

## News about town

### New Exhibit Pays Homage to Fallen Nassau County Firefighters

Last week, the Nassau County Firefighter's Museum opened its new 5,000-square-foot exhibition, entitled "Lives of Service; Celebrating the Heroes of September 11." While many 9/11 exhibits are taking place throughout New York this month, Museum Director Alana Petrocelli explained that the Nassau County Firefighter Museum's exhibit focuses on the personal lives and stories of the local residents who died on that tragic day.

[Click here for the whole story](#)

#### The 18 men featured in the exhibit include:

- Adam Rand, Bellmore
- Brian Hickey, Bethpage
- Durrell Pearsall, Hempstead
- George Howard, Hicksville
- Jonathan Ielpi, Great Neck
- Joseph Hunter, So. Hempstead
  - Keith Fairben, Floral Park
  - Kevin Prior, Bellmore
  - Lee Fehling, Wantagh
- Michael Kiefer, Franklin Square
- Peter Langone, Roslyn Heights
- Thomas Langone, Roslyn Heights
  - Richard Muldowney, Freeport
- Robert Deangelis, West Hempstead
  - Ronald Kerwin, Levittown
  - Ronnie Gies, Merrick
  - Thomas Hetzel, Elmont
  - Thomas Jurgens, Lawrence



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September 11, 2001:  
Never forget

# Letters



Dear HixNews

Standing from left to right are: The Former President and now Publicity Chairperson Robert Koenig; Trustee Jean Kaminek; The new President Michael Christodoulou; The new Vice President Denward W. Collins, Jr.; Trustee Janet Bergholtz. Sitting from left to right are: Trustee Mary Orlando; Treasurer Jessie Doyle; Trustee Kathleen Maier; Corresponding Secretary Irmgard Tuechler.

Absent from the photograph is: The Former Vice President and now Recording Secretary Richard Althaus.

The Hicksville Historical Society announces their September meeting will be in the community room at the Hicksville Library on September 27, at 7:15 P.M.

The program will be about the Pop Song "Louie, Louie" presented by Pop Culture Historian Bob Koenig. Refreshments will be served. For more info write to: hick-



## Fun Email Fact

### Spam Facts

- 60 billion e-mails are sent daily
- 90% of all email is spam

64% of spam servers are in Taiwan, 23% are in the US

Ok, maybe this one wasn't so fun :(

# More Letters

I came across this photo while surfing the web ... the HHS graduating class of 1933. I love the "H" Hicksville "letter sweater"!! I thought you might want to post it in a future newsletter.

Marilyn Bowles '66



*Mount Vernon...Was that before the advent of trains and quick transit from Point "A" to Point "B"? LOL When did we start the trek to Washington, DC?*



Dear HixNews:

I have you by 25 years (Timeline) and the newsletter is my favorite pastime every month. I do spend a lot of time on my computer--- "the wife says too much" but I only got this new toy about 3 years now and I have to make up for a lot of lost time. Who knows how much I have left?? I only got this computer so I could watch the class of 58 reunion, over and over again. I sure have moved into the 21st century. I have a lot of great memories of old Hicksville High and a lot of "Real People" who I went there with. Thanks for your re-re reply; it made my day once again.

Jack Cisler '58

# letters, letters, letters

Hi all:

This one is for my wife, Terri Giannetti. Today at Fort Totten in Bayside, Queens, N.Y., Terri and her K-9 Partner Tery, a Female Belgian Malinois won the Gold Metal for drug detection at the World Police & Fire Games being held in N.Y.C. This 11-day event brings over 17,000 Firemen, Police Men & Woman from over 80 Countries worldwide.

Terri won out over 18 other officers from all over the world. This accomplishment is quite noteworthy as Terri was the only female in the field. There is much happiness at Beowulf Kennel in Middle Island tonight.

Root beer for all!!!

Facta Non Verba

Ted Swedalla '64



## Editor Note:

*Ted and Terri are better known for their Kennel. They have been breeding and raising Beagles for many years and have quite an array of medals and ribbons. They scored big at the Westminster Show at Madison Square Garden several years ago. Terri works for Homeland Security at Kennedy Airport with her partner, Tery.*



# STILL MORE LETTERS



I lived on Acre Lane from whenever my folks relocated from 349 W 19thSt to Hicksville. Sometime after I was born and Dad could envision raising an Italo-Catholic Army for his folks in Brookleen.

We moved from there to Tampa Fl in summer of 1961. I was 11 years old.

What I am asking is I have numerous dated photos Dad and Mom took when I was a kid, and some of 'em still reveal unpaved streets and freshly planted greenway trees along Levittown Parkway.

If I had anything or worth to offer, it'd have to be the huge Labor Day Parade passed right behind our house every year at this time, and maybe a few snowstorms that shut down schools for a few days each year.

How, when and who would I direct this material to?

sincerely

John Fonte

*Editor Note:*

*Are they scanned and can they be sent via email?*

*Or do you have to send to me to scan and then I can return to you?*

*Let me know.*

*Thanks*

*Buffalo bob Casale*

Nope.

What I will send ya will be a scan hopefully a size and rez at which yo will find useful. One thing about old black/white Kodak processing is the depth of the resolution and fine detail you can get from an old picture. I will have something to ya this week.

Dad bought 16 Acre Lane with a \$50 down, and sold (to an American Stock Exchange broker, no less) for \$16,999 (1961) Dollars. I'm wondering if the market for those even slightly improved shacks ever bottomed out. Few kids I knew during or since could say they had a chimney running up thru the center of their bedroom.... or a floor that was once sitting under a Church congregation.

