

## News about town

### Name That Movie

*Aimee Pitta, HHS class of 1982, titles movies in Hollywood*



*Written by Cory Twibell. Photos provided and information courtesy of Antonnews.com*

Hicksville High alum Aimee Pitta calls herself lucky.

The class of 1982 grad, who attended Nassau Community College for two years before enrolling at SUNY Oswego, was an aspiring writer after college when she was offered a job with a movie company in California.

“I’ve been in film marketing for the past 25 years and I work on writing and producing trailers and TV spots for movies. I also have a little niche job where I title films. I’ve titled *It’s Complicated*, *No Strings Attached*, the new Barbara Streisand movie, *The Guilt Trip*, *Mirror Mirror* with Julia Roberts and *The Bounty Hunter* with Jennifer Aniston,” said Pitta.

Pitta, who attended Holy Family School as a youngster, recently released her first published book, *Happily Ever Before*, which she co-wrote with actress Melissa Peterman (*Baby Daddy*, *Reba*, *The Singing Bee*).

“It’s a fun little book – a ‘chick-lit’ novel that Melissa and I wrote together. We came up with this concept of two sisters who would do anything for each other but wondered what would happen if one needed the other to have her baby? We decided it would make a good book and we just started writing,” Pitta explained.

Though she now calls Los Angeles home, Pitta keeps Hicksville close to her heart.

“I miss my family. The high school seems much smaller now. You can’t beat Raimos Pizza or the Hicksville Sweet Shop. I guess everybody grows and moves on, but I still love my hometown,” Pitta said.

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# Letters

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Best wishes for the holidays,

Henry

Dear Henry & HixNews  
Happy Holidays!  
Art Pardo 1962



Henry  
Merry Christmas & Happy New  
Year to you and your family!!  
Keep up the good work!  
Hope and Steve Alfieri 1960

Editor Note:

Thanx, Art. All the best  
to you and yours.

Henry

Editor Note:

Thank you, Steve. All the best to you and  
yours.

Henry

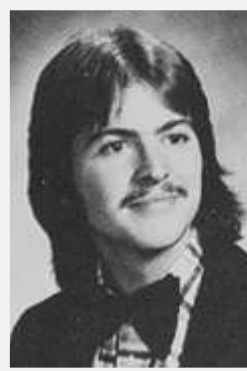


# More letters

A very Merry Christmas and a Happy 2013 to everyone!

All the best from Sydney, Australia!

Paul Rondeau 1974



Virginia Doherty commented on your activity on schoolFeed.

Virginia wrote: "Merry Christmas Bob, glad to be part of HHS 1961."

Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Healthy New year to all.

Barbara DiBella 1962



# Letters, letters, letters



Have a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

With love from Arizona

Lillian Manzo Ramirez 1961

I wish you and your families a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I wish you peace, prosperity and all the good things that life has to offer. I will be keeping all of you in my prayers during the holidays and throughout the year.

As for myself, I am doing well. When Rosemarie and I lived in Wyomissing, Pa we met another couple named Joy and Jan Merder. She lost her husband more than three years ago. I reconnected with her and we have been traveling visiting friends and family. We have plans on traveling to the west coast, China, Thailand and Hong Kong during this coming year.

I purchased a home and my new address will be...

<removed to protect privacy> Naples, Florida <removed info—ask for contact info>

I should be closing on the coach home at the end of January. Joy and I will spend the winter in Naples and when not there or traveling we can be found at her place in Loudon, Tennessee.

Augie Ingolia



Happy New Year to you all..

I see my name at the end of the list without a graduation date...

I'm class of 1966. Keep up the great work on the newsletter , it's always a treat..

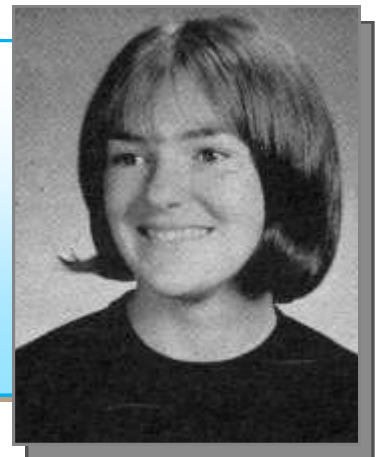
Thanks,

Sue Dierker Roach

Editor Note:

Done. Happy New Year.

