

## News about town

### HICKSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL'S TOP GRADUATES HONORED DURING 27TH ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS CEREMONY

Hicksville High School Salutatorian Puja Fernandes, left, and Valedictorian Allison McNamara, right, were honored during the district's 27th Annual Scholarships and Awards Ceremony and are pictured with High School Principal Brijinder Singh.

[Click here for the whole story](#)

Yeah, we're still raising some great kids to lead us on to the future!



Photo and information courtesy of Hicksville Public Schools website

### Hicksville Street Fair WAS Right

**Good News:** Each year, the Hicksville Chamber of Commerce hosts a Street Fair with music, vendors, give-a-ways, arts & crafts and a Farmer's Market..

**Bad News:** You missed it . It was July 24th but we hope you were able to attend! If not, make sure you go next year!

Our own Val Pakaluk submitted [this article to the Hicksville Illustrated News](#) with information about the Fair. Hey Val! Let us in on the fun and we'll help spread the word!



# Letters



Dear Hix News Editors:

I wasn't a very good boy when I was in high school. First it was boarding school in Connecticut then Holy Cross High School in Bayside and ultimately (for my senior year) Hicksville High. I lived with my sister and her family in Hicksville (The Kieslings) until they moved to Garden City but I drove to school those last months.

Of all my wonderful friends at that time I remember so very few of them. Only Margaret Toomey stands out. If there ever was a bobbysoxer to remember it was she. I'm seventy- one now and most of my ill health is behind me.

So is the Navy, 1960-64 and the University of Old Dominion '64-68.

Several marriages, six children and now sixteen grand children.

I haven't had anyone read me my Miranda Rights since I stopped drinking in 1985 and that's a real blessing. I've been a friend of Bill Wilson for twenty-five years now and recommend it highly.

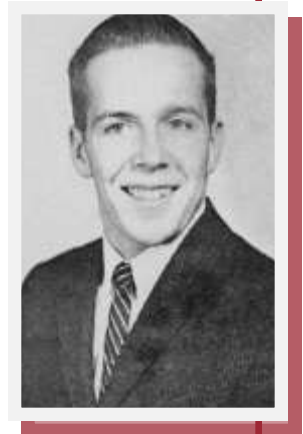
This is a "reunion" picture of my kids and myself at my 25<sup>th</sup> year anniversary last year. One daughter, a professor at the University of Colorado, wasn't able to make it.

Thank you for writing your newsletter and kindly send it to me also.

It's time I left the shadows, before I leave into the darkness forever.

Francis M. Ward a/k/a Tommy Ward

1525 Collins Hill Road  
Lawrenceville, GA 30043



*Editor Note: we need some stories about Tommy!*



# More Letters

The Thursday open mike nights have been cancelled. Nobody showed the 1st night. Everyone complains that there is no where to play and meet other musicians and then when a place opens up no one bothers to come. I'm sorry for those who told be you were planning to come this week or next, maybe there will be other chances in the future but I wouldn't bet on it. My Fridays at Casa Rustica are still going strong. If you are looking for a great place to take somebody special, this is the place. There are some other gigs coming up, I will keep you all informed.

Art Romeo '60



The USPS announces 3,653 post offices will be closed for good and up to 16,000 in the next ten years. Email may not cost you anything but it has an impact.



Ted Swedalla, class of 1964, married Terry Giannetti back in 1991 when they both resided in Mocksville, North Carolina. Subsequently, they returned to New York and currently live in Middle Island. They are the proud owners of Beowulf Kennel located on their property. The couple raise Beagles primarily though they have bred a variety of canines.

Ted is currently retired and Terry works for Homeland Security. Terry and her female shepherd, Tery, are in the K-9 corps at Kennedy Airport.



## Fun Email Fact

The email address of Pope Benedict XVI is [benedictxvi@vatican.va](mailto:benedictxvi@vatican.va).

It is unlikely you will receive a personal response if you send an email to the pope, but the Holy See does read, collect and route all mail.



# letters, letters, letters

Here is a collage of pictures highlighting some of our 1955 alumni...

Anyone out there have stories to tell about these alumni. I would imagine that they were stalwart in the community and worthy of fine comment.

That's more than I can say for myself (LOL)

Buffalo bob casale



Bob McWilliams



Keith Mellish



Charlie Metz



Nancy Meyer



Tom Monilaws



Rosemary Moran

# STILL MORE LETTERS

July letter states Rutgers Cup won 1966.

I could swear that the Rutgers Cup was won in 1967. Hix going 8-0 that season and then 1968, Hix was 7-0 going into the last game with Levittown

Division on a very rainy day and lost the game I think 13-7 was the score. I seem to think 1966 was like 5-3, but, hey, I could be wrong. It was long ago and in another dimension

Bob Bittner '68

'Twas the fall of 1966 in our senior year.

I have all of the Newsday and "Comet" clippings, scores and standings, also programs, etc. (the date is on the trophy) if you want to see more memorabilia, i have it!

Marty Brandfon '67

All:

This year, I am serving as the Vice President of the Cambridge Society of Washington, D.C. (Cambridge University Alumni in the Washington, D.C. area). This year we had our First Annual English Garden Party, a Cambridge Tradition. Photos of the Event, including several of Yours Truly, are available. It was a huge success.

