

February 2014



Friday, February 14

Letters



Dear Classmates

Below is a hyperlink that will take you to a video I created for the 1963 Fifty Year Reunion.

Click on the hyperlink and you should be taken to the website to view the video.

It takes awhile to open but you can continue to work while it's downloading.

If you cannot hear the music, please let me know.

Thanks and enjoy...

love yah bob

click on the below link

If the hyperlink doesn't work, copy and paste the link to your browser

Here's the link to this file:

<http://www.hightail.com/download/eINLU2VqQ0MrV3IKUmNUQw>



Thanks Bob, I really enjoyed the video. Shocked to see so many of my old friends that passed. Everybody looked great at the reunion. Well done, a big thumbs up. Wish I could have made it.

Dennis LaRossa



Well done, Bob. Thank you. I see everyone in my mind's eye as if it were yesterday.

Joan Volonino Decker

Bob, That was just beautiful! I found myself in tears looking back on the wonderful memories and saddened to see some good friends have passed way too early. The reunion was held on my birthday and I so looked forward to attending. Sadly, my husband passed last January and I just wasn't up to going without him. It looks like everyone had a terrific time -- and, hopefully I will be there for the 60th! Thanks for all your hard work!

Best,

Carol (Mack) Berry



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Letters



Bob,

Thanks so much for putting this together – great job, really captured that weekend!

Ken Doris

Bob, You did a beautiful job! I was so sorry, I couldn't attend. my classmates looked wonderful. Thank you for sharing.

Love,

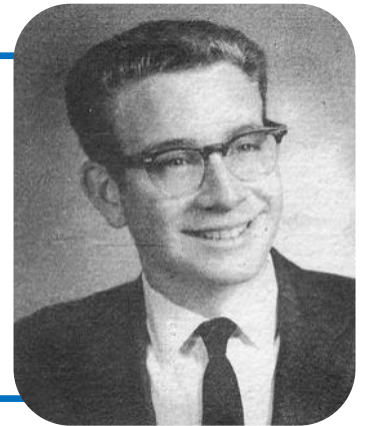
Ginny (Wills) Wyer

Hi Editors,

I've been reading the Newsletter every month for years and want to compliment you on a job well done. It's wonderful to be able to keep in touch electronically with the happenings in and around HHS. But, it's sad to see how many classmates aren't with us anymore.

I wish everyone at HixNews a Happy and Healthy New year... Keep up the good work!

Art Pardo, 1962, San Diego, CA



Editor Note:

Thanks Art. It means a lot to all of us to hear that our work is appreciated. Have a wonderful new year!

David Rubin 1982

Dear HixNews Editors:

Just thought you might want to include the following link in the section devoted to Vietnam and HHS alumni who served during that era. I was a pilot in this helicopter gunship squadron during the Tet Offensive of 1968.

<http://www.seawolf.org>

Vince Przybyszewski 1955

Letters



Hello. Just a small correction to:

http://www.hixnews.com/0804/memory_lane.htm

"Massapequa Movie Theater Infinity Car Dealership"

That was the "Pequa Theater" in Massapequa, now an "Infiniti" (not Infinity).

regards,

Scott

Editor Note:

Thanks for the update.

Scott

Don't see your email address listed on our master and you never provided your name and graduating class. Please advise.

Thanks

buffalo bob Casale

What does that have to do with the message I sent? I don't want to be on any email list; I was just being helpful.

Scott

Has nothing to do with anything. Most notes we get are from those who are on the newsletter mail list. Curious as to how you found out about the newsletter? Thanks for your help. Our readership loves follow ups. That's why we were asking!!!!

buffalo bob Casale

p.s. ...plus I forgot to mention. We like to give credit due to those who send follow up information.

Your note will be in the next newsletter as submitted anonymously by Scott.

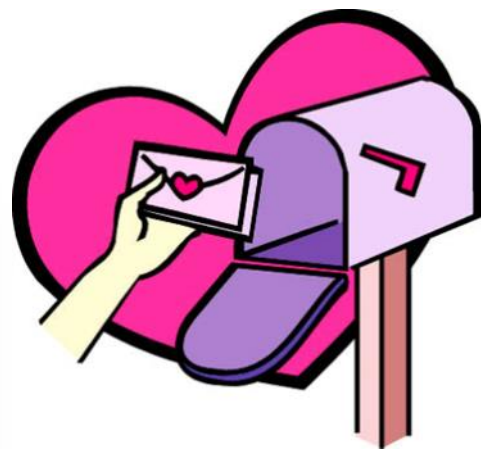
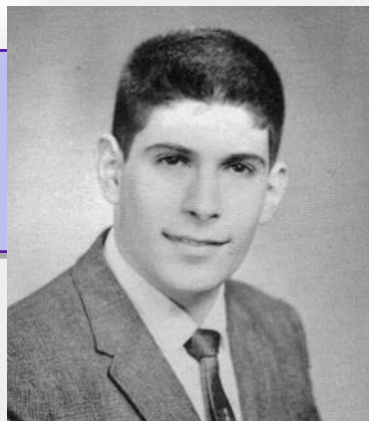
buffalo bob Casale



MORE LETTERS

It's great to see HHS is still going strong! Congratulations on a top notch newsletter.

Fred Pugarelli 1964

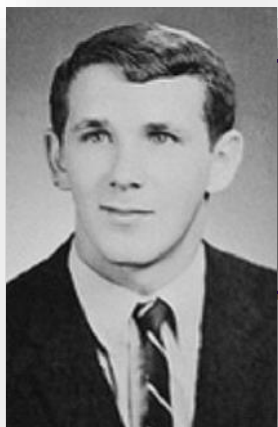


Hi Bob,

I wanted to get back with you to thank you for posting my "Long Island Visit" note, and taking the time to add the pictures of each house. You are the best!!