Henry





# Still more letters



As we begin a new year, I wanted to express an overdue thank you to all who tirelessly put the newsletter together.

To Bobby Casale I remember you with great fondness. I don't want or need anything; just a heartfelt thank you for bringing all those wonderful years back to life. It has great meaning and I look forward to every month's newsletter.

I hope to make a trip to Hicksville this summer and just drive up Newbridge Road

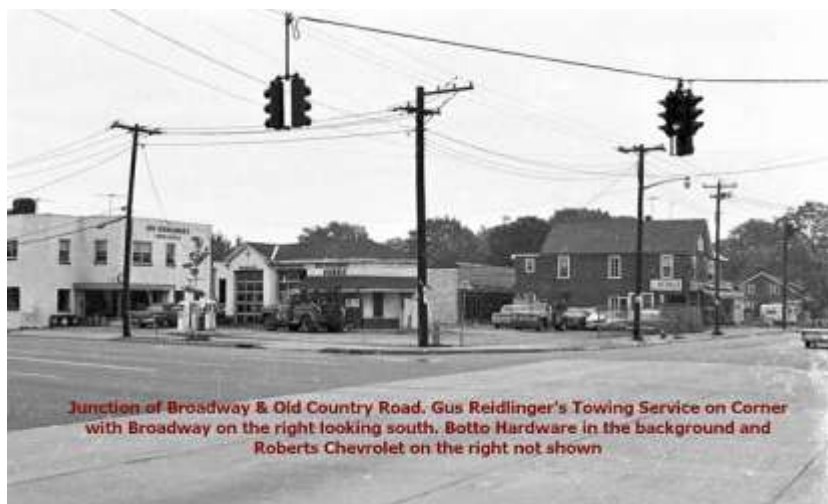


Old Newbridge Road looking south from Duffy Avenue...



NewBridge Road looking south with Old Country Road the next intersection. Old high school admin building was down the road on the left.

and Old Country Road



Junction of Broadway & Old Country Road. Gus Reidlinger's Towing Service on Corner with Broadway on the right looking south. Botto Hardware in the background and Roberts Chevrolet on the right not shown

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# Still more letters



walk up the platform at the railroad station (old shown below)



And new



and let all the memories come back to me.

Of course in the world in which we live it might be quite impossible just to walk down the corridors of HHS



and do the same so I might have to be satisfied just re-creating the route I took from home to school.

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# Still more letters



Fortunately, the mind tends to sanitize some of those remembrances but that's just fine with me. Many of us have moved far away including myself and as a result have lost touch with virtually everyone we once knew. The only time I see or read a familiar name is when I peruse the monthly newsletter. I've even got some Comets stashed away in an old warehouse.

Fortunately I've got an archive of baseball memorabilia, game programs from Shea and Yankee Stadium.

## *Editor Note:*

*Buffalo Bob Casale was in the trucking business with his brother in law, Otto Gabrielsen from the class of 1964, back in the seventies before opening Liberty Plumbing Supply in Hicksville. One of our clients was a custom furniture manufacturer who was contracted by George Steinbrenner to make some furniture for the newly renovated Yankee Stadium back in 1977.*



*Below is Buffalo Bob during the installation...*



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# Still more letters



I have, as well, hockey and basketball programs from my many trips to MSG.

Each trip tells a story and I vividly remember every game and who from the neighborhood went along with me.

The 5:10 pm train made far fewer stops on the way into the city to MSG, both the old and "new" one than the 5:15 which made virtually every stop.

If you were really lucky, you made the 9:49 home from Penn Station but before the Garden moved from 49th Street you had to run like Jesse Owens down 8th Avenue just to make it. If you were really lucky, you made a quick stop at Nedicks that had the slowest workers on the planet, and then ran to platform 19.

Bobby, as a big football Giants fan, I'm sure you remember some of us used to try to get ch 3 out of Hartford to see them. In those days there was no local telecast of home games regardless of sell outs. Ch. 2 only showed road games if we could wangle an invitation out of someone who moved to Suffolk or were on the far North Shore that invite was golden because we could see the games then could brag at school the next day to our friends who were not so lucky.