Last year we revived the Oxford-Cambridge Alumni Boat Race on the Potomac. At nearly age 70, I rowed again in an 8. We lost the race to the Dark Blues. Fortunately, this year reason prevailed, and in an attempt to win the race this year, I am not rowing.

As Vice President, I oversee rowing activities. This year, we had a viewing of the Oxford-Cambridge London Boat Race (BBC-2) at a local Pub. To our surprise we had over 150 viewing the Race, with our Society (including several Oxford strays). Hope you enjoy the photos. Best.

Ken Foran '59

Editor Note...to view the photos, copy and paste the following into your browser:

<http://cambridgealumni.org/photos/photos-of-garden-party/>



# Updates & Reunions

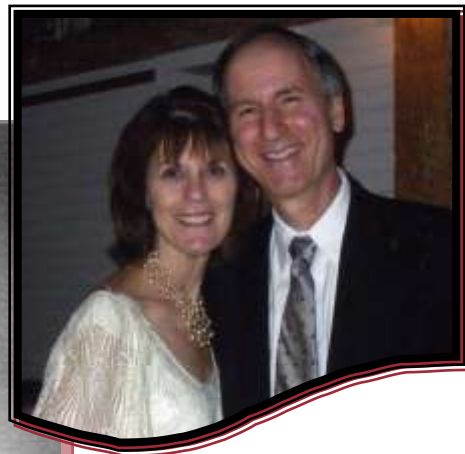
I LOVE reading the HixNews each time I get it in my in box. You guys are great. I have attached a photo of myself (Pat Appelman Levitin '62) with my husband Peter and our 5 grandchildren. My school photo would be in the 1962 yearbook. I live in Greensboro NC and have been married 44 years next month. Cannot wait for our 50th class reunion next year!

Thanks again for all the news and the old time photos.

Looking for:



Barbara Brewer '62



The class of 1962 is getting really excited about our 50th reunion next year. Many still live in Long Island but there are those of us who left the Island and are living elsewhere.

Here is a photo of the 1962 North Carolinians getting together for dinner Saturday, July 9, 2011. Joe Carfora and his wife Sharon live in Chapel Hill, NC and Pat Appelman Levitin and her husband Peter live in Greensboro, NC

Are there any others living in North Carolina? Maybe we can have a Hicksville HS NC reunion??



Pat Appelman Levitin '62 with Peter Levitin & Grandkids



Joe, Sharon, Pat and Peter  
are definitely going to the 50th!

# More updates & reunion info

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the update on your reunion program.

My wife Maureen wants to make sure that the music for the 7 to 11 dancing will be vintage rock and roll hits from our high school years (1958-1961). Hearing our old songs will really take us back and set a great tone for remembering those special years to all of us. Maureen feels it may be her best/last chance to dance to all those beloved oldies she still plays almost every day on her car CD player and XM radio.

We assume you'll be having a DJ. Are we right? To help your DJ identify the best tunes we all want to hear, I've enlisted the services of the best late 50's R&R expert I know. Maureen is working on her suggested play list as I write this. Look for her email in the next few days.

Thanks again for all your efforts on this great event. Make Maureen's musical dreams come true and she'll save you her first dance!

Call us if we can help with anything else in this regard.

Thanks



Arnie Klingenberg '61



Maureen Thogode

Editor Note:

There are no guarantees about the music. Yes, we have a disc jockey who will be playing the great sounds from our era.



I have changed my e-mail address. Please change the e-mail address in your database.

Thanks

Robert Healey '66

Editor Note:

Anyone wanting to contact Bob or Arnie or Maureen or anyone else featured in our newsletter, please send a note to:

[editors@hixnews.com](mailto:editors@hixnews.com)





# Thanks

Hi Bob,

Thanks to you and the gang for a wonderful HHS Newsletter again this month. I have my plane reservations for our 50th in Sept. Will be flying from Ft. Lauderdale into Hartford to spend a few days before and after with my sister Elin Fischman Lawrence in Manchester, Ct.

Virginia Schmid Tyler, who happens to live in Glastonbury, Ct., and I have plans to drive together taking the scenic route on the ferry over LI Sound on Friday. Looking forward to seeing you and all of our classmates who are planning to attend.

This month's Newsletter jogged my memory and I recall that there were quite a few of us from the class of '61 that lived in the "Glenbrook" homes. I lived on Amherst Road next to Jackie Travers.

I know that Nancy Sherman, Doris Oelerich, Dorothy Traub, Virginia Schmid Tyler, Danella Schiffer, Gail Goebel (Glenbrook Road), Judy Tisdale and Joan Buchman lived on Boulevard Drive. Who else do you remember?

I loved being in close walking distance to HHS so I could enjoy the after school sports and activities.

Regards,

Doris Fischman Roth



Carol Jean Smith lived in the cul de sac (Mitchell Court) behind me. My backyard bordered on her back yard. Paul Carbe lived on Glenbrook as well as Renee Siegel. Tom Farrell and Steve and Stu Blust lived on Sunnyfield Road, Tommy DeBrock on Peter Road. There were others so fill in the blanks. My nicest memory of living that close to the school was being able to go home for lunch. Mike Cotsonas would bring his own lunch and walk home with me. Mike lived on Gables Drive that was east of Broadway and circular and parallel to East Old Country Road.



