

News about town

Teacher Devoted to Helping People With Autism

Hicksville's Margot Horn an advocate for Autism Speaks

Statistics show that approximately one in 110 American children is on the autism spectrum – a 600 percent increase in prevalence over the past two decades.

When Hicksville High School special education teacher Margot Horn began her career over 31 years ago, the “autistic” diagnosis was rare and many people confused the term with “artistic.” Autism and Autism Spectrum Disorder are both general terms for a group of complex disorders of brain development. These disorders are characterized by difficulties in social interaction, verbal and non-verbal communication and repetitive behaviors. Autism appears to have its roots in very early brain development; however, the most obvious signs and symptoms tend to emerge between 2 and 3 years of age.

Many of Margot's first students in a private school were severely disabled and non-verbal. Margot ate lunch with them and worked on eating skills and toilet training. She taught them sign language to communicate. Even the littlest amount of progress was considered fabulous and was celebrated. Currently, Margot teaches resource room, Regents algebra (inclusion) and a life skills class, which prepares students for independent living.

[Click here for the whole story](#)



Hicksville High School teachers Angela Galante (left) and Margot Horn accept an award at the Crest Hollow Country Club on Jan. 17 from Autism Speaks. Photo and information courtesy of AntonNews.com

Happy Valentines Day!



Letters



Is this address (hixed@googlecroups.com) a good one to use for a report from a HHS student Class of 1942? If so please let me know if this, or another is better. Thank you.

Sam Levitt

PS That picture history re: Hicksville was excellent. I have a bit more of Hixhist to add if you would so like. E.G.: I would also like advice as to where I can send HHS yearbooks of the early 40's as well as Comet newspapers of that time.

Hi Sam,

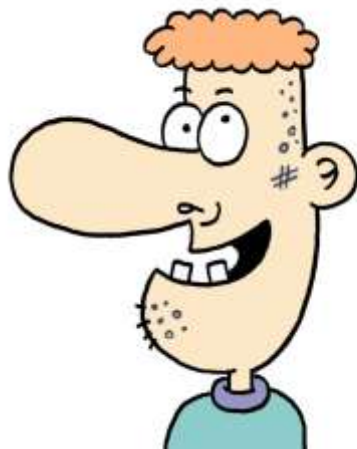
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The email address that you sent your inquiry to (enclosed below) is the one that you can use to communicate directly with most of the other members of HixNews (about one thousand of our members, one of which is you). This is our email distribution list, which is moderated by me, and it is the one that I use to announce our monthly issue of the Newsletter.

Best, Henry



H. Lichtenstein



STUPID FACTS

71.6% of us eavesdrop

And 92.45% of all statistics are made up!

More letters

Hi

I'm requesting to be profiled for a future issue of the Hicksville News.

Thanks!

Sue Z (Ambrico) Smith 1968



Thank you for volunteering for the [HixNews Profiles](#)

The instructions and the available questions are on the above-linked page. Please number each of your answers such that it corresponds to its question. There is no need to type the questions; just the answers.

Email your profile answers to me at: <email blocked for privacy>

Best, Henry

Dear Henry,

Here's my profile.

Thanks and Happy New Year!

Sue

Hi Sue,

Thank you very much for your profile! It will be included in our February issue of the Newsletter.

Happy New Year.

Henry



H. Lichtenstein



letters, letters, letters



Thanks for the great job that you and your staff does. It always brings back memories of Hicksville. A few months ago I walked three miles on the Hicksville High track that brought back a flood of memories also.

I would like to report the death of a classmate (class of 1964) and former wife Linda Lorper Alfani who died about 10 years ago. Linda and I were married for 34 years. I have since re-married.

If any of the Class of 64 or anybody else goes up to Sagamore Hill, and see's me, say hello.

Thanks again for the great job.

Gerry Alfani

Hicksville class of 1964



Editor Note:

Linda's name is listed on the In Memoriam roster for the class of 1964. Walking the track at the high school brought back a lot of memories for me also. I remember all the practice sessions after school that included running 300 yard warm ups starting on the track the side opposite the grandstand and finishing on the track adjacent to the ball field. It was great because it gave me good stamina whenever I would compete in the 220-yard dash.

Buffalo Bob Casale



Bob,

The article about the Middle School teacher who saved the student from choking illustrates how much times have changed. When I attended Hicksville Junior High in the early '60's, the teachers assigned to cafeteria duty were more inclined to choke the students.

Ken Marcus, '67



STILL MORE LETTERS



Just thought you might get a kick out of seeing this. About two weeks ago, Roger and I went to a party at Pasfield House, a historic home here in Springfield, Illinois that dates back to the 1890s. The house was beautifully restored and turned into a bed and breakfast by a good friend of ours, innkeeper Tony Leone. It was one of five historic homes on a special Christmas tour that was part of the holiday festivities here.



Tony snapped this photo of us with "Abe Lincoln" and his wife "Mary" (historic figure reenactors Fritz Klein and Mary Brown, who like several of their counterparts in costume, mingled with the crowds touring the various sites). Pasfield House was the last stop on the tour and included desserts for all the "official" participants of the event followed by a private dinner that we also attended.



The ornaments on the tree behind us were handmade by me several years ago and later donated by us to Pasfield House. They were recreations of actual ornaments typically found in Central Illinois in the mid to late 1800s. The one-of-a-kind handmade ornaments were also used to decorate Pasfield House in August 2008, when television chef Bobby Flay taped a program on making gingerbread houses that was aired nationally during the holidays that followed. Though we missed the taping (it took place as we were driving east to attend the 50th reunion of Hicksville High School's Class of '58), we have a copy of the DVD from that show that included close-ups of many of my ornaments.