## *Editor Note:*

*Another story that dates back to maybe 1959 or 1960 and it deals with the "House That Ruth Built," the original Yankee Stadium. One of my classmates suggested we go to a New York Football Giants game at Yankee Stadium. I thought that was a great idea. I spent the first 8 years of my life living in Philadelphia. My next door neighbors were the Katcavages. There were three sons, Jack, the oldest, Jim and Bobby.*



*Jim Katcavage was 8 years older than me and 7 years older than his brother Bobby. Jim was signed by the Giants in 1955 after he graduated from Dayton University.*



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# Still more letters



*When asked to go see a Giants game, I suggested to my friend that it would be nice to see Jim Katcavage. I hadn't seen him in years. Maybe I could get into the locker room after the game. I don't remember the friend but he kept saying, "yeah, right!!! You'll get into the locker room," and he would chuckle.*

*The big day came. We went to see the Giants versus the Cleveland Browns. As the game was ending, I said to my friends, "let's head down to the locker room." They reluctantly trailed behind as I made my way through the crowd leaving the stadium. We got there and a New York City Policeman was standing watch by the door leading to the locker room. I pleaded with the cop to let Jim Katcavage know that his neighbor from Philadelphia would like to say hi.*

*The cop just looked at me with a huge smirk on his face. My friends said let's go home.*

*I handed the cop my driver's license and asked to please show him the license. I guess he was tired of me hanging around and went into the locker room. The door exploded open and Jim came running out yelling "little Bobby Casale" and grabbed my hand. "You're not so little anymore. Come on in to the locker room and meet some of my team."*

*It was very interesting, especially the look on my friend's faces. We got to go inside and met Roosevelt Brown, Andy Robustelli, Roosevelt Grier and quarterback, Charlie Conerly.*

*It shocked me that Jim would remember me since it had been about ten years since we left Philly.*

*I saw Jim when he was coaching and the team was practicing at CW Post college.*

*We lost Jim back in 1995. I'm still in touch with his brother, Bobby. Jim probably remembered me as his brother's friend...the friend, who along with his brother, always harassed him.*

*And, to this day, I don't remember who went to the game with me.*

I hope to make it back there this summer for my little trip down Memory Lane which I doubt will be of any interest to anyone but me. But to me it will be very special.

Kind regards to you all.

Jerry Gardner 1966



# Mail call!

Hi everyone, and happy new year!

First, I don't know if you are aware of the article in the Long Island Press about the nuclear site in Hicksville, but it's causing a huge buzz on my Facebook wall and on my site, MamaTattoo.com. I wanted to share the link with you and to ask if perhaps you could write a bit about it in your next Newsletter...

Long Island Press Nuclear Site Article

Secondly, I'm working on scanning my 1983 yearbook for you and will have it to you as soon as I possibly can.

Thank you for all you do!!

Alice Freeman Prota 1983

Editor Note:

Thanks for the heads up about the nuclear site in Hicksville. I'll take a look and see what we can do. The 1983 yearbook will be a welcome addition.

Thanks for caring.

love yah buffalo bob casale



## Happy Valentines Day

I guess alot of you may know but in the 1973 documentry, "Let The Good Times Roll", old HHS is featured in a PTA lecture on dress codes for teens. The entire movie is on You Tube and DVD but I could not isolate this clip. However, in this link below of the original trailer, you will see flashes of teens outside the back extension of our school modeling clothes. If you watch the whole movie, our school is featured for a few minutes.

John Ebbecke '72

<http://www.tcm.com/mediaroom/video/235915/Let-The-Good-Times-Roll-Original-Trailer-.html>

# Letters



I was fortunate to spend time again this year with Mr. Naso of HHS. Visited him at his home for an hour and he called me a few days later and invited me to lunch at a restaurant, and again had a nice visit. He is doing great for a man his age; will be 93 this May. I plan on another visit this April as I will be in North Carolina again. With him in the pictures is his Lovely wife Colette.

Steve Moddle 1953



Hi Gang:

I would like to respond to Denny's question in this month's Newsletter regarding the production

of "The Mikado" at the junior high when we were attending school there.

Can I please have his email address? Thanks very much.



**MUAH!**

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

# Please be careful on that "Internets" thingy

Remember, if it's too good to be true, it probably is an attempt to steal your money.

Please please please think twice, thrice and whatever word is four-times before you  
EVER give out information or send money to a stranger.

How many of you out there get these "silly" emails every day.

I would say that in addition to all the viagra ads, I get a total of at least 25.

Many are addressed to [editors@hixnews.com](mailto:editors@hixnews.com).