Have a very Happy New Year!!

Ron Rocek



To the Editors

Thanks for the time you put into this every month!

Jack Burke 1967



Kathy Koziuk Hannaman from the class of 1960 found the following in a military catalog:
NO TRESPASSING I OWN FIREARMS AND A BACKHOE

Looking for



My name is Carmen Jean Carden Maxey. I attended HHS during my Sophomore/Junior years; however relocated before completing graduation in 1959. I lived at 12 Wildwood Road, Hicksville in 1957-1959. Moved to East Northport, where I attended Hauppauge High School. Anyone that might like to contact me can get my email address from the editors.

Any information regarding these former friends /classmates will be sincerely appreciated.

Thanks for your help!

Carmen

I now reside near Oklahoma City, OK

Looking for...

Richard Dixon-- Class of 1959

Ronni Gardner --Class of 1959

Robert (Bob) Quatrone ????

Frank Messina Class of 1959

Cathy Gallicki

June Mann

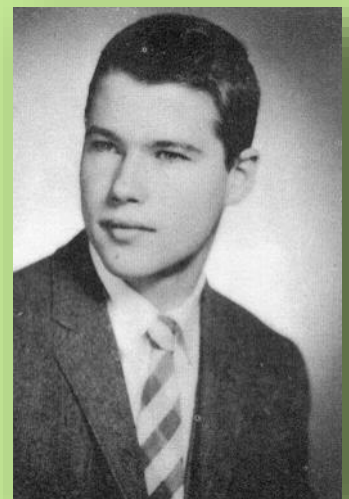


Hello bob

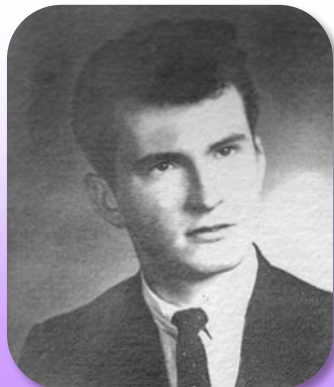
I just read a message in the Newsletter written by Karen Keys (maiden name Karen Horan) (class of 69). I believe Karen is the sister of Mary Nell (Chickie) who I knew since I was 4 and Danny who was a friend of my brother Bob. Our families knew each other not just because we lived on the same street in Hicksville but also because we lived across the street from each other in Jackson Heights. Karen's mother was my mother's best friend. Could you please forward this message to her and ask if she would be willing to contact me.

Thank you and Happy New Year

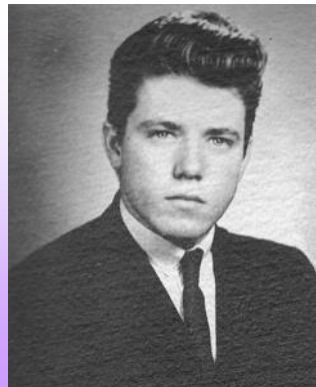
Henry (Hank) Landau



Looking for



Dear HixNews
I'm looking for former classmate
Bill Little from the class of 1962.
Thanks
Bob Ross 1962

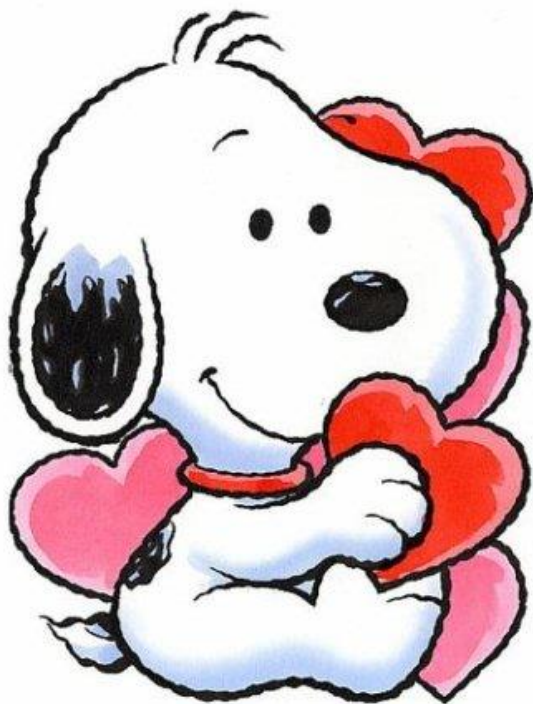


Bill Little

Editor Note...Added to "Looking for People" list.

H. Lichtenstein 

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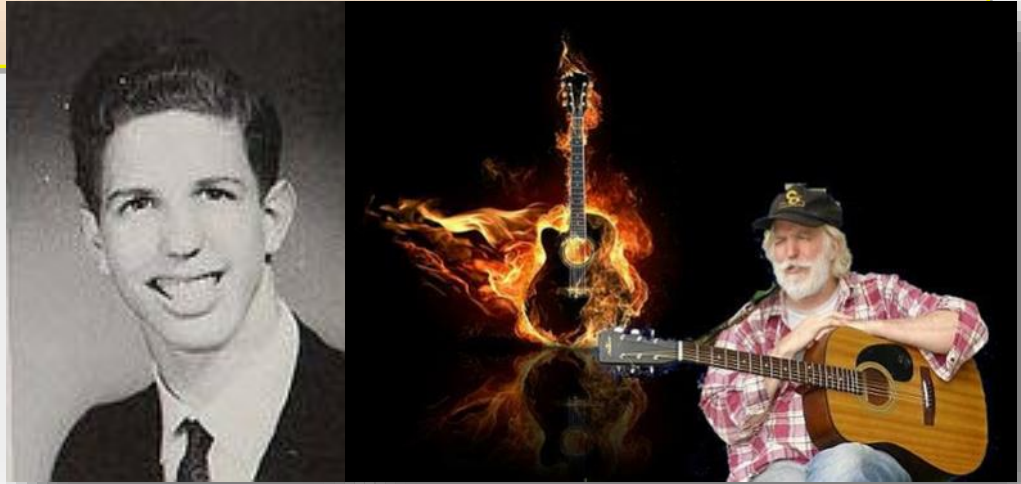