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STILL MORE LETTERS



This year, in addition to the tree behind us, Pasfield House displayed two other trees I designed for the Sangamon County Historical Society as its entries in the Festival of Trees. One was from this year's event (Barns of Sangamon County).

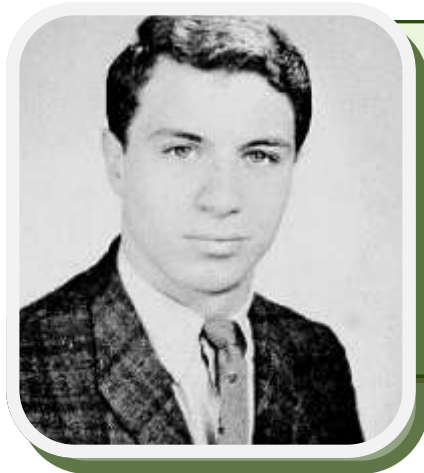


The other, from 2010, features handmade ornaments illustrating prominent Springfield citizens and sites from the 1850s through the early 1900s. (That tree was on display at the Governor's Mansion last year for its public Christmas Open House before being returned to Pasfield House).



Incidentally, the indoor 9-day Festival of Trees, which is held every November at the State Fairgrounds to benefit one of the local hospitals here, draws about 40,000 people who pay to view several hundred trees designed by local organizations).

MAIL CALL!



I recently read Judy Marcus Shivers's profile in the June 2011 edition. After reading her answer to question # 18 about marrying her high school sweetheart, I realized that her boyfriend was in fact my roommate at Ohio State University.

Thanks

Neil Barrocas 1964



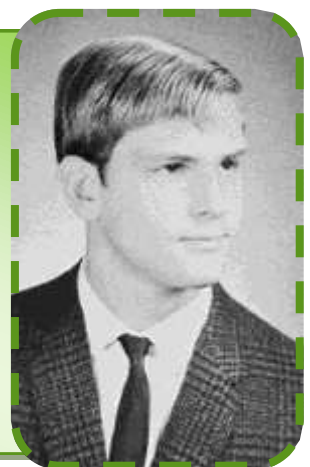
My gym has a deal that if you take a picture of yourself at some exotic location while wearing one of their t-shirts or sweatshirts, they'll hang it in the gym and give you a month free. I still have a Hicksville tee shirt (from Goldman Bros - now defunct - where do current students get their comet stuff now?) and will make an effort to provide photos of my travels while wearing it in the future.

Martin Brandfon 1967

Editor Note:

you can get Hicksville memorabilia from the following site...

<http://www.alumni.class.com/hicksvillehighschool>



Updates



A note from Tommy Sullivan class of 1963 and a member of the original Brooklyn Bridge with Johnny Maestro.

Bob

By the way, we need to talk about me performing for the class of 1963 Fifty Year Reunion. It's hard to believe that nearly fifty years of memories are behind us. Looking forward to perhaps getting the old band together.

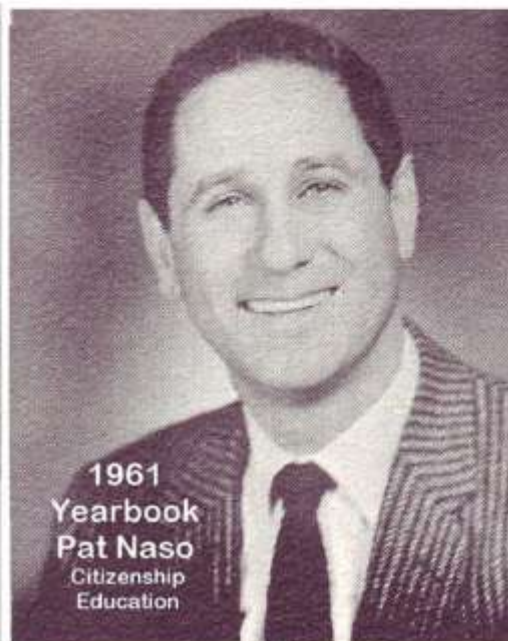


Updates

**“ KEEP
UP TO DATE WITH
WHAT’S
GOING ON ”**

Dear Alumni

I had my annual visit with Mr. Pat Naso on December 29, 2011. Pat will be 92 this May and is doing just GREAT,
Steve Moddle 1953



Pat



Collette & Pat



Thanks

Like the newsletter keep up the good work. Grandfather owned Franks - Alibi. Thanks

Gary J Poggiali 1982



Robert

Thanks for digging out the old yearbook picture I would guess I was about 16.... attached are two pictures, one of myself and my dad in our Hix backyard on Ohio Street fall of 1970. I was in the navy at the time. The other picture is me addressing the National Convention of the League of Postmasters as a National VP in 2009. I am now retired and reside on the North Fork of Long Island.

Bob Bittner 1968

p.s. Thanks for the Birthday & Anniversary Cards



MORE THANKS!

Thank you Keep up the good work

I have something from the school you might like to see.

John (Jack) Devaul 1956



Thank you for remembering Tony's and my birthday with those lovely E-cards, We appreciate all you do for the graduates of HHS.

Eileen Walter Toscano & Tony Toscano 1959



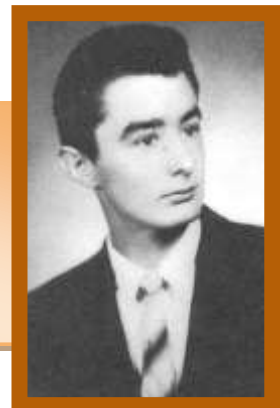
HICKSVILLE COMETS



Dear HixNews

Thanks for the anniversary card. Love it.