*"Please read this mail carefully and proceed to collect your ATM CARD worth US\$7.500, 000.00 payments. Following this year's (2012) review of the global financial matters and just concluded investigations today by the Federal Bureau of Investigation in conjunction with the ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL CRIME COMMISSION (E.F.C.C), it is revealed that your email is among the list of people who have never received any of their payments among lottery, inheritance, compensation and awarded contract funds and victims who have lost a lot of money to scammers while trying to claim their funds. In view of the foregoing, a new payment of US\$7.500, 000.00 has been approved in your favor and credited into an ATM CARD which shall be delivered to you.*

*Note: Thousands of fraudsters have been using this method in scamming most foreign creditors that we have in the payment list here in our office. We use this medium to inform you that any mail that do not come with the new communication code: NG/.CCUF -HFCR-/RLPHJ/.is false. In this case, you're advised not to respond to any mail that does not come with the above communication code for safety purpose.*

*Our final conclusion was that, the fund should be paid to you via an automated teller machine card (ATM) as it seems, this will be easier and faster for you to receive payment.*

*Your new communication code: NG/.CCUF -HFCR-/RLPHJ/. Do complete the below details for proper verification and documentation also Reconfirm the followings.*

*1. Full Names: 2. Your address: 3. Telephone/Fax number: 4. Age: 5. Next of Kin: 6. Country of Residence: 7. A copy of your driver's license / international passport: 8. Occupation:*

*Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and we are looking forward to hearing from you.*

*Peter Lawson*

*Swift Debit ATM Card Payment System"*

Editor Note:

Wish there were some way of getting even. Responding would only open a can or worms!!!

This particular note is structured pretty good and the wording doesn't contain as many errors as most do.



# What's with the dang Newsletter?!

Can you tell me where I can see the Hix News? I never get it anymore in the email?

Judy Alfano 1970

Editor Note:

Judy

The newsletter is on a website and is always available. You were getting a notice from Henry that the current newsletter was posted to our website. We don't send the newsletter via email. Bookmark the following so you can always go to the newsletter. This is the link you need to read the newsletter

<http://hixnews.com>

love yah bob

My Hix news did not arrive yesterday. My sister forwarded her copy to me. Can you make sure I am still on the list?

Thanks,

Elin Fischman Lawrence 1965

Editor Note from Henry:

Elin, according to our records, you are still a member/subscriber and you should have received the monthly email announcement.

Have you checked your spam folder?

Henry

Editor Note From Bob:

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love yah bob



Thanks Henry & Bob. I put it in my bookmarks. I usually get a notice on the 1st of every month and click on it. I emailed my sister Doris and she sent me the link this month.

Thanks, Elin

# What's with the dang Newsletter?!



Hi and Happy New Year to All

Received the newsletter today and the pdf will not open. I get a message that says the file is damaged.

Thanks for all your hard work and dedication to making sure we all receive news of Hicksville High members on a regular basis.

Elyse Marlin Soffer 1961



Editor Note:

Elyse, I just went to the site with another computer using Internet Explorer and was able to view the newsletter in the viewer in the page and then downloaded the pdf

which opened right up with no problems... What browser (Internet Explorer, Firefox, Safari, etc.) and operating system (Windows, Mac, Android on a tablet, etc.) are you using? We'll try to get to the bottom of it.

Roger Whitaker webmaster for <http://hixnews.com>



Happy Valentine's Day  
Hicksville High School



# Passages



A follow up to the death of Mike Donovan that was in last month's issue. I was in the boy scouts with Mike. He was taller than the rest of us in Troop 321. Looking back he was a gentle giant. Even though I have not seen him since graduation, his personality and character are easily remembered and admired. For anyone else in 321, our scout master, Arthur Grenham passed away a few months ago at age 93.

Jed Schaiman 1959



Hi Bob,

For In Memoriam, don't forget Leigh Manelski...he died I think in 1986 in the plane/helicopter crash in CA...if I recall, Kirk Douglas was in the 'copter and Leigh was a flight instructor in the plane. And I'm pretty sure Bruce Ladisik (spelling?) also died many years ago too. I went to our 10 and 20th reunions but I don't have any pictures from them. I don't know about any other reunions other than the Mega in 2000 which I did not go to as it was shortly after I moved to Arizona.