For a kid, Hixville was on the edge of Oz....and I was just beginning to find out where the flying monkeys lived....thank God for bicycles. Then we moved, pubescence slid in and all bets were off. The last time I actually saw the place was in 1965.

Thx

John



# More letters

Dear HixNews Editors,

While I truly feel that you folks do a great job, I no longer wish to be on your distribution list. While my reasons are many and personal, I hope you continue to produce the newsletter for those alum and their families interested in the time they spent at Hicksville High and the town of Hicksville. Thanks and keep up the good work.

Regards,

David Kerner '69

## Random Fun Fact

A pregnant goldfish is called a twit.



*I know a lot of people who are pregnant goldfish*

Hi Bob,

First, may I just say (again) what a wonderful job you and your staff are doing. I look forward to receiving the e-mail telling me that the next issue is online and I read it cover to cover. Your hard work and diligence in finding alumni, reuniting friends, and keeping all of us in the loop cannot be overstated. Please don't ever stop. After doing PTA and Band Parents' newsletters for so many years while my children were in the Hicksville School system, I am fully aware of the enormity of the undertaking. Please know how much your efforts are appreciated, even by those who don't ever say so.

With that said; this e-mail is quite confusing. **I'M** the one who has run all the class of 1969 reunions and David Kerner has never attended nor expressed any interest at all in any alumni news or activities. How he got on the original mailing list for the Alumni News is beyond me. Nevertheless, please don't let it dissuade or discourage you. You are all doing an amazing job!

Warmest regards,

Diana (D'Antuono) DePalma-Henne HHS '69

# Updates



Hey Gang,

I'd love to hear news from anyone who was able to visit with Mr. Arnold (affectionately known as "Uncle Chuckie") when he visited Hicksville this summer. Always hungry for news from members of the Chorale or Madrigals from 1965-69. Hope all is well.

Tina Gardner Kwiatkowski '69



Tina

I wish I had something constructive to tell you about the proposed get together. I've heard nothing yet but will not discount the possibility that something will fall through the cracks. Are you familiar with some who said they would be meeting Mr. Arnold? Let's gather a list and we can try to get some results.

love yah

Buffalo Bob Casale

Bob

Frankly, I have no idea at all. I thought it was to have happened during the summer. Since I knew I couldn't be there, I didn't pay too much attention and figured I'd see something turn up in the newsletter. Maybe it never happened. Aha - just looked at my old deleted mail and found this from May 19th:

**Dear Buffalo Bob**

**Thanks for your help in getting the chorus reunion started. Thanks, too, for the invitation to your class of 1961 reunion in September. Unfortunately we won't be able to make it. My former students will be meeting on the 28th of August at Steve Goldstein's house in Centerport. Steve's Facebook entry has the address and other information. Good luck with your Class of 1961 Fiftieth Reunion.**

**Chuck Arnold**

Is Steve Goldstein on the newsletter mailing list? If we could share some news, that would be great.

All the best,

Tina

# Updates

Chuck

I've had a lot of inquiries from some former students about your proposed trip east in August. Did the trip ever happen? Drop a note that I can publish in the Hicksville High School Newsletter to let your former students know.

Thanks

buffalo bob casale



after surgery

Hello Bob,

Yes, we were in the east during the hurricane. A reunion that Steve Goldstein had arranged was washed out that Sunday. Please give my former students our e-mail address here if they wish to say hello. We were very sorry to have missed them. Thanks for your interest.

Chuck Arnold



Hi HixNews,

Thanks for this latest issue. Here are some changes to entries in the spreadsheet of members.

I am Stephanie Manning, HHS class of 1968. Please fix the spelling of my maiden name. It's SCHLEGEL. Thanks

Also, on the deceased list should be my brother, Jeffrey Schlegel, a professional French horn player who died in 2009 in Argentina of a sudden heart attack at age 55.

Our sister ought to be on the list of the living too. She is Sully Bonn, HHS class of 1966. Her maiden name is entirely different: Judy Schlegel. Thanks very much and for all the work you do on the HixNews.

Stephanie Manning



*Editor Note:*

*Dear Stephanie...Thank you for your feedback on our various listings. I have corrected the spelling of your maiden name. Our Webmaster, Roger, will add your brother's name to our "In Memoriam" listings, provided you give us his graduation year from HHS.*

*As for listing your sister Sully (Judy Schlegel) Bonn; I am afraid it takes more than being alive to make it to our membership list. You have to actually be a member. But that is easily accomplished via our "Google groups" subscription gadget on the homepage of our website <http://hixnews.com> (upper left, just below the HHS pic).*

*Best, Henry*



# Thanks

Thanks for the Birthday & Anniversary Cards

Thank you for the wonderful anniversary card. It is 50 great years and this year has been special.

Ed Osborne '56

Thanks so much for the birthday card from NW Connecticut where we never lost electricity during IRENE. I'd love to hear from some of the alumni on Long Island who have "storm stories."

Pat (Meehan, Kelly) Welles '58



## HICKSVILLE COMETS



Dear Bob and the staff of the Hicksville news letter,  
THANK YOU SOOO MUCH FOR YOUR THOUGHTFULNESS.

With Regards and appreciation

Ginny Wills '63 & Jack Wyer '59



# Thanks!

A simple line drawing of a smiling face with a hand raised in a gesture of thanks.

# MORE THANKS!

Dear Bob and the HixNews staff:

Thanks so much for the anniversary card. It was much appreciated.