Diane Cuti Germain (1962) & Joe Germain (1960)



Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci

Thank you very much for the very thoughtful birthday card. I enjoy the newsletters each month. It's good to see former classmates doing well yet sad to see reports of those no longer with us.

Thank you again

Rosemary Olivari 1960



Dear Editors,

As always, thanks for the fun anniversary e-card you sent to me and Sharon, my bride of now 44 years. Our only wish is to be able to enjoy all the sweets shown in the card. They looked delicious!

You guys are the BEST!!

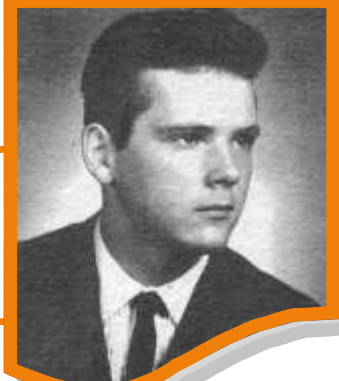
Regards,

Joe and Sharon Carfora 1962



Thanks much for the Birthday card. Gee 68 and getting younger every year.

Herb Pearce 1962



You guys are full of thanks!

Hello All!

Just a belated note to thank you for the birthday card. This was a special birthday for me since it was my last birthday being employed. I've started my retirement as of 2012. Where did all those years go?!

I've attached a picture from Old Country Rd. School - 3rd grade ('53-'54). Doesn't seem ALL that long ago....Those were the days when we could walk home for lunch. Is there anywhere in the US where kids do that anymore? Recess meant jump rope and dodge ball. Lunch and recess - probably the best part of the school day for most of us.

I think most of us were from the A & B sections of Hicksville. I made a power point picture with all the names I knew labeled but for some reason I couldn't get it to attach to my e-mail. I'm going to try to list the names that I know up and down the rows from left to right and then around the back of the room from left to right.

Lorraine Dethlefsen, Gail Parker, Lee Goldstein, Barbara Lemmerman - Helen Luna, Tommy D'Amoto, Linda ?, Patty Matthews, Jane Shackinback - David Sarota, Lynette Statz, Jeanne Dethlefsen, Susan Heller, Nancy Davey - Tommy Arundel, Maureen Ables, Marie Miller, Gail Mosely - Tommy Johnson, Vernon Ritter, Brian Cummings, Chip Searle, Steven Kessler, Larry Green, James Glass, Billy Hutchinson, Richard Speciale, Gene Ferrara, Donald Mott, Wesley Paulson, Matthew M., Dennis Sorenson. Most of us were together through graduation in 1963. Mrs. Mazel was our teacher - and the one thing I remember her for was that she was the multiplication task master.

I'm also attaching a picture of Mike Monahan who should be added to the "In Memoriam" page for 1963. Mike died of cancer in 1976. Sweet guy who died way too young.

I enjoy looking back but at this stage of my life I'm looking forward - one day at a time. You all do such a good job with the Newsletter - your work is certainly appreciated!

Jeanne Dethlefsen Cornelsen '63



Dear HixNews
Thank you all for the adorable
card, and all your work.
Susan Spector 1962

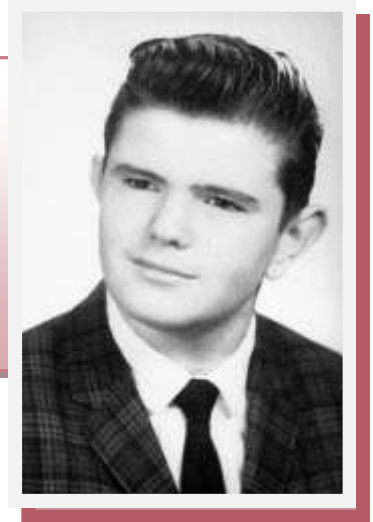
It is our pleasure!

Dear Buffalo Bob and the gang at HixNews:

My wife, Elizabeth, and I enjoyed your musical anniversary card and also your thoughtfulness. We spent our anniversary (25th this year) in Disney world with family and friends.

Thanks again,

Charlie Coney '65



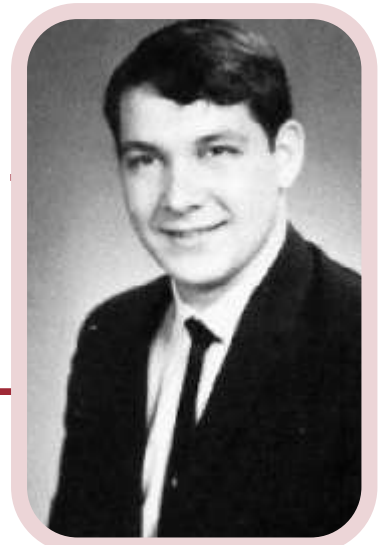
Thanks to the gang at Hix News for the great birthday card!! Having a birthday so close to Christmas (the 27th) often means it is over-looked, forgotten, or there are "joint" Christmas/birthday gifts, so this card means a lot!! Wishing you all a wonderful New Year!!!

Marilyn Bowles-Nejman '66



Thanks for the B'day card. You guys are the best. And kudos for that power point presentation of old Hicksville. It was very informative.

David Teitel 1968



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

Dear HixNews:

Thanks Guys n Gals for the neat birthday card!

Robert Starke 1972

Thank you for the birthday card was so cute. I really enjoyed it.