# MORE THANKS!



To Bob and the "Gang",

Thanks so much for the great birthday wishes, have a happy Fourth of July.

Marcia (Rubinstein) Pollack '58

Dear Newsletter Gang:

Thanks so much for the cute birthday card - it started my day off with a smile.

You all do such a great job on the Newsletter and your terrific work is much appreciated. Thanks again.

Linda Faraone Connelly ('60)



Bob,

Thanks to you and the Hicksville crew for the anniversary card. We can't get our kids to remember our anniversary so we were amazed that you knew and remembered it! What a wonderful surprise.



Joyce Van De Merlin  
1959



Hank Landau  
1960



# Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci



Thank you so much for the great birthday card. It is wonderful that you remember all of us each year. Keep up the good work with the newsletter.

Elyse Marlin Soffer '61



Bob and all the gang at HixNews,

Thank you for the birthday card. It's been another great year. Staying very busy and grandchild number 5 on the way. So, who's getting old?

Dick Osborne '62



Thanks so much for the Birthday card. It is absolutely the cutest card. Look forward to the cards every year. You guys do a tremendous job with the newsletter.

Thanks again.

Sharon (Wyer) Ward '62

# You guys are full of thanks!



Leslie Worley Smith '64

Thank you for the kind wishes on my birthday. I will be an official Medicare person. Looks like Bob (class of 63) and I will be growing old together just like we planned when we starting going out in 1961.

Thanks again.



Bob Smith '63



Many thanks for the great birthday card!

Jerry D'Amura '63



# *It is our pleasure!*



Well once again Thank You. Must say that was one of the most enjoyable cards I have seen on the net.

Again Thanks

Buddy

Walter Weber '63



Dear Bob,

Thank you very much for the e-card anniversary note for Darilyn and me.

Very thoughtful. Very appreciated.

Regards,

Dennis Listort '64





# Bob must send out a LOT of e-cards, eh?

Thank you it is so nice to be remembered.

Nancy Alfano '66



Thank you for the Birthday Card. If I knew I was going to live this long, I would have taken better care of myself!

God Bless You

Mike Cava '66



Dear HixNews:

Thanks for the great Birthday card!

George Parisi '66



Thank You so much for the birthday wishes.

June Sass '68

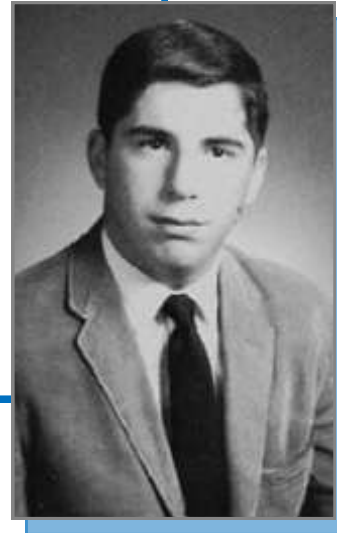


# More thanks and we love it!

Bob and the HixNews Gang...

Thank you very much for remembering my birthday with that beautiful electronic card. Another year has gone by and all is good up here in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire. The fireworks display from the town and viewed from my front porch made my birthday seem even more special.

Lou Siracusa '68



Dear Folks,

Thank you so much for remembering my birthday (it's the big 60!), but could you please make my name David instead of Davis.

Many thanks and keep up the good work.

Cordially,

David Kerner '69

Editor Note:

Thanks for pointing out the typo. Editors, too, let them slip by.

Henry has notified Val to update your name on the birthday list to David.

# It's a "Thanks" Parade!

Thanks so much for the Birthday greeting. Besides being so cute, it was a nice surprise and much appreciated.

Val Pakaluk '51



Editors,

Thank you for the great birthday and anniversary card. Jacquie(sic) Lawson is our favorite card provider. We subscribe to her service and send them to our friends.

If you have any Hix alumni that live in Maine or Southern New Hampshire, please give them my email address. Perhaps we will be able to have a micro-reunion in this area. (I live in Sanford, ME.)

I have printed the questions and will attempt to prepare a biography for a future issue, as if anyone is interested in a 81 year old.

Harvey Weiss '47

p.s. I believe the picture is The Hicksville Courthouse located on Herzog Place!!!

*I'm not spoiling the fun until we get to the end of the Newsletter, Harvey! :)*

*Keep reading to see if you were right!*

*David Rubin '82*



Dear Bob and the HixNews Editors:

The newsletter was great this month. Have a Happy 4th of July.

Chris Andersen '67

# Last of the thanks



Dear Brother Bob & HixNews:

Loved my birthday card. Thanks for sending it.

Love you.

Bob Casale '61 & Eileen Casale Mahan '59

*And now we editors know who to go to  
when we need someone to reprimand Bob :)*

Thank you for the lovely Anniversary Card. Warren and I both appreciate your thoughtfulness on our 38th anniversary.



Warren and Judy Alfano '65





# I LIED... THANKS GALORE!

This is how I celebrated my 63rd birthday!



Great fun in a Duffy Boat on Newport Bay, CA. Thanks for the adorable 'e' birthday card!

We visited good ole Hicksville summer of 2009. Loved most of the changes to the school, etc. I grew up at 72 Cliff Dr. I was happy to see the pride the present owners are taking in their homes.