Ann Cassese Costantino '61 and Tom Costantino



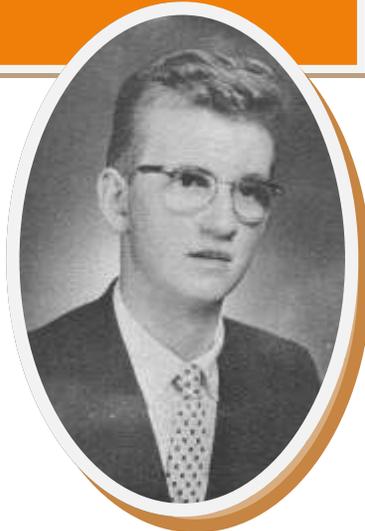
Thank you everyone at the Hicksville newsletter for the beautiful Birthday card - see you soon at the reunion!

Bonnie Scharr '61



Thank you! My birthday was special.

Frank Smith '61



# Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci

Dear HixNews

Thanks for your anniversary wishes. I had a lunch meeting today so I was away from the computer and then Peter is going with me to a dinner with the Spiritual Renaissance Singers of Greensboro tonight (I have been their Marketing Director for 6 years!). So he gets off easy for our anniversary! Thank you for taking the time to send this adorable card - really cute. Thanks for thinking of us.

Pat Appelman Levitin '62 & Peter Levitin



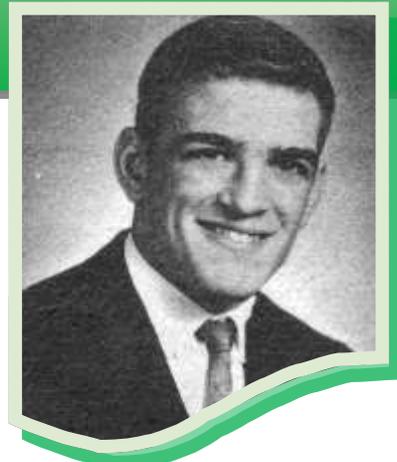
Dear Bob and "The Gang" at HixNews,

Thanks for the great birthday card!! The cake in the picture looks sumptuous and ready to eat! I continue to be amazed by all that you folks are able to do day in and day out. As alumni, we are very lucky to have a group like you so dedicated to keeping everyone who attended good old HHS in touch! There can't be many, if any, newsletters like HixNews puts out each and every month without fail.

A surprising number of my classmates were also born in September and one of them assures me it's because our parents were busy giving each other a Christmas present 9 months before we arrived!

All the best,

Joe Carfora, '62



# You guys are full of thanks!

Thank you for the nice birthday greetings for Janet and I. We spent the long Labor Day weekend celebrating both our birthdays in Whistler BC with our youngest son. Had a great time. Janet is retiring in February and I will follow her shortly after that as my most recent consulting contract with Avon winds down next year. Looking forward the 50th reunion next fall.

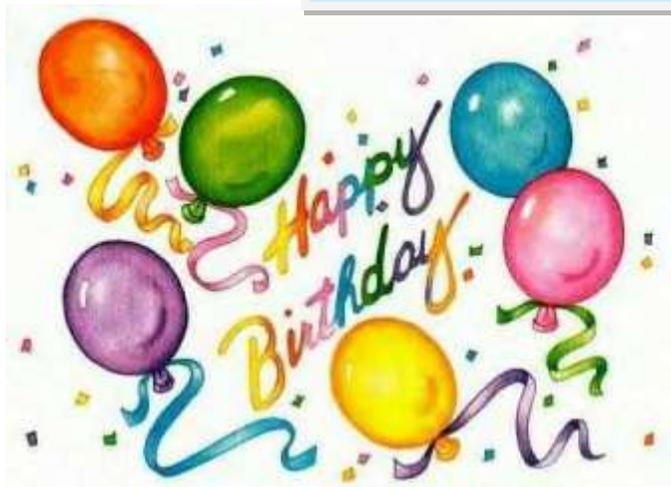
Janet (McMenamin) & Harry Butcher '62



Thanks so much for remembering my Birthday! It's a big one #65 class of 1964! Amazing anyone remembered with IRENE taking over everyone's time and energy!

Peggy Maier '64

Living in CT since 1970



# *It is our pleasure!*

Thank you for the birthday card it was a great way to start the day by opening it as my first email. Your efforts are appreciated.

Larry Senn '64



Dear HixNews

Thank you for the birthday wishes. Sorry it took so long to open your card, but we have been without electric because of the storm. Had to use my daughter's computer. My granddaughter loved the bears!

John Ceravino '64

*Editor Note:*

*Our (the newsletter gang, and mine) condolences to you regarding the major upstate New York and surrounding area problems following the remnants of Irene. I had a friend who watched her house drift slowly down a raging river in upstate New York.*

Dear HixNews

Well, thanks very much! Barb and I appreciated it. Sorry to say, we spent our anniversary night at the Beach here in South Florida waving bye-bye to Irene! Good Luck, y'all!

Pjd.

(Pat Dunne '65)



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

Hi Hicksville Gang!

What a wonderful sentiment. It is exactly how I am hoping to spend my birthday - in a boat, on the water, with the people I love (and yummy things to eat)! Thank you so much.

Tina Gardner Kwiatkowski



Thank you for the wonderful birthday wishes. No apologies for the card, Tweety is great!!

Eileen Maldener Lazarus '77

## Random Fun Fact



**A hippo can run faster than a man**

*I don't have to run faster than the hippo, just faster than the slowest person in my party*

# Reunion



Hi Bob,

Bruce and I are looking forward to **my 50th** reunion! Can't wait to see everyone again. We will be flying in on Friday ...arriving Islip A/P approx. 2:40...renting car and driving to the Marriott. We do plan on attending the evening get together at 7pm in the lounge. Sounds like fun and it will give me a chance to get acquainted with others,before the "big" event Sat. evening!