Sorry

Helen Luna Carr 1963

Phoenix Associates



# Passages

## **Flashback:** 2 Die as Plane, Copter Crash; Kirk Douglas, 2 Others Hurt—February 14, 1991|

GARY GORMAN and SANTIAGO O'DONNELL | TIMES STAFF WRITERS

SANTA PAULA — Two men were killed and three others--including actor Kirk Douglas--were injured

Wednesday when a helicopter and a small plane collided above Santa Paula Airport. Douglas, 72,

a passenger in the helicopter, was treated at Santa Paula Memorial Hospital and later flown to

Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in West Hollywood, where he was reported in satisfactory condition Wednesday night.

Officials in Santa Paula in Ventura County said the actor suffered head cuts and a possible rib fracture.

Also aboard the helicopter was Noel Blanc, 52, son of the late Mel Blanc, the legendary master of cartoon voices. Blanc was in serious condition in the intensive-care unit of the Santa Paula hospital with chest injuries and a leg fracture. Blanc, also a cartoon voice and producer of commercials, owned the helicopter and reportedly was piloting it.

The third occupant of the helicopter, Beverly Hills Police Officer Michael Carra, was treated at the Santa Paula hospital for cuts and bruises and released. Both men on the plane were killed.

Witnesses identified the pilot as Leigh Manelski, 46, of Santa Paula, a veteran stunt-flying instructor and airline pilot. His passenger was an 18-year-old man, officials said. His name was withheld pending notification of relatives.

The crash occurred about 3:30 p.m. just after the Bell Jet Ranger helicopter lifted off the airport helipad. Instead of heading south over the Santa Clara River bed--the normal route for helicopters--it apparently flew north over the airport's only runway and into the path of a Pitts Aerobatic plane.

"The plane attempted to take evasive action and hit the rotors of the helicopter," Santa Paula Fire Department spokesman Bill Nash said. The silver-colored helicopter, minus a rotor, plunged 20 to 40 feet, hit the runway and turned on its side. The red, white and blue plane crashed about 200 feet farther down the runway, flipped over and burst into flames.

"As the airplane came down, little pieces began flying around the runway," said Ramon Plascencia, an airport employee. "There was some fire coming out of it. Then it exploded. They never had a chance."

It took firefighters with chainsaws 90 minutes to remove the bodies from the plane wreckage.

A paramedic who was at the scene said Douglas, Blanc and Carra were disoriented and told him they did not know what had happened. "They knew there was an accident, but not why it happened," paramedic Jason Johnson said.

But Police Sgt. Mark Trimble said all three men were alert and talking with hospital staff when they arrived there about 4 p.m. Investigators from the National Transportation Safety Board are expected to examine the crash scene today, Police Chief Walt Adair said. The airport, a general-aviation field on the southern edge of Santa Paula, is an "uncontrolled" facility with no tower or air-traffic controllers, officials said.



Leigh Manelski



# Passages



Hi Bob,

My sister-in-law Sharon Wyer (1962 graduate) passed away after a short illness on Oct. 3, 2012. I know the team was notified, by a classmate of Sharon. However, it has not been listed in the In Memoriam column.

Thank you and all involved, in making the newsletter something to look forward to each month.

Respectfully,

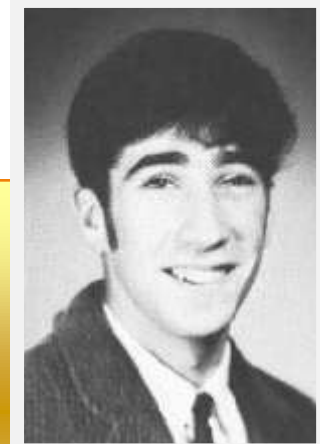
Ginny (Wills) Wyer 1963



# Updates



Ira Woods from the class of 1967 has a new email address. Anyone wanting to contact Ira, send a note to editors@hixnews.com and we will help you connect!!!



Dear Bob

In the anniversary for January, you have me listed as Long Island; we now reside in Florida.

Moved to Boynton Beach in 2011

Thank you

Happy New year keep up the great work with news letter

Regards

Jeff Feierstein 1969



Hi,

Was wondering if you correct my name listed on the list.

Class of 1965, Kathleen Scott.

Maiden name is Scott...Married name is Bowles...

Thanks

Kathleen

Editor Note:

Done.