Updates



I have been a musician since 1970. I play lefty guitar and I am locally known. I write poems, songs and parodies. I am also a re-enactor for the SUV-CW = Sons of Union Vets Civil War. I portray a Union general and we fire the towns cannon...a #10 parrot. Living now in OHIO with a partner, Shirley Fosnaugh (she was born here). I'm sending a picture of me that a friend took that just might go on my first CD.

Guy Sabol 1969



Editor Note:

Thanks for sending additional info and I have added your birthday to the June list.

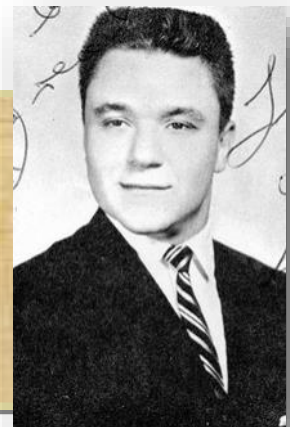
Val Pakaluk

The Web site is looking wonderful. Many thanks for your ongoing work.

I've finally gotten together a Web site of my own. <http://www.east13.org>. Presently it offers up some of my adventures photographing cars over the past few years. Check it out and I'd be very proud if you add the address to the list of alumni sites.

Happy New Year, stay well.

Gene Yetter



Fun Links

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There have been little clips about this place for the past few years. It's still not finished but is growing to that conclusion as they will soon run out of space.

It was started by two brothers as a place to show their hobby but grew by leaps, amps and bounds.

Soon they were joined by other 'Model Railroad Clubs' and other craftsmen. Some were electricians, model makers, carpenters, computer programmers. Their wives would stop by to see what they were doing and usually bring them a lunch.

One thing led to another. Three of the ladies had worked at a bakery; several visitors would ask if they had a snack bar. The idea was planted; some of the carpenters came and built a nice restaurant area for the bakery and a kitchen too. If the fresh coffee smell didn't get you then the bakery definitely would.

This was about 5 years ago. One of the Breweries came and furnished all of the tables and chairs, serving counter and, etc.

Their latest finished area is the airport. Planes look like they are flying and landing.

GERMAN WONDERLAND click on the link below - AMAZING

https://www.youtube.com/embed/ACkmg3Y64_s?rel=0



Hi Bob.

Happy and most important healthy new year. I did not receive the January News letter as of yet. If I remember I emailed you last month also. May be some one told you I passed away.

Thank you.

Richard Speciale 1963

Rich, the newsletter is always on line at our website.

<http://hixnews.com>

The note you get each month is only a reminder to let you know the current issue has been posted to our website. Bookmark the above hyperlink and you can access the newsletter anytime, anywhere.

Regards

Buffalo bob casale

glad you're alive and kicking.

Reunions

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION

Bob and crew:

Have any 50th reunion classes at HHS school planned a reunion in a place other than LI?

It seems typically that reunions are held far from Hicksville in Suffolk County, a big hotel, and dinner on Saturday night.

A few of us who live far from LI were talking about something else for our 50th- may be too complicated, but a few of us are getting together in Colorado in January and we hope to discuss alternatives. Any thoughts?

Elin Fischman Lawrence 1965

Elin

There have been mini reunions held in places other than on Long Island. Most of the major reunions choose the island because they usually make arrangements to visit the school.

The high school opened 58 years ago in 1955.

There are many memories that attract "reunioners" who also have not been back to Hicksville for years. I know that when we had our 50th, I took several of my classmates on a tour of Hicksville and we visited their homes.

Please keep us advised of the pending get together in Colorado. I can put a note into the January issue on the home page if you want to attract others to the meeting.

Let me know.

love yah bob

say hello to your sister for me

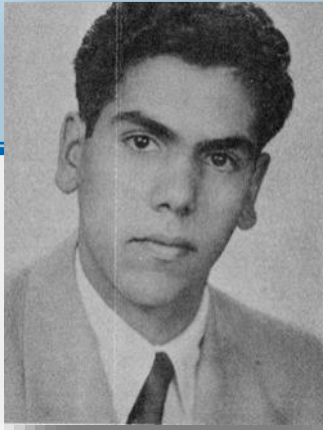


Birthdays & Anniversaries

Dear HixNews

Thank you for thinking of us on our anniversary. It's been a great 59 years. We met in Mrs. Neuman's Spanish class and we were 14 years old.

Gerry Bracero and Ruben Callejas 1953



Thank you for the great birthday card. I can't believe it's been more than 10 years since I graduated in 61. I guess that means I must be 28 or so now. Thank you again. LOL

Bob Heiss 1961



Fun Links

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As you watch this, if your eyes become a little moist, you and I have a lot in common.

Click me!

Pretty impressive....particularly the landing.