Everything sounds well planned...we look forward to the Sunday Brunch too! We will be flying back to FL on Monday...this will give us a chance to see some family members as well.

Again, I thank you and the reunion committee for all you hard work in organizing this event!

See you all soon!

Joan (Carbonaro) Wetzel

Below is an additional photo from the 1955 reunion held in July



L-R: Terry and Bob Paton, Arlene Ward Roller, Maryanne Muller, Barbara Holmes Adams, Bill Mato, Tommy Adams, Ray Muller, Gail Fallon Hessel, Muriel Maas Froehlich, Barbara Cava, Roberta Lenzner Greiner, Ro Tringali Malerba, Marge Ghiosso McGuirk McGough, Charlie Cava, Joe & Doris Engel , Allen & Jane Carpenter, Flo Olsen Hogan.



# New Readers

Michael Ryan, USAF, SSgt, May 1969-May 1970 Saigon/Cholon Area, Pius X Prep Class of 1964. August 22 1969, while on duty at Armed Forces Language School, the 5-story building was blown up by VC with car bomb and motorbikes with explosives in gas tanks. Building looked like Oklahoma City. Got several cuts, scrapes and bruises but nothing major.

I lived in Hicksville from 1947 to 1966. Attended St Ignatius from 1951 to 1960; Pius X Prep in Uniondale 1960 to 1966; Marist College in Poughkeepsie from 1966 to 1968. I'm now living in Wilkesboro, NC.

I have very fond memories of Hicksville and have only been back once in the early 80's and was surprised by the many changes, yet many things remained the same. It was a great place to grow up.

Michael Ryan '64, Pius X Prep



Lynne Diamond Nigh '65



William Gennaro '66



Linda Wilicki Stapleton '69

Ronnie Klein '69 (see picture elsewhere)

Theresa "Terri" Miller '70

Jill (Silverman) Pekar '70

Mike Pekar '70

Mark Provenzano '71

Thomas Cormier '73

Tara Watkins '88

# HONORING OUR BRAVE VETERANS

Joe/Bob:

Someone was trying to ascertain if James Letscher served in Vietnam and I can't find my email to that effect. However, I took it upon myself to investigate it.

I have been able to obtain the records and, yes, he did serve in Vietnam. Actually, he was in the US Air Force from 1966 to 1970 and then the US Air Force Reserve from 1970 to 1972. He was then in the Navy Reserves from 1974 to 1975 and then the US Navy from 1974 to 1987. He got the Vietnam Service Medal w/2 Service Stars; the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device; the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm and a few others. He departed for Vietnam on November 6, 1967. These are all from his military records.

Please confirm to me that this helps and he will be included in our Vietnam Memorial.

Darlene (Grecz) Sacks '67

Dear Darlene,

Thanks very much for this information. James Letscher is very definitely included on our list of names for the Vietnam War Era Memorial and their information you've provided, particularly on his many medals will help us update what we already have for him.

Thanks again for doing this!

Regards,

Joe Carfora

HHS '62

Dear Bob

I am James (Jim) Letscher's brother, Richard. I tried to send you verification of Jim's service record about 2 weeks ago, but am unsure if you received it. I was having trouble putting it to an attachment and sending it to you.

Jim had two tours of duty in Viet Nam both in the Air Force. He then switched to the Navy where he became a pilot. He died of a massive heat attack at the age of 40. He was going to the Middle East at the time of his death, but was living in Florida (the Jackson area).

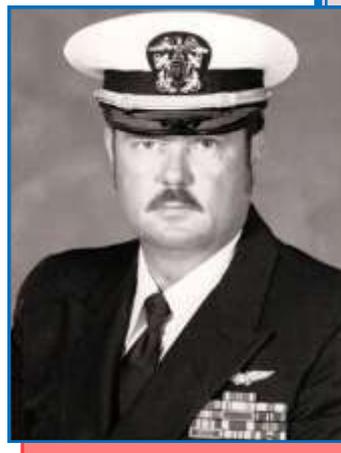
Please contact me and we can arrange to send you when ever you need.

Thanks

Richard Letscher



James @ Graduation '64



James in the navy



# HONORING OUR BRAVE VETERANS

Hi Bob

I've been trying to get back to Joe Carfora with some veteran information of interest. I was trying to get the information and have succeeded. Please send me his email--can't find it! Thank you.

Lynn O'Riordan (McMorrow) '68



Hi Bob again

I spoke with Bob Ordon today-he resides most of the time in V. A. Hospital on LI- He is coming home to Medford for the weekend and I am going to see him on Sat-please forward Joe's email address to me-he has already been in touch with me. I apparently deleted his information. Bob is very willing to speak with Joe...just can't even find his phone number or address in HixNews. Thank you,

Lynn

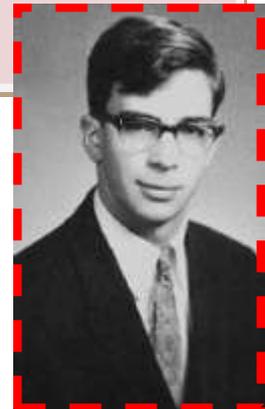
Lynn

You can send to me at [bufbob@juno.com](mailto:bufbob@juno.com) and to Joe at [jcarfora1@nc.rr.com](mailto:jcarfora1@nc.rr.com)

We are collecting the data for the memorial.