Judy Pugliese Alfano 1970

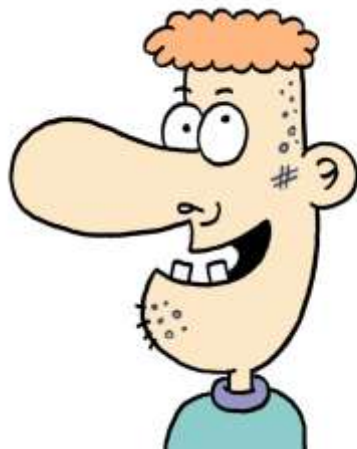


Hi Bob and HHS newsletter team:

Thanks so much for the early birthday card! How did you know that I love cats (I have two), one of which is a black cat with white paws and underbelly? Whatever it was that made you decide, it was perfect. I really enjoy reading the newsletter. Keep up the great work.

Best,

Jan Greenberg ('74)



STUPID FACTS

More toilets flush at the half time of the Super Bowl than at any other time of the year.

Why make such a big deal about who's performing during half time? No one is watching!

Thanks again!

Hi Bob,
Thanks for sending pictures of your 4-legged, furry "children"! They're all so beautiful. Of course, I now have to return the favor. The black and white Tuxedo cat is Harley (he's a little over 4 years old); the calico is Evie (she'll be 5 in May)...
Best,
Jan



This was one of my first cats from long ago...
Oscar...he developed cancer...we had his left rear leg amputated, then he lived for another year...and hobbled around like a trooper...



Below are my current pets...



Magic



Thor



Dallas



Daisy

Lots of Thanks this month!



Thank you so much for the birthday card! Loved it especially since I adore cats!

Happy New Year to you and yours.

Cheryl Schaeffer 1979

Thank you very much for you kind Birthday wishes. Although I have not seen any people from my Graduating Class (1983) contribute to the Newsletter, I enjoy reading the stories from the generation before me. I also love all the old pictures of Hicksville...they are great! Thank you again for the Birthday Wishes!

Liz Tucker

Class of 1983

Hi Bob

Happy New Year. I just wanted to know if u can put my Birthday on the Hix newsletter list for next year?

January 9.. Thanks

Pat Hanley Heeger 1959



A note to Sue Donner 1968

Many thanks for the Happy New Year card and wishes for a healthy and prosperous New Year.

Love yah

Buffalo Bob Casale

THE LAST OF THE THANKS

Hi Buff

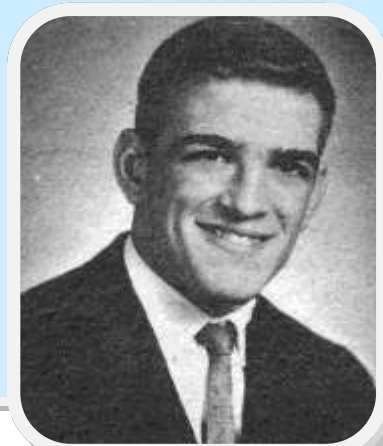
Thanks to you and the rest of the Editors for another great issue. I missed reading the December issue due to the passing of my Dad and also hadn't heard about Bill Schrimpe's death. I was shocked, as I remember him as one of our best athletes at HHS and a strong leader. While I was only a sophomore and on the JV team when he was a senior, he certainly had my attention and respect. I knew his sister, Maureen, pretty well back then so please pass on my condolences to her and the Schrimpe family.

It is sad to see this month's lengthy list of "In Memoriums" but I guess we are all unfortunately at that age when old friends begin to pass on. It's a reminder to all of us that have our health to Thank God for each and every day we're still able to wake up and put our feet on the ground!

I also very much enjoyed Katie Kennedy's story on realizing Sal Mistretta was in the play she was watching and enjoyed catching up on Sal in the photo section of the newsletter. Sal is another of a growing list of HHS grads who have done well in the Arts & Entertainment field. Norm Golden, who like Sal is also a member of my HHS class ('62), has made it in television commercials after finding a new career late in life. Many people don't know this, but he's featured in a very much used Visa commercial as the father of a son who takes his Dad back to Norway only to have the two of them find out their ancestors are really from Sweden, so they fly there using their Visa card (of course :))!

Happy New Year and warm regards

Joe Carfora 1962



Two medical students were walking along the street when they saw an old man walking with his legs spread apart. He was stiff-legged and walking slowly. One student said to his friend: "I'm sure that poor old man has Peltry Syndrome. Those people walk just like that."

The other student says: "No, I don't think so. The old man surely has Zovitzki Syndrome. He walks slowly and his legs are apart, just as we learned in class."

Since they couldn't agree they decided to ask the old man. They approached him and one of the students said to him, "We're medical students and couldn't help but notice the way you walk, but we couldn't agree on the syndrome you might have. Could you tell us what it is?"

The old man said, "I'll tell you, but first you tell me what you two fine medical students think."

The first student said, "I think it's Peltry Syndrome."

The old man said, "You thought - but you are wrong."

The other student said, "I think you have Zovitzki Syndrome."

The old man said, "You thought - but you are wrong." So they asked him, "Well, old timer, what do you have?"

The old man said, "I thought it was gas - but I was wrong, too!"