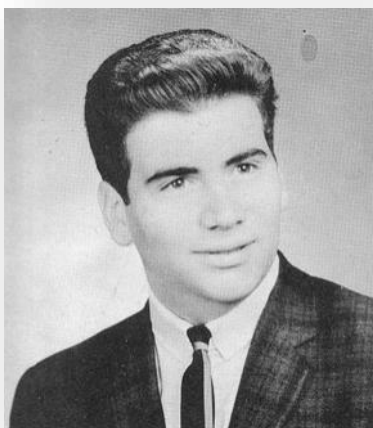
Great pics of the launch and recovering of our latest pilotless bird.

Click me!

GENERIC THANKS



Alberta Hunt Bolettieri 1959



Peter Maiorino 1964

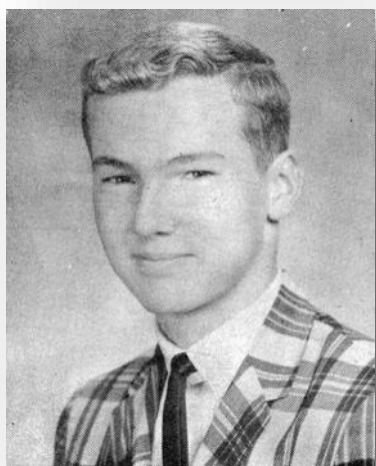
Elsie Bartels Gruebel 1945

Jack DeVaul 1956

Alice McIntosh Rigdon 1961

Judy Frimmer & Robert Dow 1963

Ann Gambaro 1983



Alberta Hunt Bolettieri 1959

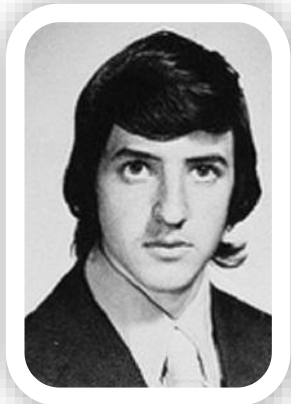


Stephanie Hill Vetter 1964

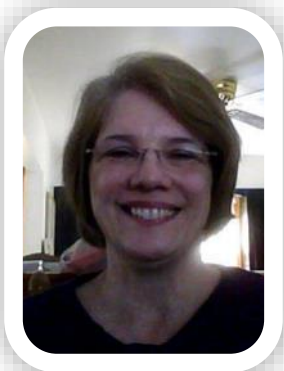


Kathy Cookie Koziuk and Roy Hannaman 1960

GENERIC THANKS



Mike Levins 1975

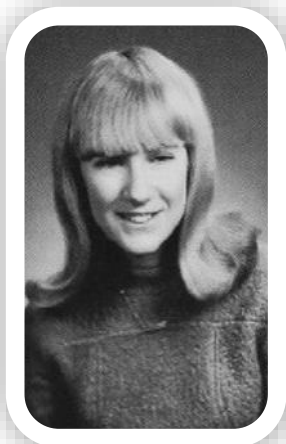


Judy Pugliese Alfano 1970

Lisa Calma Fritz 1970

Jack Bellan 1972

Gregory Hicks 1966

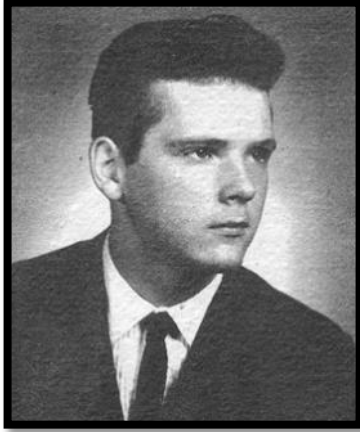


Maxene Frimmer Grove 1968



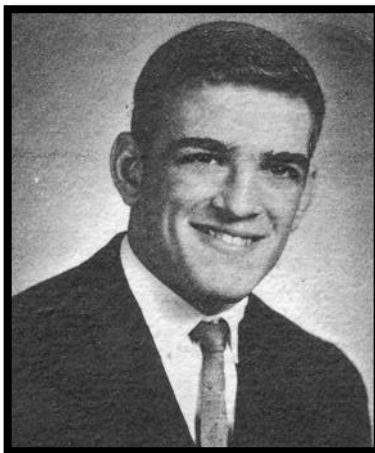
Joe Ingino 1967

THANKS!



Thank you for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. It was a great for me who made it to age 70. Going for the record...100!!!

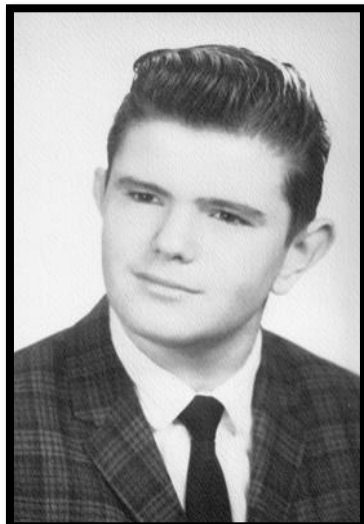
Herbie Pearce 1962



Dear Bob,

What a great anniversary card! Yes, we're still "nuts about each other" and can be "a couple of nuts" too! Sharon and I enjoyed the card very much and it gets our 46th wedding anniversary off to a very good start!!

Thanks for always remembering,
Joe Carfora 1962



Thank you for the thoughtful wedding anniversary card. All my best to the HixNews staff. We hope you have a super 2014!!!