Thanks for all the memories you share each month.

Donna Lombardi LaFramboise '66



## Random Fun Fact

Hippo milk is pink.



*I wonder if they drink Nestle Quik?*



# New Readers



Arlene (Cain) Goodman '64



Patricia Moore '69

Living in Palm Beach County and have quite a few alumni from class of '1965 and 1966 around here. Class of '66 chorus had Billy Joel in it- who knew then?? He certainly did not stand out. He was class of '67. Loved "senior privileges" (talk about a class system :-), Galloways boys (principal favored the boys who wore ties), the sweet shop, so many bomb scares that they weren't "fun" to get out of class anymore, split sessions.

Rhona Appelman '66



Hinda Chernow '64

I've been getting your newsletter for about a year now and totally enjoy it! I mentioned it to my sister and she would like to be on your mailing address as well. Here is her contact info:

Geri Lynn Lombardi- Verola - Class of 1975

Thank you.

Editors Note:

Anyone needing contact information for any New Reader, please send a note to [editors@hixnews.com](mailto:editors@hixnews.com)

More new readers... tell your friends!



Mary Ellen (Chickie) Horan '61



Mitchell Hirsch '71



Laurie Heroy '72

Linda Van Allen '67

Helene Ferrandino '82

## Random Fun Fact

**On an average work day, a typist's fingers travel 12.6 miles.**



*Yet I don't seem to lose any weight?!*



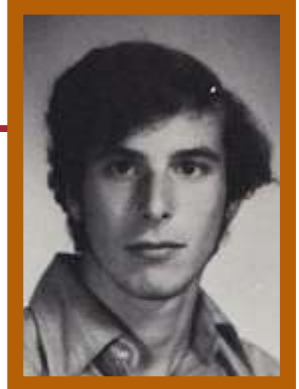
# New Readers with something to say

Hi HixNews!

I just found Hix News and I'm bursting with 2 things to say and a few questions:

1. My name is Ginnie (Virginia Becht) (Jeranek) Moore -- it is now Ginnie Moore and I live in Sayville, NY. I'm from the class of 1971.

2. My first love was Anthony Vanacore (Class of 1972) ~ RIP sensitive, handsome, loving and eternal young man.



## My questions:



Marie Vanacore, class of 1963, is Tony's sister and now lives in Bethpage, according to HixNews.

I would love to make connect with her if only for an hour to reminisce, my memories ~ probably not hers. How can I do that? And, only if it is ok with her.

Also, does anyone know how to contact several 1970's teachers:



History - Joe Umbria



Shorthand - Ruth Weiss



Typing - Forrest Underwood



I saw Mrs. Deutscher's post and thought maybe other teachers were in touch with Hixnews.

Thank you and please add me on the Hixnews mailing list.

Virginia Becht '71



Barbara Deutscher

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# New Readers with something to say

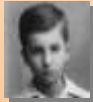
*Your wish is our command! Here's the results of that "Looking for" request.*

Dear Marie Vanacore,

We have received an email request (see below) from Ginnie (Virginia Becht) (Jeranek) Moore (1971), who would like to get in touch with you.

Ginnie's email address is (concealed).

Best, Henry



Henry... Thank you - I would love to get in touch with Ginnie and will be e-mailing her soon.

Marie Vanacore

*Another connection made via Hixnews! Which leads us to the "looking for & Found" section*

## Random Fun Fact

**Women have a better sense of smell than men.**



*They smell better too!*



# Looking for



I just noticed in the July newsletter an old high school friend is looking for me. How do I contact him without responding to the newsletter? Is there a way to get his email address?

Barbara ( Jones ) Benjamin '66

Good am to you:

In looking over the newsletter I see that someone is looking for Barbara McGeever.

Jow do you get in contact with the person doing the looking (Linda Link)?

Dennis Naso '61



Barbara McGeever



Linda Link



Editor Note:

Here's how it works for all of our beloved members who are looking to contact another member.

We do not send you contact information directly. We greatly value our members' privacy and never give out their information. We will send an email to the looker who will contact you directly if they so choose. In this manner, everyone is protected.

# Looking for...

Hi Bob,

I watch Bill O'Reilly's Show ( The O'Reilly Factor). Bill O'Reilly is from Hicksville and he often talks about Hicksville. He went to Catholic School and was a High School teacher.

I was wondering if he just went to the elementary catholic and then to Hicksville High. Do you have any records on him?

Art Lembke '49

Sirs,

I was recently informed of the Hixnews existence, and have perused the website to a limited extent. I am a member of the graduating class of 1957, and my name is Frank Delaney. I am interested in trying to make contact with two former friends and classmates, one of whom Eugene Olafson lived on Dean St. back in the '50's and early '60's. The other person I'd like to make contact with is Chet Nichols who to best of my knowledge is living somewhere in Washington - possibly Spokane, but I'm not really very sure of much regarding him. I know he was dealing with MS, he used to communicate frequently with Harry Borley (a close friend of mine and also a classmate who died in March 2008).

I would appreciate any contact information you may be able to provide.

Sincerely,

Frank Delaney '57



# Looking for...

Dear HixNews:

John Fyfe wrote the following note in the present edition of Hixnews.