New Readers



Robert M. Haralick 1960

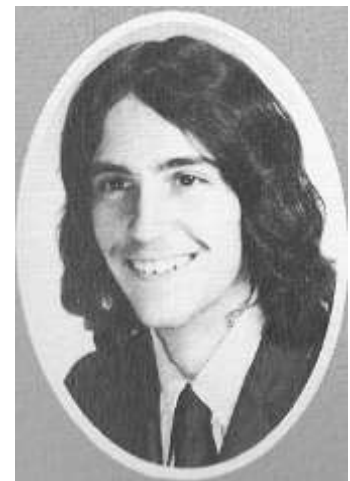


Helaine Lewander Seslowsky 1963

Jemine Mund DePrimo 1984

Linda Diehl 1986

Christina Markey Gunnigle 1990



Frank DiMaio 1971

WELCOME

New Readers



Gail Greebel Weiss 1962



Nancy Greenhut 1963



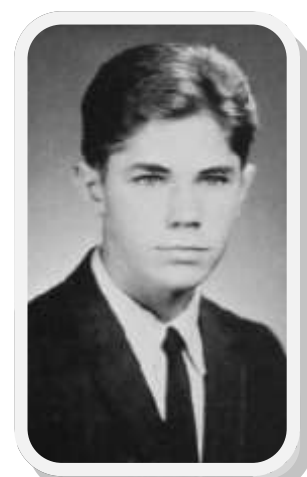
Penelope "Penny" Owen 1963



Larry Tomney 1966



Linda Gavin 1971



James Fetten 1967



Don Pardo 1974



Michael K. Krummenacker 1968



Valerie Brindisi 1979

Looking for



I am trying to contact Mike Cava about time on the USS Charles F. Adams DDG-2. Please ask him to email me at <email hidden for privacy>

Thanks

Dave Myerly

Keeper of the USS Charles F. Adams Master Crew List



Dear Mike Cava,

HixNews has received a request from Dave Myerly, Keeper of the USS Charles F. Adams Master Crew List (see his email, enclosed below) that you contact him at the email address: <email hidden for privacy>

Best, Henry



H. Lichtenstein

HixNews Systems



Dear Mark Leippert,

A former classmate of yours from HHS, Chris Melluso (1978), would like to get in touch with you. His request and email address are enclosed, below (concealed).

Best, Henry



H. Lichtenstein



Looking for...



I saw a name from my past when looking at this month's issue of Hix News.

Stephanie Rozos Masters and I graduated together and I would love to be able to contact her. Could you give me an idea how I could go about that? Thanks.

Lynn Clock Bammann 1965



Dear Stephanie Rozos Masters,

A former HHS classmate of yours, Lynn Clock Bammann '65, would like to get in touch with you (see her email request, below). Her email address is: (concealed)

Best, Henry

 H. Lichtenstein

Could you please find Linda DeJohn (class of 1965) for me?

Thank you

Brooke Guadagno



Looking for...



Bob,

First of all, Merry Christmas to you and yours. Hope you had a wonderful holiday. Secondly, I think I need your help.

I've had this "blues brothers" moment of getting the old band back together for our 50th reunion in three years. Maybe play at the dinner dance or in some suitable bar.. I've already talked to John Barcellona, Ken Arnold and sent a copy to Rick Weick. However, there are some other guys I'd like to find. Joe Visiglie - a great piano player I played with my senior year, Freddie Korman (the oboe player) and great jazz flute player. Much earlier, I played in a band that featured Mike Reid on guitar and Mitch Burke on trumpet, both were awesome. Is there any way our super web site guru can find these people? I think it would be terrific if we could put something together for everyone. I don't think Billy Joel will be available as he was 4 years behind us, but you never know. Maybe someone who knows someone could get his ear. Just an idea.

Vic Olsen 1965

Editor Note:

If anyone has the capacity to aid Vic in his request, please do so. Very few of us have contact with former alumni. When we do, we thank the fact that we can be friends after so many years.

Dear HixNews

Do you have any info on a Charles Terry from the class of 1957 or 1958? Thank you!

Bob Uhlich 1957

Editor Note:

The HixNews database has no info on Charles Terry, but I have added your inquiry to our "Looking for People" list.
H. Lichtenstein



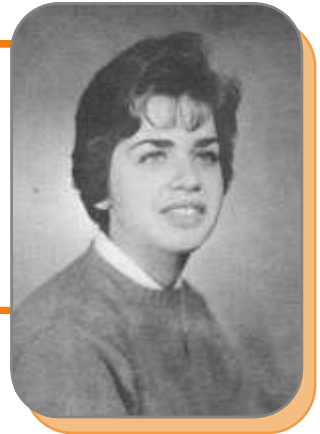
PRESENTATION: HICKSVILLE THEN & NOW

Bob.

I finally got around to viewing the videos. Thanks so much for all your efforts. The videos were great!

Happy New Year!

Bunny Miller Pollack 1961



Thanks for a wonderful edition, Bob. Watching those two Hicksville history videos started my new year perfectly.

You did have me running to my yearbook, scratching my bald head: you showed a Kenneth Johnson (being killed in the line of duty) as from the class of 1954. I'm a '54 alumni. There was no boy in our class by that name. There was a Carol Johnson, though.

Stu Orton, '54

Stu

There was an article in Hicksville Illustrated that featured Kenneth Johnson, a Hicksville High School Graduate. There was no year specified so what I did was to make a chart showing his age at death and then went backward until Ken was around 18. That showed his graduation might have been in 1954 but it might have been in 1953 or 1955. We have no way of confirming his year of graduation.

We then decided to use the class of 1954 as his time of graduation.

Thanks for the update.

Glad you enjoyed the videos.

Warm Regards

buffalo bob casale

"The only thing constant is change. Your presentation proves that. Belated Merry Xmas and Happy New Year to you and your family."

James O'Leary

PRESENTATION: HICKSVILLE THEN & NOW



Dear Bob,

Just finished viewing the videos of "Hicksville, Then & Now".
Sure brought back many fond memories.