Thanks

love yah bob



Bob Ordon

Veteran's Day only happens once a year, but our nation's veterans need our support year-round. Here are five facts about U.S. veterans. Click [here](#) for the full article and how you can help and who is doing something about it.

250,000 veterans will be homeless this year

There are more than 5.5 million U.S. veterans living with a disability.

65,000 Veterans have recorded their individual war stories at the Library of Congress' American Folklife Center

184,251 troops are currently on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan, according to the Pentagon

As many as 35 percent of Iraq Veterans have or will experience Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. The NIMH defines PTSD as "an anxiety disorder that can develop after exposure to a terrifying event or ordeal in which grave physical harm occurred or was threatened." People who have PTSD have persistent frightening thoughts and memories, can feel emotionally numb and can have trouble sleeping or being startled easily.

# Looking for



Please connect me with "Howie Berkowitz" (Howard)  
OK to release all my contact info.  
Martin (Marty) Brandfon '67



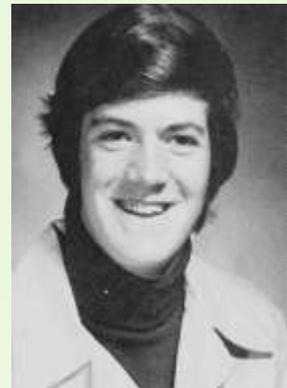
Dear HixNews

Could you place a request in the "Looking For" listing?

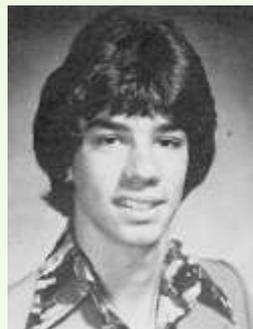
I'm looking to get in touch with the following people.

Thanks

Gene Lewan '77



Fran Taubman '78



Alex Martinez '77



Greg Chios '77



# Looking for...

Thru Hix News I was able to make contact with an old boyfriend's sister.

My old flame, Anthony Vanacore, passed away over 20 yrs. ago, and when I found Hix News I saw his sister, Marie Vanacore, was on it. Well, Marie and I got to together last week and had a fantastic reunion. We have plans to do it again, I'm looking forward to meeting her kids & grandkids, and I can't thank Hix News enough for getting us together.

How about Debra Bergen (Class of '71)? She married Tony Nobile (Class of '70) and I wonder if anyone knows where she is or Grace Schankweiler (Class of '71)...

Thanks,

Ginnie Becht Moore '71

Dear HixNews

I graduated from Hicksville in 1965 under my maiden name of Lynne Diamond. I am looking for two people from that same year:



Rosemary Caltagirone

Rosemary Caltagirone and Mark Horowitz.

I would appreciate it if you would post this.

Many thanks,

Lynne Diamond Nigh '65



Mark Horowitz

Hi everyone

You can remove Barbara Feuerstein from the 'looking for' list. Barbara, Nancy Ellis and myself met for lunch at B.K.Sweeneys in Bethpage on August 25. Nancy was the organizer. We had a great time catching up on news about ourselves, our families and what we've been doing since we last saw each other. Lots of laughs and a great time was had by all. We have already decided to get together again in October.

Donna Schrimpe '66

*Editor Note:*

*Done! Glad you made the connection. Best, Henry*

# Looking for...

Dear HixNews

I'm looking for



Susan Kenwood



Carol Catanese



Karen Hartman



Ronnie Klein (Witlin) '69



*Editor Note:*

*We'll be happy to accommodate you. But first, kindly subscribe (free of charge) to our HixNews announcements. Please use the Google-groups gadget in the upper-left of our homepage at: <http://hixnews.com>*

*Best, Henry Lichtenstein*

*Welcome to HixNews, Ronnie.*

*Your inquiries have been recorded in our Looking for People file.*

Thanks for the posting. If someone sees it and wants to respond, how do they contact me? How does it work?

HixNews serves as the clearinghouse for such "Looking for People" inquiries. When someone who is being "looked for" is found (i.e., we are informed of their email address), we notify them that someone (like yourself) is looking for them and give them your email address. It is up to the person found to initiate the contact if they choose to do so.

# Looking for...

Dear HixNews

I'm looking for Arnold "Buddy" Genovesi. We were friends who lived on the same street in the day.  
Thom Cormier '73

While scanning the pictures of the class of 1955 reunion in the last issue, I saw a couple of pictures of an old friend and baseball teammate, Paul Patterson. Would like to contact him if you can set that up for me.  
Thanks,

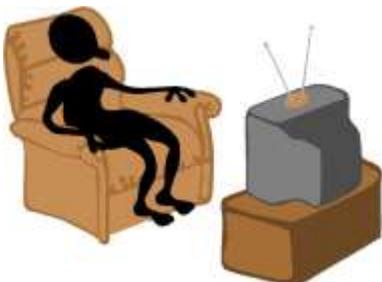


*Editor Note:*

*the two friends were connected!*

## Random Fun Fact

**You burn more calories sleeping than you do watching television.**



*Honey! I think I'll work off dinner by taking a nap!*



# Passages

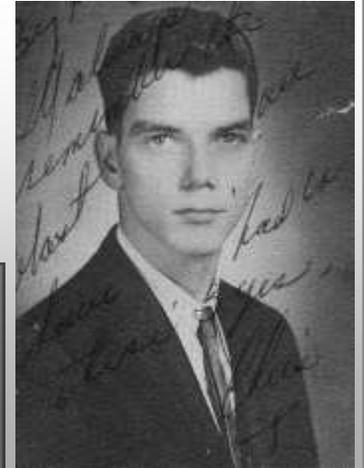


Hi Bob:

This is to let you know that Chris Thiel's ashes will be buried in Arlington Cemetery on November 9th at 3:00pm

He will have full military honors. As you know, Chris was retired military and was very proud to have served in the United States Army. I hope you, along with his other classmates, will think of him on that day.