Charlie Coney 1965

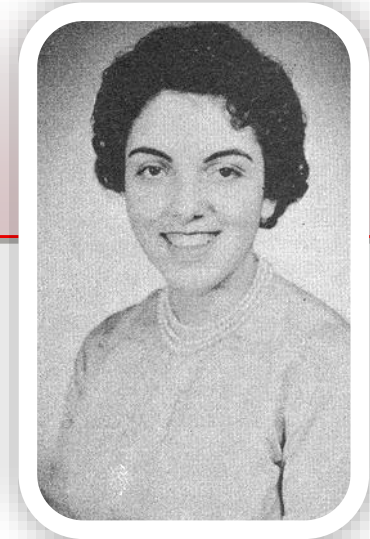


Thanks

Bob

Thanks so much for the birthday card. Most of all, I thank you and the HixNews editors for the great edition every month. I look forward to each issue. Happy and healthy 2014 to all.

Rosemary Olivari 1960



Thank you for the lovely Birthday card. It was thoughtful of you. Have a Blessed Christmas and a Happy 2014

Minerva Moddle Kassinger 1949

Thank you all at HixNews. I appreciate the birthday card and the thought. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to you all.

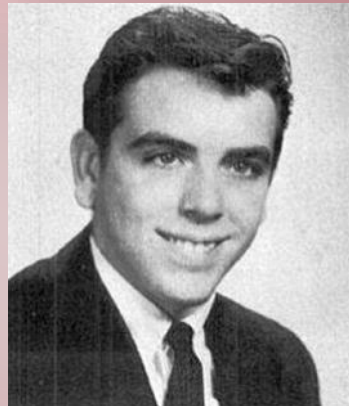
Murry Dalaimo 1959

Dear Bob and the staff,

Linda and I would like to thank you for the thoughtful 45th anniversary card. 45 years, where did the time go? I remember meeting her at Mid Island Bowl in 1965. I had just graduated Hicksville High and was working behind the bowling machines, on the south side, when I spotted her bowling on lane 28 with her sister. I put a note (asking her out) in the thumb hole of her bowling ball before it returned to the settee area. After chasing her for 4 years, she finally agreed to marry me. It's all history from there. We're looking forward to another 45.

Thanks again.

Bill and Linda Walden 1965

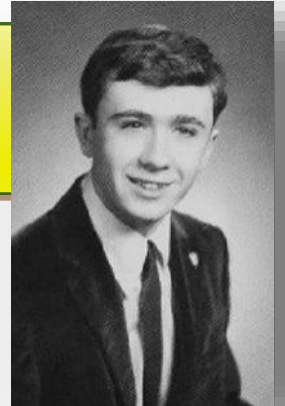


More Thanks!



Thanks for the birthday card and for all the work you do in keeping the newsletter site going. Have a great holiday season.

Ed Cochran 1968



Thank you for the card and thinking of me. It was much appreciated and totally unexpected! Love the Hicksville crowd!!!

Cheryl Schaeffer 1979

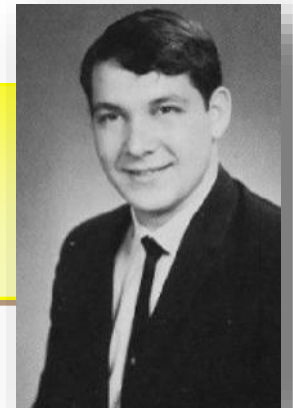


HICKSVILLE COMETS

Bob

Thanks for the birthday card and thanks again to you and the rest of the HixNews gang for posting the concert alerts that I send you.

David Teitel 1968



Dear HixNews

I loved the birthday card. Made me laugh. Thanks so much.

Karen Armstrong Krautsack 1969



Thank You!



New Readers

Welcome



John Barcellona 1965

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Welcome She.kan
Bienvenue vitány welkam
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Chào mung benvenuto

Annamarie Trotta 1985



Dear HixNews

I was Happy to have my annual visit with Mr. Naso again this year. Attached are two pictures of Mr. Naso that were taken on 12/20/2013.



He sure doesn't look or act like a man of 93... just amazing. I'm planning on seeing him again in April as we plan on having lunch to celebrate his 94th birthday.

Steve Moddle 1953

Passages

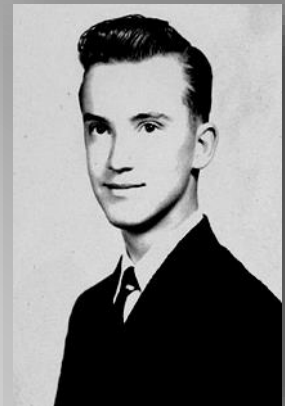


My brother Alan Bartlett was supposed to graduate in 1974. Alan dropped out of school January or February of 1974. He unfortunately passed away January 16, 2011. I'm sharing this information in case any of his classmates wonders of him.

Carolyn Bartlett Richman 1976

Please post the passing of three HHS 59 alumni this past year:

Fritz Pawlitschek, Alice Mitchell and Roy Fricke.



Also, please add their names to the In Memoriam page and to the HHS 59 web site.

Thank you,

Carl Probst 1959

p.s. also, please add Michael Donovan to the In Memoriam page for the class of 1959.

Thank you, Carl Probst, 1959



Carl, his name has been there, both on hixnews.com and 59.hixreunion.com, for some time. I show his date of death as 12-17-2012 on both pages.

Roger Whitaker webmaster for hixnews.com

Passages



Good Afternoon,

I am writing in regards to the post below:

In last month's newsletter mention was made that an administrator at HHS had recently retired. I am curious to know where Mr. Lawrence Redican (English teacher) and his wife (Mary?) who taught Algebra are today. They influenced my life in many ways and at the age of 17 you really don't have an appreciation for the value they added.