*My name is John C. Fyfe. I graduated in 1954. I'm not married and currently live in London, England. Are there any others on your list from the Class of 1954?*

*Hope you are doing well; I moved to Hicksville during my high school sophomore year so I don't know any of the elementary school children in your picture.*

*Best wishes,*

*John Fyfe*

John suggested that we make a note of his new email address, however the email address is not shown. I knew John from 1952-1956. Could you please send His new email address. Do you have this same email address for him or a different one? A reply as soon as possible will be very much appreciated.

I also am a graduate of Hicksville, Class of 1953.

Thank You,

Rita (nee: Seadon) Shadick

**Editor Note.:** Dear John Fyfe: Rita Seadon would like to get in touch with you via email. We at HixNews do not disclose our subscribers' email addresses unless we have their explicit permission to do so. It is up to you to contact her if you are so inclined (her email is shown in the header of her inquiry that I addressed to you).

Best, Henry



Henry

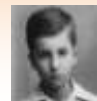
Thank you for your help in locating John as he contacted me today.

Rita

Rita:

I'm glad that you and John have re-connected.

Henry





# Looking for...

Dear Valerie,

You asked for some personal information. I graduated from Hicksville High School in 1953. I was single for many years as I was a flight attendant for United Airlines and could not marry. That rule was discontinued in 1968. At that time, I considered marriage and finally was wed on July 2nd, 1970. My husband's name is Donald Shadick. We live in Florida and, yes, I would like my name to appear in your newsletter.

Mary Rita Seadon Shadick '53



Donna Schrimpe

Dear HixNews

I'm looking for Barbara Feuerstein from the class of 1966. Please help me.

Thanks

Donna Schrimpe '66



Barbara Feuerstein



# Looking for...



Toni Gorman (Passalacqua)

Hi:  
My wife Toni Gorman (Passalacqua) 1966, is trying to get in touch with Linda Polonetsky 1966.

Would you please add this to your "people looking for people" column? Much obliged.

To echo so many of the Hicksville HHS alumni, I think you folks perform an outstanding service by keeping us informed,

entertained, and in touch. Thank you for the time, effort and dedication you all put into creating the newsletter each month.

Jim Gorman, '66



Linda Polonetsky



Hello to the incredible staff of editors of the HHS newsletter...

I noticed a note on the current issue that someone requested a copy of a year book. I would like to ask you to put something in the next newsletter saying that, Nathan Jacobus (class of 1970) (see more info. on him under the Bios) requests that if anyone has a copy of the 1970 year book and would be willing to let me see it/send it to me, I would really appreciate it.

Also, anyone that reads this and recognizes my name please go to Bios and get contact information and get in touch. Thanks.

Nathan Jacobus '70

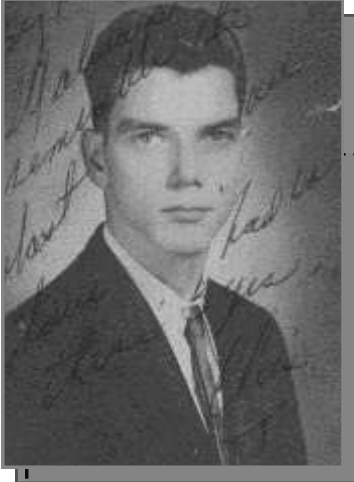
To: Art Lembke

Joan Williams lives in Texas.

This is her cousin.

Irene (Wicks) Yager

# Passages



THIEL, Christopher Jon 67, New Port Richey, passed away June 19, 2011. Born in New York City, NY, Sept. 11, 1943, Christopher entered the U.S. Army where he rose from enlisted rank to Commissioned Officer during his 26 years of service. Initially in the Military Police Branch, he transitioned to aviation where he commanded an attack helicopter company during two tours in Vietnam. Upon Christopher's discharge from active duty, he went on to pursue a career in law. He earned Bachelor, MBA and law degrees from the University of Nebraska. After graduation, he relocated to the New Port

Richey area. His community involvement included appointment as City Attorney of Port Richey and Chairman of the local American Red Cross Chapter. He enjoyed traveling, cooking and spending time with family and friends. Christopher was predeceased by his first wife, Anneliese; and first son, Andreas. He is survived by his wife, Ann; son, Christopher (Karrie); granddaughter, Abigail; two step-children, Daniel and Joanne (Christian); and three step- granddaughters, Katie, Hayley and Shay. Christopher will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations in Christopher's memory be made to the American Red Cross. Dobies Funeral Home, Congress Street 841-7555 [dobiesfuneralhome.com](http://dobiesfuneralhome.com)

**Published in the St. Petersburg Times on June 21, 2011**

I wrote to you last month to tell you that Noel Dennis, Class of 1960, passed away in early June. I didn't see it in this issue of the newsletter. He was living in Chicago and had been ill for some time. I do not know the precise cause of death. His brother, Steve, Class of '63, is retired and living in Syracuse, NY.

Mike Ollins Class of '63

**Editor note: Sorry Mike. We missed your note and have included the announcement in this issue**

# Passages



I sadly inform you that Noel Dennis, Class of '60, died in Chicago on June 3, 2011.