Thank you,  
Ann Thiel



*Editor Note:*

*Chris was always a good friend. We separated after high school but reconnected on several occasions over the years. I have some awesome memories that will be etched in my brain forever. I wish you were around on 11 September so I could have said, "Happy Birthday."*

*Love yah*

*Buffalo bob casale*



Dear HixNews

I was 68 yesterday. Sorry to hear about all our lost classmates.

Bob Berger '61



# Passages



There have been many diehard Mets and Yankee fans that cherish memories of the game of baseball. The unique Subway series between these two teams has produced stories that will be told forever.

A true Yankee fan passed away awhile back. She never missed listening to a game. She is on that “ball field in the sky” and a loving friend wrote the following for her:

## ALICE'S UNIFORM

I'm playing with the Yankees  
On that ball field in the sky.  
The sun is always shining and  
The stands are always dry.

You knew I'd be here someday  
I'm the first of 9 – that's why.  
My siblings knew I'd be here  
Even though I'm not a guy.

I can play any position  
Or just sit and watch the game.  
Maybe I'll be the batboy  
That's a good spot for a dame.

Or maybe I'll pitch this one  
Or sit next to Joe and Mel.  
Have a hotdog with the bleacher bums,  
Be a pigeon – who can tell?

My Pete can watch the game now  
Doesn't have to fetch for me.  
My kids can have a beer with him  
Maybe two – or even three.

What a devoted husband –  
He was at my beck and call  
All day, all night he cared for me  
Big and little things – he did it all.

We yelled at that TV you know  
Together we made the calls  
Those umps sometimes just couldn't  
Tell the strikes apart from balls.

I can even run the bases now  
Here in Heaven - no wheelchairs.  
And everyone is smiling  
And everybody cares –

For all of you we left behind.  
But we really aren't far  
Don't have to go and look for us  
No need to use the car.

'Cuz I'm here among the Yankees  
Old guys and new ones, too.  
I'm gonna add my whisper  
To every game you view.

You'll know I'm on that field somewhere  
Or sitting in the stands  
When you cheer our guys  
I'll be there, too  
Somewhere among the fans.

I know you all came here today  
To wish me a "Goodbye"  
I love you all – I always will  
I know you're gonna cry.

But here's the thing I ask of you  
It's my last wish for all  
Who came today to honor me  
By sitting in this hall.

Please take the hand of someone close  
Who's sitting there with you  
And tell them that you love them  
And that I love them, too.

And that I'll see you at the game  
You'll know that I am there  
I'll be Alice wearing pinstripes  
Who knew? Who would have dared?

And each time that the Yankees  
Are playing here in town,  
I'll be there, too,  
You'll feel it -  
And you'll know that I'm around.

Somewhere in Yankee pinstripes  
You'll see me here, I know.  
I'll be right here – you'll feel it  
As you watch the Yankee show.



# Passages

Hi Guys:

Neil O'Doherty was my 8<sup>th</sup> grade English teacher, was a St. Johns graduate, loved Hicksville Basketball, for a while was very close with Jim Bergholtz and his family, one of my all time favorite teachers, along with Stan Kellner (r.i.p), Gus Alfieri, and a few others. "Neil" told us in college he was called The "Big O" and. H.O.W (hell on wheels !)

Thanks. I always enjoy the newsletter

Bruce Goldmacher '67

Coral Springs, Fl



## Friendly Advice

**Here are a few suggestions regarding your monthly maintenance that will help to keep your property value up and your appliances out of trouble.**

- Use a vacuum with a narrow nozzle or a special brush to clean condenser coils on the back or underneath your refrigerator.
- Clean underneath the range hood. Remove and clean or replace range hood filters.
- Shut off the water to the washing machine, remove the hoses and examine them and the washer. Replace worn and damaged ones. Faulty hoses are the most common reason for water damage in houses.
- Clean your garbage disposal. Grind two trays of ice cubes made from a mixture of 1 cup white vinegar to 1 gallon of water.
- Musty closet odor can be reduced or eliminated by removing the closet's contents and washing the walls with a diluted solution of chlorine bleach. In addition consider replacing solid doors with louvered doors. If the mustiness is the result of moisture find the source and correct it. Moisture can cause dangerous mold growth.
- Check air/heat filters, and replace if dirty.
- And, last but not least, clean your dryer lint trap after each use. Too many fires occur annually from lint ignition!

# Dear Buffalo Bob

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

## Where fond memories are frustratingly crushed by today's security concerns

Dear 1961 Classmates

I was wondering if anyone is planning to take a tour of Hicksville (i.e. the high school), especially those of us who have not seen Hicksville in the 50 years since we graduated. In order for me to avoid anywhere from a 4-6 hour layover, I opted to take the only non-stop flight available from Tampa to Macarthur Airport, which brings me into the Islip airport at 9:50AM on Friday the 16th. I know that I won't be able to check in at the Marriott until 3:00PM that day, which leaves me with 5 hours to hopefully take a tour of the island. I am uncomfortable about renting a car and taking a tour by myself, since I am totally unfamiliar with all the changes that have taken place over the last five decades, as well as I know it would be more fun to tour it with someone or maybe several others who would also be more comfortable riding with a classmate much more familiar with the island.