Is there anyway to find out or to post a "looking for message" for these two great mentors? Regards, Maureen Olson – Class of '70

My name is Matthew Redican and I am the youngest of Larry and Mary Redican's children. My father passed away in March of 2012 at the age of 75. He taught in the Hicksville school district for over thirty years. He retired in the early 90s. My parents were married for close to 50 years before he passed and lived in the same house in Massapequa for almost as long. After taking time off to raise 4 children, my mother taught math all over Long Island until the early 2000s. After retiring, my parents bought a small beach house in Montauk and spent most of their free time there. I'm sure that my father would be glad that he had such an impact on your life. At his funeral I remembering several people introducing themselves and telling me what an influence he had on their lives. He is truly missed.



Proposed New Vietnam Memorial Update

A note to Joe Carfora...

My Dad was in the Army and grew up in Hicksville. He Graduated in 1937 from Hicksville High School...Milton Philip Shoob.

As far as his exact Discharge Date I will have to get that information off his discharge papers. What else do you need to have him added to the Confirmed list.

Thanks in advance

David Shoob

Happy New Year!

Hi David,

Thanks for contacting me on your Dad's service in the US Army. As he graduated in 1937 when he would have been 17 or 18, he would have been 41 or 42 when the official Vietnam War Era began in February, 1961. If your Dad made the Army a career, it's possible he was still in the service during the Vietnam Era and that's what I need to know. The official rules for qualification are in the update I post each month in HixNews and can be viewed at any time at the HixNews website at www.hixnews.com. However, to make it easy for you, I've attached a copy of the 1/1/14 update to this email so you can view the rules right away. If your Dad was still in the service after February, 1961 he will definitely qualify, so if you can dig out his discharge papers as you suggested and let me know, I'd very much appreciate it. Also, if he was discharged before February '61, but continued to serve in the Army Reserves during the Vietnam Era, he would also qualify.

Please let me know and I'll be happy to add him to the list.

If he qualifies, the additional information I will need to complete his listing is; where he was stationed for most of his time during the Vietnam War Era and if he served in Vietnam, was he wounded in action (WIA).

Thanks and Happy New Year!\

Joe

Joe

Thanks! You're right...I read it wrong. He was indeed in the Army, but only for a short time. I recall him being discharged some time in the 40s. I like reading HixNews. Unfortunately for Dad, not too many left from the class of 1937.

Thanks again

David

Thanks, David.

Joe

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Proposed New Vietnam Memorial Update

A note from Joe Carfora to Susan Doino...

HAPPY NEW YEAR, Susan! I never heard back from you regarding the email below. I'd appreciate it if you can reply soon.

Dear Susan,

Quite some time ago, you gave me the name of your brother, Ray, who served in Vietnam and was HHS Class of 1965. Ray is one of nearly 1,900 names now on our Confirmed List of Names, which along with their service data, will appear engraved in bronze on the Memorial, once it is constructed and commissioned within the current Memorial Gardens at the Jerusalem Avenue

School (former high school and later the junior high) in Hicksville.

As the Confirmed List grew, we also accumulated an Unconfirmed List, simply meaning that the names on that list need confirmation as having served during the Vietnam War Era (February '61 through April '75), before they can be moved to the Confirmed List and the Memorial. This is part of our effort to make sure we leave no one behind who deserves to be part of the Memorial.

The Unconfirmed List is also published each month in HixNews, along with the Confirmed List.

Tom Steedman, one of our veterans on the Confirmed List, emailed me yesterday after reviewing the latest issue of HixNews to tell me he believes Kenny Doino may have served during the Vietnam War Era. Kenny's name appears on the Unconfirmed List of Names, a copy of which I have attached, so you can see his name and the information we have on him.

I'm assuming Kenny is also your brother and was sorry to hear from Tom that he passed away in '09. If Kenny was either still on active duty or still serving in the reserves anytime during or after February '61, he will qualify for the Confirmed List. When you open the attachment you will also

see the additional information we are missing on Kenny.

Any help you can give me to confirm his service during the Vietnam Era and to provide me with the data we are missing on Kenny, will be very much appreciated.

Regards,

Joe Carfora 1962

Dear Joe,

Ray Doino is my husband, not my brother. Regarding Kenneth, Raymond told me he was pre Viet Nam. Thanks for what you are doing.

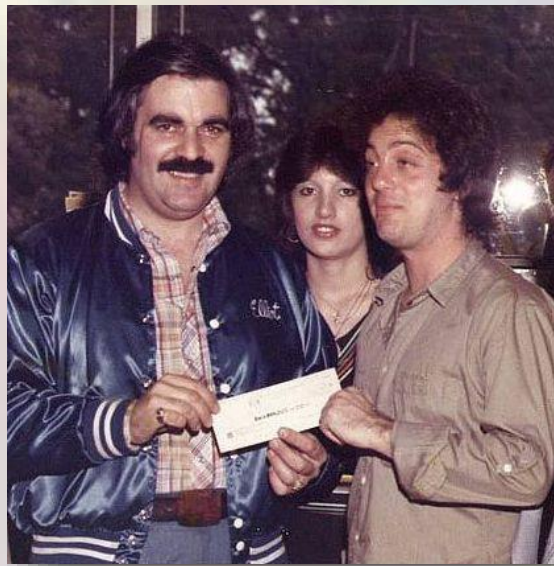
Susan

Thanks for getting back to me,
Susan!

Joe

FLASHBACK

The picture with Billy Joel was taken in Record World-Manhasset. I was the advertising/Marketing Director for the chain and we presented Billy with a check for his "Charity Begins At Home" project which aided Long Island families in need. The gal between us is Pauline Corin Petit (not from Hicksville) who was the HR Director for the Record World Stores.