Henry





# Thanks



Henry,

Please accept this note of appreciation and thank you to all the people that work so tirelessly during the year to produce the Newsletter and keep the alumni in touch with our roots. You are very much appreciated for all the work you do.

Have a very happy holiday and a wonderful new year.

Tom Pilko 1959

Editor Note:

Thanks, Tom, for the kind words.

Henry

Thanks so much to the gang at HixNews for thinking of me on my birthday! You're the best!

Rosemary Moran Witfoth 1955



Eileen Toscano class of 1959 commented on your activity on schoolFeed.

Eileen wrote: "Bob, what about Tony? His BD also."

Eileen...I included you and Tony on the list that I sent to Birthday Alarm...I think the problem was that the email address was the same for both you and Tony and Birthday Alarm sent only one of the cards. Give him a big kiss and let him know that we love him and wish him a very Happy Birthday. love yah bob

Note from Eileen:

Eileen wrote: "Oh, Bob, you and the HIX news group are the BEST. We are so lucky to have you." Happy New Year to our wonderful and hard working editorial staff. Thank you for remembering Tony's and my birthday with those lovely electronic cards. We so appreciate all you do.

Eileen Walter/Anthony Toscano'59.



# More Thanks!



Thanks for the card. It brought back fond memories of HHS music classes and the shows we put on. Thanks again to Bob and the HixNews gang!

Rosemary Olivari 1960



Thanks for the card. The years go quickly but a quote from Picasso says it all - "It takes a long time to grow young". Thank you again for thinking of me.

Sue (Gilbert) Finder 1960



HICKSVILLE  
COMETS

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Pat (Kelly) Bruno 1960



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. Loved the card GEE made it to 69 if I knew I was going to live this long I'd of taken better care of myself. Nah never happen.

Herb Pearce 1962



*“Thanks for the card and for thinking of me.  
It was much appreciated. ”*

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Milton Philip Shoob 1937

Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was much appreciated.  
Ruben and Gerry (Bracero) Callejas 1953

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Christopher Composto 1953

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Jack DeVaul 1956

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Susan Spector 1958

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Diane (Cuti) 1962 and Joe Germain 1960



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Bill Fogelberg  
(married to Bonnie Kiernan class of 1961)



*“Thanks for the card and for thinking of me.  
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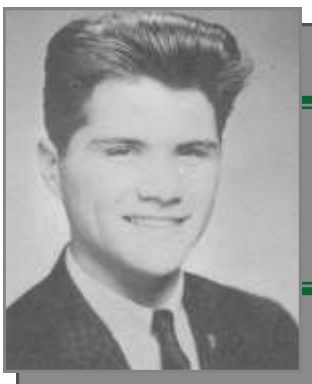


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Leona (O'Hanley) Schilling 1963

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Stephanie (Hill) Vetter 1964



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Pete Maiorino 1964



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was  
much appreciated.  
Victor Olsen 1965



*“Thanks for the card and for thinking of me.  
It was much appreciated.”*

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

John Peter Petrone

(married to Margaret Werner class of 1966)



Thanks for the card and for thinking of Bob's birthday and our Anniversary. It was very much appreciated. Can't tell you how much we look forward to HixNews each month. Wishing you and the staff a very Happy New Year.

Lorraine (Kirwan) 1964 and Bob Cheeseman



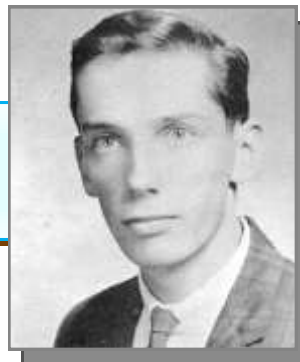
Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was greatly appreciated. We haven't figured where 44 years went, but we hope to figure it out in the next 44.

Bill and Linda Walden 1965



Thanks for the birthday wishes.