Please let me know if this tour would be a possibility. If so, they can of course reach me via my email or they can reach me on my cell phone. I can arrange to meet them at 10AM at the airport, or arrange to take the Marriott's shuttle and meet them at the hotel at a more convenient time. Please let me know if this arrangement would be possible. I am so excited about seeing everyone again.

Warmest regards

Mary Jane Gemuendt



Mary

Let me know if you hear back from our alumni. I am driving up from Augusta, Georgia on Thursday. I'm staying overnight in Hicksville and would probably be available for such an endeavor. Let me know.

love yah

buffalo Bob Casale

Bob,

I was planning to visit the high school on Friday early afternoon since I will be driving past Hicksville on the trip from Washington DC. I wrote a letter to the principal making the request about one month ago. She did not respond. I called her office yesterday and I will call again today if I do not hear anything. I would be glad to do a tour as a group so long as we are on our way to the hotel no later than 3 PM that day. Please let me know.

Thanks.

Howard Zuckerman

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# Dear Buffalo Bob

Bob and Howard,

Maureen and I would love to tour old HHS, but will not be arriving Hicksville until mid to late Friday afternoon. Any chance for a 3 or 4:00 pm start time on Friday? Or possibly a Saturday morning or early Saturday afternoon tour?

What's the contact phone number to call to inquire about arranging such a visit? I wish we had thought of the tour earlier. Maureen says I'm crazy, but I would have preferred having the whole affair in the Gym like one of our old proms. with our old music. So much more nostalgia.

I guess I'm still a hopeless romantic about those years.

Thanks again for all you've done for us,

Arnold Klingenberg & Maureen Thogode Klingerberg

I just had a call from the assistant to the principal and I was advised that under no circumstances can visitors be in the school prior to 3PM so I told her I would be there at that time for a tour. She was unwilling to make any exceptions even when I mentioned there were other folks interested in visiting according to your email. This restriction is unfortunate. Do you have any ideas?

Howard

To Everyone

It is feasible then to make a tour, but after 3pm. Several years ago, Bob Wesley flew down to visit with me and we actually went to the high school to visit the principal.

This had something to do with the students at Hicksville that are into serious writing (they have a writing class) being allowed to write a monthly story that we would put into the newsletter. We met with principal Brijinder Singh and she was adamant. We could not solicit any stories from any of her students. Very stern, very dedicated, a nice person, but there was no personality that related to us as former students. I am hesitant to make another effort to see the school. We, both Bob and me, were very depressed at the security at the front door that included a walk through metal detector. There were many security people hanging around close to the front door. I guess to discourage terrorists from invading the school. I will pass on the tour and am saying that this is a Friday afternoon and the traffic leaving work and heading out east is more than a Shakespearean tragedy. You can count on at least an hour to get to the Marriott. This doesn't preclude anyone doing their own thing. We are supposed to meet at 7pm at the lounge for a pre-reunion get together. Your thoughts please?!

love yah

buffalo bob casale

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# Dear Buffalo Bob

Tell her thanks for the hospitality and stuff it!

Ed Delaney



I have been commenting on the fact that there is a Home Game at the high school on Saturday. You will be able to attend the game and at least see the gym area. We live in a very different time and security is a major issue. Perhaps if someone calls the school and lets them know that a group of alums from class of 61 will attend the game, you can take a tour while there are teachers and coaches there.

Mary O'Shaughnessy

“Access control to school campuses and buildings is a top concern for most school officials. School administrators struggle with maintaining a balance between having a user-friendly, welcoming school climate and a facility which is secure from unwanted intruders. While even the best school access control efforts will likely not guarantee that a determined outsider will not be able to gain access to the school, educators must take reasonable steps to reduce the risks of unauthorized access.” Click [here](#) for the full article.

It's frustrating that current situations prevent the openness that we remember when we went to school, but we have to keep in mind that the safety of the children is administrations top concern, not our desires. Still appears that it could have been handled better.

*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



## *Last month's challenge*

**Tell us all the principal's HHS has ever had**

OK. I guess you weren't interested in principals. I had some fond memories of the two who ran HHS when I went to school but we can move on to something a bit lighter. For now, here's another response to the challenge from two months ago.

Editors,

The picture shown of a school building in the August Memory Challenge and again in the September edition was identified as the Nicholai Street Elementary School by some subscribers. The school shown is in fact the Nicholai Street School. I was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church across the street from the Nicholai Street School Building and saw the building and played in its playground many times. The picture shown appears to be taken of the original building constructed in 1887. I have enclosed a later picture of the school that shows the extension that was constructed in 1909.

The view of the school in the newsletter is a side view, with the front on the right side of the picture. My enclosed photo has the front of the school facing you and Nicholai Street.

Pete Foster, "57

St. Augustine, FL



# Hicksville Memories

So onto the next challenge! What school is this? How many of you attended this school? Have any pictures of the school when you went there?

**GOOD LUCK!**



## Random Fun Fact

**Donkeys kill more people annually than plane crashes.**



*I don't know about you but that doesn't make me feel any better about flying*

# Random Fun Fact

## Household Hints

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

### SOFT SUGAR

To soften brown sugar or rather to keep it soft, store with a big marshmallow on top of the brown sugar



### GARLICKY HANDS

Have you ever peeled garlic or handled it and your hands smell to high heaven? The next time that happens, take any stainless steel bowl, pan or other stainless steel kitchen gadget and rub your hands on it. It will take away the smell of garlic.



### BROKEN GLASS

Use bread to pick up fragments of broken glass



### PLANT FOOD

If you have an aquarium, save the water each time you change it and water your house plants with it. You'll be amazed at the results.