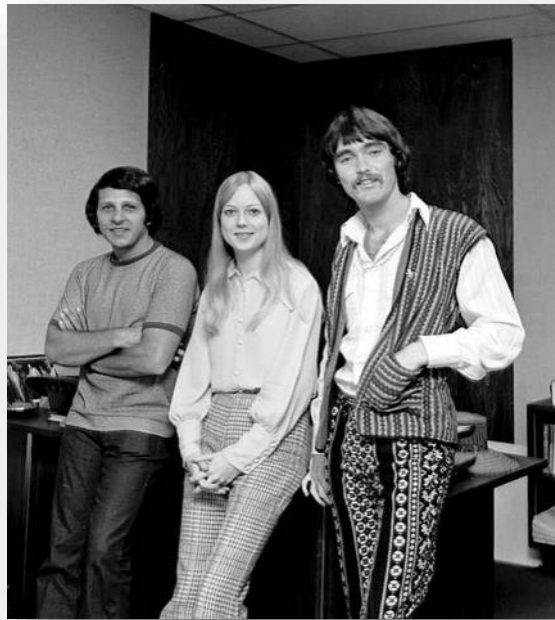
The other photo was taken back-stage at Nassau Coliseum with Fleetwood Mac. Christine McVie. Stevie Nicks, Mick Fleetwood.... The fellow on the lower right is a good friend of mine and former WLIR-FM DJ, Michael Ross.



We all had great hair back then!!

Elliot Gorlin 1963

Guess Who??



Wagner Funeral Home Dedicates "Plaques of Honor"

In November 2013, the Wagner Funeral Home of Hicksville along with the Hicksville Veterans of Foreign Wars, dedicated their first "Plaques of Honor" in memory of those who served from the Hicksville area. Almost 400 names of past veterans who were serviced by Wagner's are listed on the initial three plaques. Over 100 family members, friends and veterans attended the dedication. The keynote speakers were Congressman Steve Israel, Hicksville's own Nassau County Legislator Rose Walker, and William Walden (Commander of the Hicksville VFW). After a very moving ceremony, the three plaques were unveiled to a loud round of applause from the families and veterans. The three plaques are now mounted in the entrance hallway at Wagner's. Anyone wishing to have a deceased Hicksville veteran's name added to it next year can contact the funeral home directly or contact Bill Walden, Commander of the Hicksville VFW, who will forward the veteran's name to them.

Attached are;

First - Picture of the plaques with Legislator Rose Walker (center), Patrick Crowe (General Manager of Wagner Funeral Homes on viewers right), staff members of Wagner's, and members of the Hicksville VFW who acted as "Honor Guard" for the plaques.

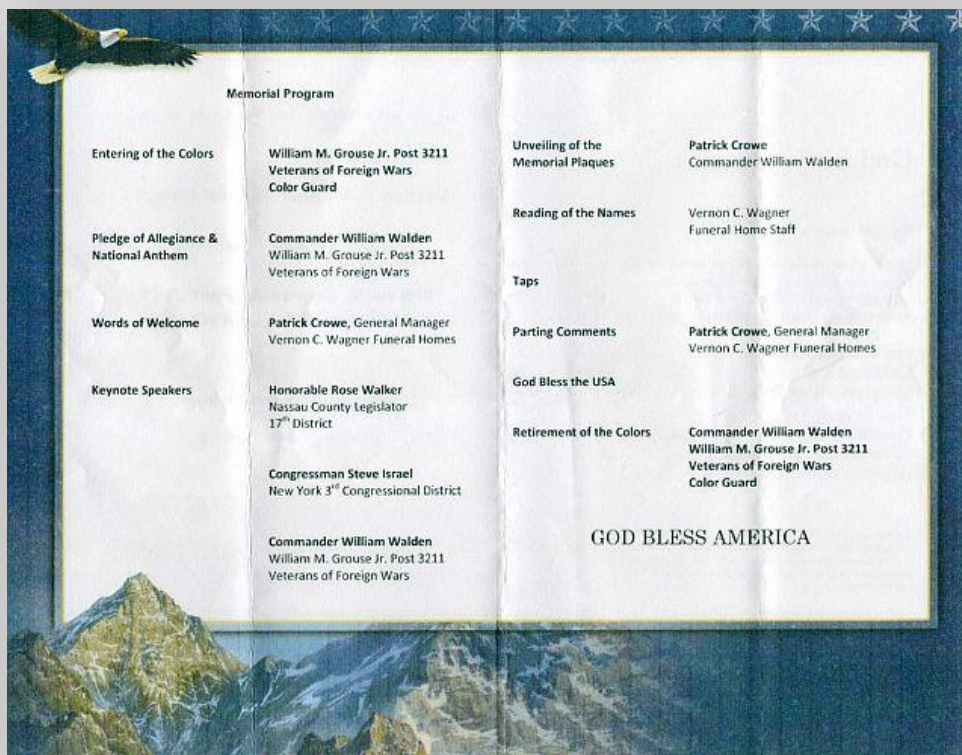


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Wagner Funeral Home Dedicates "Plaques of Honor"

Second - A copy of the Dedication Program



Semper Fi
Bill Walden

**THANKS
VETERANS**

Remembering Henry Gates

It is with a sad heart that we write to tell you of the passing of Mr. Henry Gates. Many of us were the beneficiaries of his knowledge, his patience and his skills in music and education. More than that, Henry helped many of us become who we are today by guiding us to adulthood at a very critical part of our lives.

His kindness, leadership and strength will always be with us. Our condolences go out to his friends and family. He will be greatly missed.

Please send us your pictures of Mr. Gates and share your memories of one of our favorite teachers.