Jim Fischer 1965



*“Thanks for the card and for thinking of me.  
It was much appreciated.”*

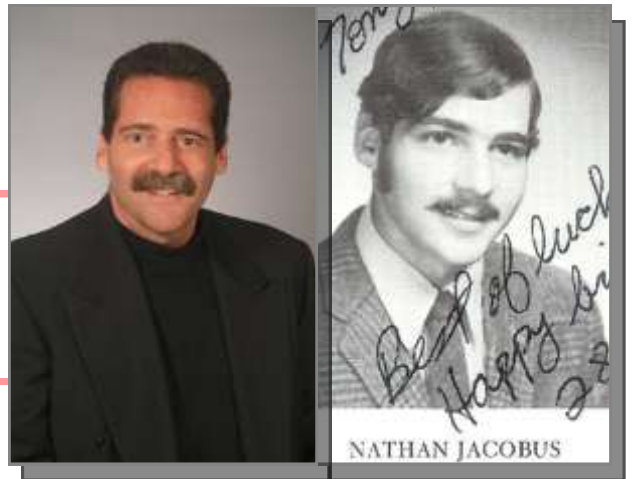


Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Jeff and Brenda Feierstein 1969



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Deborah (Simmons) Jacobus & Nathan Jacobus 1970

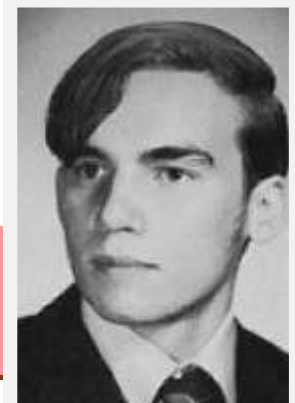


Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Judy Pugliese Alfano 1970

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. You guys do a great job.  
Walt Weller 1971

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
Jack Bellan 1973

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.  
James Carpinone 1972





# Lots of Thanks this month!



Thanks to all the HIX news editors for the birthday greetings! It's nice when people know that your birthday and Christmas are two separate days!

Not always the greatest time to have a birthday! I was born in the blizzard of 1947, 26.7 inches of snow! One of the biggest snowstorms to hit the city, on December 26 and 27th of 1947. Needless to say I was even a pain before I was born!! Happy New Year to you all!!

Marilyn Bowles Nejman 1966

Gracids  
MERCI  
ARIGATO  
thank you



Hi Bob,

Thanks so much for the birthday wishes. I loved the e-card.

Karen Armstrong Krautsack 1969

Hello Editors;

Just wanted to thank you guys for the really nice B'day card. I look forward to it every year. Keep up the good work.

All the best;

David Teitel 1968

P.S. By the by, you might want to update my marital status to...married. On January 2nd, 2013, I and my long time partner, Sandra Crosby, got married in a civil ceremony. The reception, such as it was, was held at Katz's Deli on Houston St. It was the first for both of us and ended what amounted to a 37 year courtship. I was just making sure that she was the right one.



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated and a wonderful surprise! Hicksvillians rock!

Cheryl Schaeffer 1979



# Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci



Dear Buff,

Hope you and yours had Wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations. We arrived home from our family travels on Monday and enjoyed every bit of the trip. And, awaiting us was your timely Anniversary Card, our first to celebrate our 45th year of wedded bliss together! Both Sharon and I thank you for always thinking of us. We're looking forward to celebrating with a trip to the British Isles in late April.

Best,

Joe Carfora 1962

Bob...we really enjoyed the anniversary card. Thanks for keeping the old Hicksville gang together. You and the HixNews editors are much appreciated.

Charlie and Elizabeth Coney 1965



## Fun Links

*Disclaimer: All links have been visited by our staff and appear safe but please use caution, anti-virus and common sense when visiting **any** links on the web.*



### Flashback

Blue Moon-The Marcells-1961

[www.youtube.com](http://www.youtube.com)



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

Thanks for the card! It was much appreciated and a very nice surprise!

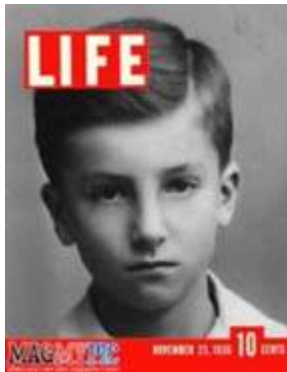
Ann Gambaro 1983

Hi Henry,

Just wanted to thank you for all the time and effort you put into the Hix News. I look forward to reading it each month. Wishing you a happy, healthy 2012.

Best wishes,

Jane Sharpe Bodner 1965



Editor Note:

Thank you, Jane. All of us at HixNews consider it a labor of love.

Best wishes,

Henry

Bob,

Thanks for a great video of historic Hicksville. I lived in the Dutch Lane area but we used to walk or ride bikes into town to go to movies, the railroad station, the public library, visit girlfriend(s), school events, etc. Also I attended East Street School and

Nicholai Street school before Dutch Lane was built. So we walked all over the town and I have fond memories of the old streets and buildings.