Noel Dennis. Beloved husband of Sandra, nee Phillips; loving father of Elliott Dennis and Nicole (Isaac) Quintero; devoted son of Shirley and the late Martin Dennis; caring brother of Stephan (Abra) Dennis; fond uncle of Matthew Dennis. Noel was born in New York City. Following college he served as a Captain in the US Army. Upon return from service in Vietnam he moved to Illinois and graduated from John Marshall Law School. He was a practicing attorney in Illinois for more than 35 years and an active member of the Mesonic Lodge Decalogue Lodge No. 160. Services Monday, 12 noon at Chicago Jewish Funerals Chapel, 195 N. Buffalo Grove Rd. (one block N. of Lake Cook Rd.), Buffalo Grove. Interment Sunset Memorial Lawns. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Kellog Cancer Care Center, C/o Glenbrook Hospital, 2100 Pflingsten Rd., Glenview, IL 60026. Arrangements by Chicago Jewish Funerals, 847-229-8822 [www.cjfinfo.com](http://www.cjfinfo.com)

I got the information from his brother Steve Dennis, Class of '63.

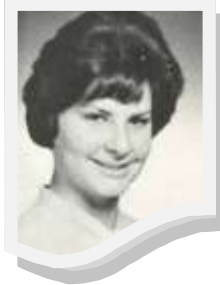
Mike Ollins Class of '63

p.s. thanks for the birthday card and for thinking of me.



Dear HixNews...

Noel was my boyfriend at Hicksville High. Noel, plus the 3 Musketeers, pictured to the right. They were inseparable along with Roz Kolin and Jill Altman.



Neil Lensky and Jill Altman are both deceased. It's so sad, but I keep plugging along.

Just spent 2 weeks in Phoenix, Arizona at the Walter Cronkite School of Journalism and Mass Communication on a fellowship and leave for 15 days in Eastern Europe.

Love to all

Myrna Hessel Greenberg '60



Roz



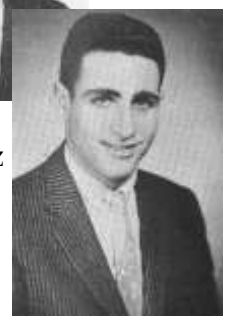
Jill



Neil Lensky



Neil Lewis



Neal Markowitz



# Passages

A good friend, John Morelli, passed away Friday 17 June following a ten-year struggle with diabetes. He was at the Holly Patterson Home for most of that time. Today, June 21st, would have been his 56th birthday. Herb Bradenstein visited with John on Wednesday prior to his passing. The last time the three of us were together was in October of 2010.



John lost both his parents a week apart when he was a teen. He had no siblings nor relatives and was a ward of the county.

Herb and John were friends since kindergarten. We have been conversing daily by phone for weeks since John's condition deteriorated.

Jeffrey White

Please remove Rose Lacognata Yanez from the People Looking For People List as she sadly passed away, way too young, last year. Thank you for your wonderful work on the newsletter.



Jeanne (Kranz) Petersen



# Passages

Dear HixNews

My cousin Bob was an artist, a painter. I took a picture of him last year in his VW Beetle.

Then worked the picture into a painting he had done. He's merged with his art.

Denny Tillman '60

Unfortunately, cousin Bob passed away.

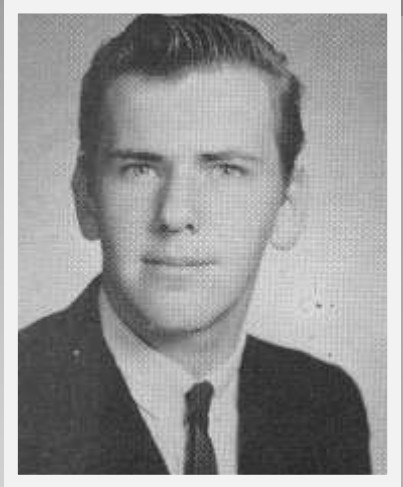


It is with great sorrow that I report the passing of my brother, Stephen W. Francis class of 1966, on June 13th.

## **FRANCIS - Stephen W.**

**(November 16, 1948 - June 13, 2011)** beloved husband of Deborah A. Francis; father of David (Erin) and Kevin (Alicia) Francis; grandfather of Bethany and Catherine Francis; brother of Donna (Thomas) Dougherty and Doreen (Andrew) Street; son of Eleanor Hoose. Relatives and friends may call at the CARLTON A. ULLRICH FUNERAL HOME INC., 8630 Transit Rd., E. Amherst, 1 mile north of Maple Rd., just past Klein, (same location as Dengler, Roberts, Perna) Wednesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM and are invited to attend a Funeral Service at St. John Lutheran Church, 6540 Main St., Williamsville, Thursday 10 AM. Gifts in Mr. Francis' memory made to St. John Lutheran Church or the American Cancer Society will be appreciated.

Steve was retired from the NOAA weather service where he worked after serving eight years in the U.S. Air Force. He was proud to be a graduate of HHS and spoke fondly of his time in the Mr. Munch physics classes. Steve will be greatly missed by family and friends.



Donna (Francis) Dougherty '62

# Passages



We just found the name of a deceased classmate from the class of 1965.

It was hidden in a file that was posted a long time ago. The classmate is Joe Guerra who we think passed away back in the eighties. Can anyone confirm his passing? Do you have any stories to tell about Joe?