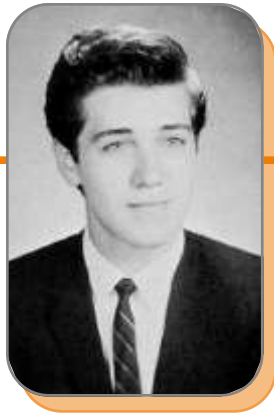
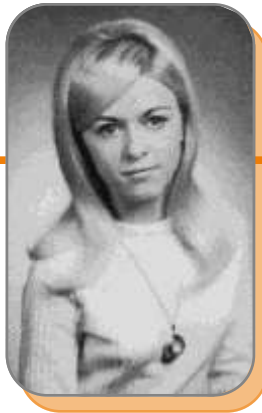
Great job!

Steve Sica – 1957

Grace (Heffernan) Sica - 1958

That was a truly wonderful "Then & Now" Presentation. We enjoyed it soooo
much. Thank you!

Nancy Carter Bosse 1968 & Jim 1967 "Then & Now"



THANKS AGAIN for all the work on those Hicksville videos on You Tube!
Great work and lots of good memories..

Jim Rubins '67



PRESENTATION: HICKSVILLE THEN & NOW



Bob- The Hicksville videos were fantastic! tell me how the project came to be? I remember in third or fourth grade having to do a report on how the town was named Hicksville and write about John Hicks and the family.

Thank you for posting this. Really was special.

Leslie Abatiello Zucker 1974

Hi Bob. You don't know me. I grew up in Hicksville but graduated from Mercy in Syosset in '64. A friend, Rose Jeanne Hoffman Clemons, forwarded the link to your video and I wanted to say how much I enjoyed it. What fun to revisit so many places. I've lived in Charlotte, NC for many years now. Quick question. On the corner of West John Street and Broadway there was once a bar. Any idea of the name of it? I can remember being in there once or twice having a soda while my parents had a beer. To me as a child it was a fabulous building with a big porch but I wonder if I'm remembering it correctly after all these years.

Happy New Year.

Joan Shearer

Dear Bob,

I was so absolutely touched by your compilation of Hicksville, Then & Now, that I have viewed it many times.

I was particularly moved by your tribute to our "young men" who gave the ultimate sacrifice, one with whom I attended St. Ignatius Loyola elementary school before entering J.H. & H.S; i.e., Stanley Tomasovic - I remember him vividly.

St. Ignatius appeared multiple times within your presentation and its facade has changed since I first attended and graduated from there in 1961.

I attended Hicksville, 9th through 10th grade - then, the family moved further east; however, I've stayed in touch with my childhood friends to this day.

We moved to Hicksville in 1949, I was 18 months old, so I spent all my young years in Hicksville. Therefore, I've enjoyed your presentation more than I can express. It brought back so many memories for me - so much so, that it served to add my own reflections of my childhood to a screen play that I've been writing for three years; i.e., the sweet shop, the candy store, Englert's bakery, the movie house, all my walks / bike rides home to Hawthorne Street via Broadway and Burns Avenue with class mates.

It came to me that what if Hix News added a "Service Page" to its newsletter ? Since we are all connected via the Internet, maybe your newsletter can reflect services offered by classmates to other classmates; i.e., professional writing services; e.g., Résumés, Bios, Letters, Essays, Personal Statements; or someone may be able to provide personalized Direct Marketing & Printing Services, various Consulting Services, or perhaps National Recruiting Services, etc.? I would love to hear your ideas here - I think other classmates would also.

Anyway, thanks again for your work and the heart you put into your beautifully crafted presentation - forgot to mention...the music - I play piano and have rediscovered Carole King's, Richard Marx's

" Now & Forever." THANK YOU FOR ALL OF IT !!!

Sincerely, Christine Rivello

PRESENTATION: HICKSVILLE THEN & NOW



I would appreciate your sending me the email that contains Bob Casale's video presentation that everyone is raving about.

Thank you

Lilian Giller, now Lili Gordon 1959



Bob, well done! Thanks for all of the research and thought that went into making the presentation.

It reminded me of something that happened about 25 years ago. Bill and I were on a cruise and when we were leaving the dining room we passed a table of two (at that time) older couples. They had obvious Long Island accents so, much to my Bill's embarrassment, I stopped and asked where did they come from on LI. They asked how I knew and I said I had grown up there. We then introduced ourselves to each other and one of the couples was the Lobell's the owners of Lobell's Department Store - which I think was located on the same street as the Sweet Shop and specialized in children's wear. We had a grand time talking about Hicksville. It was an example of (what I find happens ever so often) the small world we live in. Here we were in the middle of the Mediterranean Sea and we find 4 people from Hicksville!!!

Kathy McDonald Corey 1960

Dear Bob,

I just finished your u-tube presentation on Hicksville. I want to thank you for your effort and the wonderful job that you did. The second part was extremely touching. I knew Bob Rausch. Please keep up the good work. My regards and best wishes for a Happy and Healthy New Year to all.

Henry Goodman 1958

PRESENTATION: HICKSVILLE THEN & NOW

Dear Bob

I selected a time without time constraints to watch your power point presentation. I knew it would be excellent and worthy of professional consideration, but I wasn't prepared for the tears that flowed. So many "warm" memories that are only truly appreciated now. I moved to Hicksville in 1952, attended Nicholai Street School, Burns Avenue and then Trinity Lutheran. I would often have to walk from the high school, over the railroad tracks, up West John Street to our little ranch house. Others from our class lived in the same sub (Carol M., Louisa T., Barbara Allen and Pat Spinelli).