# Where's the newsletter?

## Why can't I read the newsletter?

Hello everyone:

For the last 2-3 months I haven't received the newsletter. I would appreciate it if you would look into this. The gang is doing a great job keeping us up to date with what's going on. Have a great, what's left of it, summer.

Best regards,

Vic Matuza '63



Editor Note:

Vic, sorry you aren't getting notices. I'm sure Henry will take care of that situation.

The newsletter is online all the time and updated the 1st of every month. Just visit [hixnews.com](http://hixnews.com) any time to see the current, and past, editions.

Roger Whitaker, Webmaster for [hixnews.com](http://hixnews.com)

Dear Vic,

I just checked our records and have determined that you have been a subscribed-member (in good standing) of HixNews since Aug. 14 2009.

Perhaps your email spam filters are mistakenly screening-out the monthly announcements that, according to our records, you are receiving just like all our other subscribers.

Try setting the email address [hixnews@googlegroups.com](mailto:hixnews@googlegroups.com) as a legitimate email source within your AOL email system. I am not familiar with your system, so I can't give you more specific advice.

Best, Henry

H. Lichtenstein **HixNews Systems**



I am unable to get the newsletter this month. It searches for about two minutes and does not get a reply from the site.

Steve Moddle '53

It's a large newsletter file this month. I'm on a fairly fast cable modem and it takes about 30 seconds to download and then open ready to view in a new window. If you have a slow connection it can take significantly longer. Do you have a recent adobe acrobat reader?

Roger Whitaker, webmaster for [hixnews.com](http://hixnews.com)

# Where's the newsletter?

## Why can't I read the newsletter?

Cannot open the site. Every time I try, I am told site not available. Is anyone else having this problem?

Bill Walden '65

Pops right up for me..

Roger Whitaker

Dear HixNews

Just couldn't get to website this month. Boo Hoo!

Ellen Boos Bruwer '54

What happened when you tried, Ellen? Just click on this link: <http://hixnews.com> and it should take you there. If you're still having trouble let us know and we'll try to help.

Roger

Even when I click on the website in your e-mail to me, it comes up Website unavailable. First time It's happened to me. I even retyped the address and get the same reply. No biggee - I just miss reading your excellent newsletter.

Ellen

Obviously, you have a working Internet connection because your email is working. Can you get to other web sites OK? I'm thinking that there's some problem with your browser.

Roger

Hi Everyone...

First off, what a GREAT JOB every one of you is doing. I always look forward to the 1st of the month for the new newsletter. However, I cannot get the September issue. When I click on the link, a new screen comes up and says that the website is not available. Please Help!!!

Donna Schrimpe '66

Here's the direct link to the newsletter page.

<http://hixnews.com/1109/Hix201109.pdf>

See if that works for you.

Roger

In regard to the September Newsletter, I am not able to read it. It keeps coming up with the August Newsletter. What am I doing wrong. Please help. Thanks

Barbara Hoosack Carlucci '68

Most likely, you need to clear your computer's cache. The other thing you can do is link directly to this month's issue of our website: <http://hixnews.com/1109/>

Best, Henry

# Where's the newsletter?

## Why can't I read the newsletter?

As you can see, we read **all** of your emails to us and we feel your frustration when this Internet thing goes wacky on us (by the way, "wacky" is/ a technical term).

Last month's newsletter was HUGE! That meant that when your computer wanted to show it to you, it had to download the entire newsletter before you saw anything. If you have a slow connection, that might have taken too long for your computer and you got a message that might have said something about "not available" or "no response".

As our newsletters continue to get larger in size thanks to your voluminous email with thanks and requests (which we love), we think we've come up with a better way to handle this problem. From now on, we'll be putting our newsletter on a website that compresses the newsletter into a more usable format that is smaller and easier (we hope) to use. If you are reading this now, you're seeing the results of this effort. Please let us know how this works for you!

Some of you kept seeing August's newsletter instead of September's. That might involve your computer's cache (or short term memory). If your computer remembers going to hixnews.com, then it might try to help you by showing you what you saw the last time you were there. That's not so helpful in this circumstance. Clearing your cache or forcing your computer to get the newest version (usually shift-F5 at the same time) can help in these cases. You can always bypass the redirection that is programmed into the home page by typing:

<http://hixnews.com/YYMM/>

where you replace the YY with the last two digits of the year and replace MM with the two digit month you are trying to read.

Thanks to this ever changing technical world we live in, I'm sure there will be other issues and we thank you for helping us fix them as they come up. We also thank you for your patience as we try our best to make this a fun and informative newsletter for you.

Have a great fall y'all!

David Rubin '82

## Recipes

This is an easy soup to prepare, and the slow cooker makes it a no-fuss meal. Serve this tasty soup with cornbread or biscuits for a good everyday family meal.

### Ingredients:

- 1 pound extra-lean ground beef
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped celery
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed French onion soup
- 1 can (10 1/2 ounces) condensed beef broth
- 1 cup water
- 1 can (14.5 ounces) zesty chili-seasoned diced tomatoes or fire-roasted tomatoes
- 1 1/2 to 2 cups frozen mixed vegetables

### Preparation:

In a large skillet, sauté the ground beef in olive oil with onion and celery until beef is no longer pink.

Transfer the beef and onion mixture to a 4 to 6 quart slow cooker. Add onion soup, beef broth, water, and tomatoes. Cover and cook on LOW for 4 to 6 hours. Add frozen mixed vegetables; continue cooking on LOW for 30 to 45 minutes, until vegetables are tender.

Serves 4 to 6.