Please Advise & Thanks

The Editors

Joyce

I found the name Joe Guerra on a newsletter story about John Thorburn. The article said that John and Joe were best friends. I did some research and found the name Joseph Guerra in Ancestry.

The below information was included.

Name: Joseph Guerra  
Born: 19 July 1948  
Died: January 1986  
Last Residence: Flushing, Queens, New York, USA

Do you know anything about Joe and can you confirm that the below listed info is accurate. Let me know when you have a moment.

Thanks & Regards

Buffalo Bob Casale

Also, I believe Joe's birthday is wrong, I am thinking April. Joe married Liz Matassa '66. Sorry, but Joe might have been '65. They were high school sweethearts. They lived in East Meadow, right on the border line of Hicksville, off Jerusalem Ave. Sorry I keep giving u bits & pieces. I still want to know about the story u ran across. Billy Joel used to practice in Joe's back yard. He sent flowers when Joe passed, back when he remembered his friends.

Joyce

Sorry. Me again. I have Joe's mass card. Funny coincidence, the picture on the front of Joe's card is the same on my brother's. Anyway Born 4/21/47, died 5/15/89.

Joyce

# Passages

Stanley Kellner was class of 1952. He passed (stroke) recently. I believe he coached basketball at Brentwood High School. One of his protégés is Mitch Kupchak, President of Los Angeles basketball team. I played basketball. In 1951 we were 16 and 2. Stan got a lot of playing time. We were not county champs, played Oyster Bay 3 times and lost twice.



Stan played some football and got a scholarship to Adelphi. Shortly afterwards Adelphi canceled football. Can't think of the coaches name, he made sure Stan & others kept their scholarships. The coach is still alive and owns a NFL team. Coach helped formulate the merger of the AFT into the NFL.

Thanks

Richard Swain '51

*Editor Note: The image of Stanley Kellner was found on the Brentwood High School 1980 yearbook. Our apologies if we have the wrong person.*

## A Note To Our Alumni:

We had a note in July from Carole Kiever Ohliger from the class of 1957. Carole was advising the Newsletter Editors regarding Elizabeth Sherin's death. We sent a note to her brother, John Sherin, who reminisced with the following:

*Tell Carole indeed, yes we are related!*

*Elizabeth (Betty) Anne Sherin was Mike's and my sister.*

*She was a member of the class of 1957, Mike was Class of 1959 and she did attend her 45th HHS Reunion.*

*Subsequently died shortly afterward from cancer on June 17, 2007 at her home in Colorado.*

*At her side was her husband of 47 years Ron Trapani with 7 daughters and their families.*

## Another story from John:

*I recently attended a 50th Anniversary Commencement Celebration of Hofstra Universities Undergraduate Class of 1961. As wife Ellen and I were meeting and greeting fellow classmates, I was approached by Linda Ann Rosen Cozart, who with her husband Frank, had recently celebrated 50 years of marriage.*

*She had recognized my last name and recalled that she and Betty Anne had shared the same Homeroom in Hicksville High School only yesterday. She learned of Betty Anne's passing at that moment.*

*We agreed that we were privileged to have been able to participate in the Commencement Exercise with 2000 graduates of the Class of 2011.*

Thanks for asking Bob.

John Sherin



# Passages



Antoinette:

Can you enlighten me on the note from Jim Wise. I searched obits but found nothing.

Thanks for your help.

love yah

buffalo bob casale

I saw the mention of Gene's passing. I do not remember the year, but it probably was around 1960 or 61. Gene was a year ahead of me at HHS and when I transferred to CW Post after my freshman year I pledged the fraternity he was in. Plus I also knew his mom and dad from St. Ignatius Church. Gene died from leukemia. I have only pleasant memories of him and his family.

Jim Wise '58

Dear Bob,

Annette has asked me to write to you on her behalf since she is proud to be computer illiterate. Although they almost had the same last name, Annette is ZaSa, and Gene was ZaZa, they were not related and she has no more information about him than you do. Sorry she couldn't help you further.

Richard Gentile

(Husband of Antoinette Zasa Gentile)

PS The original spelling was with 2 Z's, but how and why Annette's maiden changed, she is not sure.

Rich

Thanks for the feedback. Will just post the information that was provided and see if we get some response.

Thanks

Regards

buffalo bob casale

Dear Bob,

Good luck, and thanks for all the good work you do.

Richard

# Dear Buffalo Bob

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

## Editor Note:

This is a response from Pete Furgiuele when I was asking for information about Bill Devoe.

Bill Devoe graduated Class of 1968.

Take Care,

Pete Furgiuele. Class 1968 - US Veteran Navy 1968-1972

Aunt Carmela and Uncle Paul's Nephew



Pete

Didn't see your picture. Thanks for the picture of Bill Devoe shown on right.

Did you serve in Vietnam? What were your duty stations? What was your rate and rank? Do you have a navy picture or one from high school?

Who are Aunt Carmela and Uncle Paul?

Thanks

buffalo bob casale

Bob,

Do you live on Gardiners Avenue in Jericho? Aunt Carmela and Uncle Paul were your neighbors. If this is not the right Bob, then I'm sorry. Also weren't you a supervisor for the Postal Service in Floral Park. If not then I have the wrong person.

