for a single day was on January 31, 1968 - 245 deaths.

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The most casualty deaths for a single month was May 1968 - 2,415 casualties were incurred. That's 2,415 dead in a single month!

Please go to Honoring Our Vets to see more of our involvement in Vietnam. There are some pictures posted that will bring back many memories!!!

Thirty one sets of parents lost two of their sons.

54 soldiers on the Wall attended Thomas Edison High School in Philadelphia.

Eight women are on the Wall. Nursing the wounded.

244 soldiers were awarded the Medal of Honor during the Vietnam War; 153 of them are on the Wall.

Beallsville, Ohio with a population of 475 lost six of her sons.

West Virginia had the highest casualty rate per capita in the nation. There are 711 West Virginians on the Wall.

The Marines of Morenci - They led some of the scrappiest high school football and basketball teams that the little Arizona copper town of Morenci (pop. 5,058) had ever known and cheered. They enjoyed roaring beer busts. In quieter moments, they rode horses along the Coronado Trail, stalked deer in the Apache National Forest. And in the patriotic camaraderie typical of Morenci's mining families, the nine graduates of Morenci.

High enlisted as a group in the Marine Corps. Their service began on Independence Day, 1966. Only three returned home.

The Buddies of Midvale - LeRoy Tafoya, Jimmy Martinez, Tom Gonzales were all boyhood friends and lived on three consecutive streets in Midvale, Utah on Fifth, Sixth and Seventh avenues. They lived only a few yards apart. They played ball at the adjacent sandlot ball field. And they all went to Vietnam. In a span of 16 dark days in late 1967, all three would be killed. LeRoy was killed on Wednesday, Nov. 22, the fourth anniversary of John F. Kennedy's assassination. Jimmy died less than 24 hours later on Thanksgiving Day. Tom was shot dead assaulting the enemy on Dec. 7, Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day.