David Rubin '82

Dear Editors:

I don't know if anyone has already brought this to your attention, but Henry Gates, former band leader at the Hicksville Junior High (I think) and marching band instructor at HHS in the 1950s and 60s, recently passed away; a group of us who knew him and each other have been writing short tributes to him, and we thought it might be pertinent to post them and the notice of his passing in the newsletter. I am pasting them all below (near the end is the one that first notified us of his death).

Thanks,

Lois Chaber

Very sad, Henry was a gentle man who helped countless youngsters over his teaching career and beyond. I am better for having known him from learning 8 steps to 5 yards in Hicksville marching band to Huntington Community band from reuniting with Henry in 2000.

Stan Bryer



Henry Gates with his wife, Elaine

Remembering Henry Gates

Henry Gates enriched our music lives in a special way. He was an exceptional person to all of us in the band and personally.

It is difficult to start up anything from scratch. Henry did just that with our HHS marching band. Playing the football game half time shows, the pep rallies in the gym and the parades were some of my best memories. These events were not only musical...and very, very loud, but social events. We really got to know each other and had enormous fun together. Henry brought FUN to our lives. Those were great times.

Henry, thank you.

Richard Bankosky



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I'm so sorry to hear of Henry's dying. I have so many good memories of the marching band and Henry, I can still see the grin on his face when we came up with a new drum tap for the band and played it for him and he so embraced it - and us. Do any of you remember the night he took a bunch of us to BAM for a concert? On the way home we stopped at that huge 2 story Howard Johnson on Queens Boulevard and chowed down on 3D burgers, etc. Then we all piled into his car and it broke down on the entrance to GCP and it was snowing! I had to wake my dad in the middle of the night to come out and rescue us. And he did so gladly - never said no when his kids needed him. Thanks, Henry, for that and so much more.

... and from me-- I'll always remember that tall slim build, that shiny corn-silk colored upwards haircut-- and those crinkly eyes that accompanied his amazing smile. Another memory emblazoned in my mind's eye was the kindness and delight he displayed when his young daughter entered the Band Room on a seemingly to us, surprise visit.

He impressed as a kind, loving, and approving father. This explains why, when he demanded the best of us-- and he did--I demanded my best-- for us-- for me. Working with Henry Gates was the template for aspiring to achieve my personal best in the domains of later life: Parenting, Professional, and Personal. What a lovely legacy-- My own hope is to live, love, and inspire such a legacy in my own lifetime.

Barbara (Cohen) Phillips

Remembering Henry Gates

from Lois Chaber: Let me add: It was so great to see Henry Gates after about 50 years (!) at Stan's house in the aftermath of the HHS class of '60 reunion in 2010. He was as light-hearted and good-natured as ever, if faltering a bit in memory, and I had an opportunity to 'confess' to him that in my days in the HHS marching band I was never able to play my sax and do the marching manoeuvres at the same time (terrible coordination problems); my fear of Henry's disapproval made the latter my first priority. He was actually a neighbour of mine about 4 houses away in the late 1950s, but I was always too shy to take advantage of this. He was a lovely, dedicated man and I mourn his passing -- though he surely had a full and fulfilled life.

I was so sorry to learn of Henry's death. We had the opportunity to catch up with him at Stan's home after the reunion, and it was fun to reminisce about the band days. He was always Mr. Gates to me, and I've been very appreciative of his patience in teaching me how to play the clarinet. I loved every minute of the marching band, and I'm sure we were as good or better than the college routines I see today. We just didn't have the whole troupe of dancers that they have now.

Thanks to all for sharing the news.

Barb Schaal



Remembering Henry Gates

From the USDAN website <http://www.usdan.com/remembering-henry-gates.html>

Henry Gates passed away this week. He was a longtime conductor of bands at Usdan and the husband of beloved Junior Chorus conductor Elaine (Panik) Gates. He was also the step-father of longtime faculty member Shelly Marino, and grandfather of current faculty members Amanda Palmieri and Megan Marino. Henry was a music teacher in the Hicksville Schools when Andrew McKinley tapped him to become Usdan's third Band Chairman and conductor of our concert bands.

Henry brought his signature spirit of quality and energy to the Center, providing students with the confidence that he would guide them to memorable performances. His integrity resulted in a career-long determination to carry out Mr. McKinley's charge - that Usdan students, whether the beginners in Band I or the high school students in Band IV, have access to the highest level of Henry's musicianship and inspiration. Henry met Elaine at Usdan and their dedication to one other became iconic. He supported Elaine's successes at Usdan and beyond, and he attended each of her performances with pride. The Board, Staff and Faculty mourn Henry's loss and will long remember his contributions to our students' education and wellbeing.

We received some sad news week - Henry Gates, our longtime friend and former teacher passed away this morning. Ruth and I remember Mr. Gates as a wonderful and charismatic band director at Hicksville Junior High School. He had a personality that always made you feel like he was your friend, but when he was conducting a rehearsal, you had to be careful because you never wanted to get "the look". We reunited with Henry in the early 1970's at Usdan Center for the Arts. We were colleagues at Usdan for many years and often spoke of our time together in Hicksville. Henry Gates was an inspiration to me and I will always be grateful for our friendship.

Art Schaeffler

The image shows a musical score for a song in G major, 4/4 time. The score is written on a single treble clef staff and consists of six lines of music. Above the staff, guitar chords are indicated: D, G, D, Bm, Em7, A7, D, G, D, Bm, Em7, A7, D, G, D, Bm, Em7, A7, D, G, D, Bm, Em7, A7, D. The melody is simple and consists of eighth and quarter notes. The score ends with a double bar line.