To answer your other questions. I served in the US Navy aboard the USS Independence from 1968 - 1972. I was an Electronics Technician 3rd Class Petty Officer. My picture is in the 1968 Yearbook.

Billy Devoe and I went through school together from Elementary through High School. I believe he was also a Policeman in Garden City Department.

Thanks, Keep the information coming!!!

Pete Furgiuele



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# Dear Buffalo Bob

Pete::

I grew up in Hicksville and lived on Edgewood Drive in the Glenbrook Homes near to the high school. I graduated in 1961. I was in the navy from 1961 until 1969, then lived in Wantagh until 1979. I was part owner of Liberty Plumbing and Heating Supply in Hicksville, along with Ted Swedalla class of 1964, from 1977 until I retired in June of 2008.

Thanks for your input.

buffalo bob casale

You are not on our mail list for the Hicksville Newsletter <http://hixnews.com>

Bob,

I guess I was wrong. The Bob Casale I know lived on Gardiners Avenue in Jericho next door from my Aunt Carmela and Uncle Paul, Sorry about that.

I knew a Pete Swedalla, played Baseball with him at Hicksville High. He lived on West John Street by Agway. If I remember correctly the Swedalla family home had a small baseball field, either on their property or next to it. I think Pete was in the Class of 1969.

Sign me up for the Newsletter.

Pete

Peter is Ted's brother and he lives out East on the island. He works for Ronkonkoma Plumbing Supply. Peter was a heckuva ballplayer according to his father and brother. I had the privilege of playing softball with Peter for years and he was remarkable at that, too. He used to ask me where did I want him to hit the ball, left, right, center? And he could do it.

We will sign you up for the newsletter

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!*

# Hicksville Memories

*WOW! This little piece was a big hit with our readers. Thanks to all who answered and congrats to those of you got it right. I found out that there were two correct answers!*

*We have a different slant on the challenge this month. Hope you enjoy!*

## Last month's challenge



Can you tell us what this is a picture of?

**Answer #1: The Old Courthouse**

**Answer #2: The Gregory Museum**

Dear HixNews:

As soon as I saw the picture I knew what and where it was, (see link below) my brother (Sandy) and I, Picked up our Newsday Papers for home delivery just down the block from here, Monday thru Saturday, rain, sleet or snow.

Sid Lynn "66"

<http://www.gregorymuseum.org/>



Hello Sid:

I guess it pays to be an early riser! You're the first to guess it correctly! Congrats! I also was a Newsday deliverer. Ahhh! The good old days when newspapers were thick, cheap and delivered by kids who needed to earn money and develop good work habits.

David Rubin, '82, HixNews Editor

***Keep reading! There's more responses to our challenge!***



# Hicksville Memories



The picture of the building with the cupola on page 4 of the July newsletter regarding Hicksville Memories appears to be the Old Court House in the Heitz Place Circle.

Pete Foster, '57, St. Augustine Florida

Hi Pete:

Wish I could tell a fellow Floridian that he's right, but I can't :)  
Nice guess but keep trying!

David Rubin '82 Editor

David

In doing further research, I found the picture and it is the Old Hicksville Town Hall and Courthouse. The landmark building housed a town justice of the peace and, after 1935, a Nassau Fourth District court until 1967. The building remained vacant until the Town of Oyster Bay worked out an arrangement with the trustees of the Hicksville Gregory Museum: Long Island's Earth Science Center for the use and preservation of the building.

Pete Foster

Pete

Wow! Good fact finding. I'll give you the credit for the find as well in the next newsletter!

David Rubin

I think the building you were asking about was the old courthouse.

Charla and Charlie Henningsen '64 & Marlow



# Hicksville Memories

Is this West Street School? I think they only had 3<sup>rd</sup> grade there.

Kathy Richards Dernoga (Class of '72)



Kathy:

Nice try, but nope. Keep guessing. I'll put another challenge in next month's newsletter as well as the answer to this one.

David '82

David:

Okay. I challenge you to find a photo of West Street School.

Kathy

Kathy:

How did you know that I'm someone who never backs down from a challenge. Wow, that is a hard one to find. You've given me a hobby now... sigh! This one will bother me for weeks. The closest I can find is this picture.

Do you recognize the school? I'll continue to search but I might leave this task for assignment to our readers for a reverse challenge in a coming month.

David



David:

I'm not sure. I remember it was like a big house. The teachers always believed the excuse "I got lost if you took too long in the bathroom." I remember the bathroom was huge and we would practice our cartwheels while there. Hence, needing an excuse for taking so long. I think you should post this note and reverse the challenge.

Kathy

**So there's your challenge, courtesy of Kathy! Find us a picture of West Street School!**

# Random Fun Fact

## Household Hints

Here's some helpful, interesting and, yes, weird Household Hints from your favorite editor, Buffalo Bob. Send us your hints and (as long as their printable) we'll share them with everyone!

Store your opened chunks of cheese in aluminum foil. It will stay fresh much longer and not mold!



Peppers with 3 bumps on the bottom are sweeter and better for eating.

Peppers with 4 bumps on the bottom are firmer and better for cooking.



To really make scrambled eggs or omelets rich add a couple of spoonfuls of sour cream, cream cheese, or heavy cream then beat them up.