At the reunion, many of us remembered working at the movies as girls. Funny that the perk of watching a movie for free was huge! I had my "sweet sixteen" birthday at the Milleridge Inn. I was allowed to have 3 girls for lunch to celebrate. I still remember it as a grand occasion to this day.

Thank you so much for the warm memories and gratitude for our country, our parents and the genuine people who have not only remained in our lives, but are the most valued as friends.

You are a gem. Thank you so much.

Love ya,

Barbara Weber



Bob,

Sitting at FLL airport waiting for a flight back to CT. I just watched your power point presentation and loved every minute of it.

Paul Sawtelle's

Thank you so much for this wonderful gift...brought great joy.

Happy New Year to you and yours.

Carol DiNatale 1970

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'63 memorial photo brought back many fond memories of our friendship. The 3 times I have been to the Vietnam Memorial Wall in DC I always leave a roll of wintergreen life savers; fond memories of my sophomore year at HHS in '63.

Happy New Year to all,

Elin Fischman Lawrence 1965



A great presentation. That was just amazing and I am sure it took a great deal of time, but WOW!! Thank you for taking us down Memory Lane.

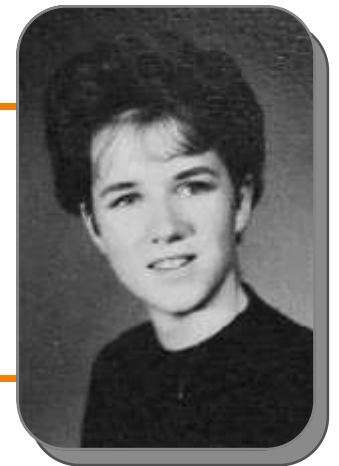
'Sister' Maureen Schrimpe
1963

Dear Bob,

Thanks for the terrific videos on Youtube -- some great music, too.

Lovely.

Pamela McCLain 1969



Bob,

I just watched the you tube videos of your Then and Now and I am still teary eyed. What a fantastic job you did! I don't remember a lot of the scenes from 'before my time', but I remember enough of everything else to be transported back in time to my childhood and teenage years, and I loved every minute of it. Seeing the pictures of our guys who never made it back from Vietnam was especially painful and sad. My husband, David, spent three years in Vietnam with the Army Special Forces and tells me stories of what he has seen and done that raise the hair on the back of my neck....only by the Grace of God did he make it back in one piece. I can only imagine what these boys went through over there.

Bob, your hard work and dedication to making the Hicksville Newsletter a reality is amazing. Kudos to you and the entire newsletter staff for a job extremely well done.

Love 'ya,

Helen Luna Carr 1963



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Hey Bob,

I just wanted you to know what a fabulous job you did on those presentations. I am originally from Plainview (class of 69), but I hung out with a lot of Hicksville people. My best friend since I was 16 is Laurie Callandrillo. So....all of those pictures were just amazing. If you ever add to it, perhaps you could include something about 9/11. Steve Pollicino, who grew up in Hicksville, lost his life there. He worked for that huge accounting firm. I am sure his wife Jane would really appreciate it. Thanks again for putting all that time and effort into your project.

Teri Frenchak

Dear Bob,

An "old" Hicksville friend forwarded your video links to me and I have to tell you that I enjoyed watching them very much. I grew up in a Levitt home in Hicksville and my mother, original owner, still resides there. I cherish many wonderful memories from my childhood; riding my bike around Hicksville. What I remember most were the many small family farms where my mother would buy eggs and produce. I attended Dutch Lane school as a child and graduated from Hicksville High in 1971. My brother, Greg, now deceased, graduated class of '65. He played basketball and baseball for Hicksville High. How sad when Broadway was widened and the old charm of Hicksville was forever lost. Thank you for preserving these wonderful photos for us to enjoy.

Best regards,

Kim (Hoberock) Torquato



To: Buffalo Bob

From: All of the editors & readers of our newsletter

Thanks for all you do! All of your obvious efforts are greatly appreciated!

Passages



A note sent to Pat Thompson, class of 1975

HixNews received the following note from an alumni of that class.

Gerald Thompson (class of 1965) passed away many years ago.

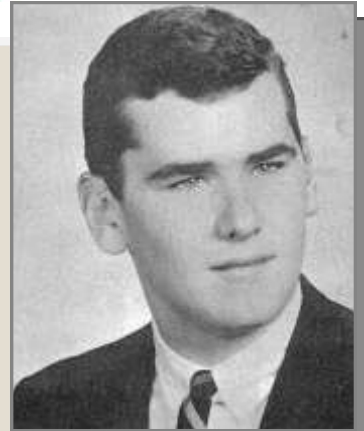
Is this your brother, Gerry?

Let me know,

Thanks

love yah bob

p.s. please wish your brother, Jim, a Happy New Year from me



Name: Gerald Thompson

Born: 23 Jun 1947

Died: Oct 1978



Hi, Bob.

Yes, it is. Jerry died of cancer on October 15, 1978, leaving his wife Ann Ponteri (class of '65) and two daughters, Dawn Thompson (Zipp) and Jennifer Thompson (Abbonizio). Both have married and have families of their own now, and Dawn's youngest son, Jeremiah is named for his grandfather. Looks just like him, too!

Ann is remarried to Robert McKee and they reside in Lake Ronkonkoma in the house that Gerry and Ann bought back in 1974.

Will do on the well wishes. BTW, he now has a computer of his own!! We're working on getting him hooked up to the Internet.