Thanks again.

Arne Yanof 1963

Hi,

I just wanted to thank you for the really nice article you added to the January newsletter about Don's 50 years in Hicksville Fire Department milestone. The article was quite impressive. We look forward to reading the newsletter each month.

Have a wonderful New Year!

Eileen Wieditz Moore

Editor Note:

You made that possible by sending the information to HixNews. The only way we can acknowledge any milestones is because of the effort of alumni to forward the good news so we can put it into print. Thanks for sending that along and congrats one more time to Don. He's a good man!!!

# New Readers

# Welcome



Chris (Heidt) Beasey 1959 & with Buffalo Bob Casale in 1960



Sherry Mallen 1964



Morty Richmond 1965



Rich Hattenback 1968



Andy Koehler 1965





# Looking for



Hi and Happy New Year to all of you and thanks for the newsletter which I look forward to every month.

I notice that Robert Uhlich is looking for Jack Roberts, both class of '57. Unfortunately, Jack passed away about 3 years ago. Information given to me by Pat Cardillo Roberts and is listed in your in memoriam section as well.

Next, could you send Carl and I Whitey's (Bob Otten) new email address in case we ever decide to do another reunion, or barring that, give him ours and ask him to contact us.

Thanks for everything,

Joyce Clements Anglim 1959



Editor Note:

Hey, Whitey,

Joyce Clements Anglim and Carl Probst, both Class of '59, would like to have your new email address, in case our class decides to have another reunion. Their emails are included in the request, below.

Best wishes for a Happy New Year.

Henry, Class of '59



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# Fun Links



## How Close is too Close?

Remember Close Encounters of the Third Kind?

This is interestingly different.

**Now THAT is close!**



# Looking for



To Mary Lou Cramer

Who is looking for Howard Bell...?

Last I heard he is somewhere around Riverhead...about 2 years old data.

Bob Bittner



Please tell Mary Benson Haines know That Tommy Tomlinson Lives in Boca Raton he is on facebook

Thomas Tomlinson or email thomas <email hidden – please ask>

Andy Koehler

Editor Note:

I've forwarded a note to Mary asking her to make contact with Tommy. A special thank you to Andy for the update...Henry



Editor Note:

Only the best from Hicksville come to live in Boca Raton (nudge nudge wink wink).

David

## Fun Links



**Video by Scott McKinley Productions, Produced for Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.**

**Licensed music by Kenny G.**

**[http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUOQ\\_vPW\\_0s&feature=player\\_embedded](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BUOQ_vPW_0s&feature=player_embedded)**



# The Picture Challenge from January 2013

## The Continentals



Tom Juliano \* Guy Kasten \* Gary Kiriewsky \* Tom Corio

Guy Kasten, Gary Kiriewsky and Tom Corio are Hicksville boys.  
Tom Juliano was from New Hyde Park.  
Harold Kasten 1958

## Fun Links

**Humor Flashback to a performance at Ford's Theater in D.C.  
Michael performs for Ronald Reagan and Tip O'Neil (good clean fun!!!)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n6mbW-jMtrY&sns=em>**



And now for some fun!

**Close your eyes old timers and you are back in July 1938...Benny Goodman playing "Sing Sing Sing" (The First Link below)**

**Click on this link [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2S1I\\_ien6A](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r2S1I_ien6A)  
(Benny Goodman)**

**The second clip below is a group of students from Japan performing the same tune during a live concert in 2004**

**<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5jYoJe4IN4U>**

**(Japanese Student Troup)**

## **Two Incredible performances**

If you are old enough you will smile, if you are young, you will love it. These Japanese teenage kids would make Benny Goodman proud!!!

It's about a total of ten minutes but worth the time.

**Many Thanks to Tom Steedman from the class of 1960 for submitting the above**

## **Short film: THE GERMAN**

Incredible four (4) minute footage of a desperate **Spitfire vs. ME-109** dual.

You feel like you are there! Amazing computer work blended in with real photography.

**Also an interesting factual story that most of us did not know. History is rarely 'over'.**

Now sit back and strap on your parachute harness. It is the Summer of 1940 over the skies of England. Listen to the perfect 'purr' of the Rolls Royce Merlin.

Watch this full screen. It's very well done.

Click on the link below:

**[The German](#)**