Pat Thompson Dumas 1975



Passages



Hi Bob,

As you know, Stan Wilenski was killed in action in Vietnam. Were you able to get a picture of him? If so, we'd like to have it to post at our 50th Reunion next October. If you have one and can email me a JPEG of it, I'd appreciate it.

Thanks,

Joe Carfora 1962

Attached is a picture of Stan and I'm not sure where it came from. It might have been in Hicksville Illustrated, Too bad there is no yearbook shot.

Warm Regards

Buffalo bob casale

Class of 1962



Stanley Wilenski, Jr.
Born 29 August 1944
Died 19 April 1970

Hi all,

Did not the class of 1958 have a mascot? I could have sworn that there was such a thing other than "Comet". Also, to add to the list of our dearly departed, please add Robert (Bob) Brennan, class of 1958. He died either in 2010 or 2011, but I'll get back to you on that.

Any help you can give on the mascot issue I'd appreciate. Thank you so much.

Kathleen (Kathi Donovan) Agiesta 1958



Dear Editors

Just to inform you that Judith McCann Fedor, a graduate, from the class of 1953, passed away on 21 August 2011. She and I were very dear friends.

Thanks

Sincerely

Marcella Yenick 1953



Hicksville Memories

Last month's challenge

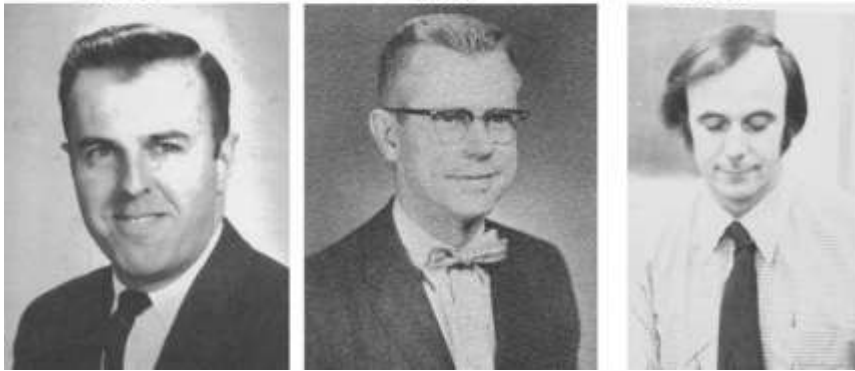
Name these three past
Hix Teachers



Buttice

Gates

Arnold



Here's the answers
and a few other
pictures from these
great teachers'
youth!

Ok we are retired and have nothing to do but read the Hix News. Only kidding! We believe that the teachers all have music in common. Mr. Gates, Mr. Arnold and Mr. Buttice.

Happy New Year!

Tom Manaskie & Jan Breeden Manaskie



Happy New Year, Tom and Jan!

Absolutely perfect answer!

Dr. Henry Gates, Mr. Charles Arnold and Mr. Thomas Buttice. As a musician myself and being under the kind tutelage of these wonderful teachers along with Mr. Robert Pownall and Mr. David J. Abt, I can't think back to Middle or High school without thinking of these fantastic people.

David Rubin '82

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Hi Gang!

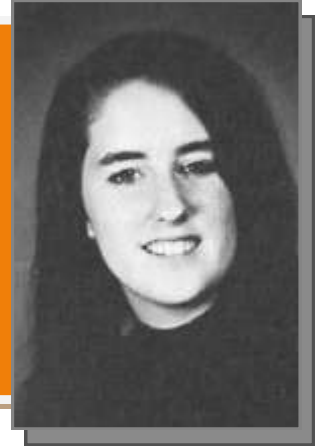
Happy and healthy New Year to all.

I know only one of the 3 teachers pictured - the third is Mr. Buttice (spelling) from the Music Dept. I spent many a happy day helping him, and my dear Mr. Arnold in the Music office. A real gentleman.

Tina Gardner Kwiatkowski 1969



Mr. Abt



Hi Tina and Happy New Year!

You named one of those pictured but, in your email, you also mentioned another teacher, Mr. Arnold. I, too, enjoyed the many periods I spent in the Band Room (when I should have been in class) and treasure the memories of those patient teachers. They had to be with me! The third picture you missed is of Dr. Henry Gates

David Rubin 1982

We're running out of ideas and pictures, so here's the next challenge. The place is **the Village Green** made famous by Billy Joel, located on Newbridge Road and Levittown Parkway. Send us any pictures you have from there and your fondest memory. My memories are of the deli on the end where my friends Greg, Tom and I could get our favorite "adult" beverage, hangout and listen to music. What do you remember about this place?

BIOS

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Mike Seltz et al

Go to the newsletter home page and in the above tray, click on Alumni Bios
<http://hixnews.com>

Scroll down to Class of 1961.

There are additional bio sketches posted now.

Bios submitted Jan. 4, 2012

Bios submitted Jan. 8, 2012

I continue to work on the others as time permits.

Enjoy and give me a shout back if there are any corrections that are in order.
Love yah

buffalo bob Casale

Dear Bob,

Thanks for all the work you've put in. Very noble and generous of you!! Since you've recently added bios, I'm just wondering what happened to the one that I actually submitted well before the reunion. I don't remember at this point to whom I sent it, but I definitely filled it out and sent it in. If it's lost, so be it, but it would be nice to see it posted if you can find it.

Nancy Sherman



Nan

I just went through the pile that Ann Cassese sent to me and yours is there. I have been going through alphabetically but what I will do is, when I get back from the nursing home, add yours today.

Love Yah

Bob