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When we last visited the Hall of Excellence back in 2009, five outstanding Alumni were enrolled into our Hall of Excellence. Hon. Donald Gregg '45, Dr. Edmund Ned Phelps '51, Mitzi Mallina Wertheim '55, Dr. Robert C. Merton '62, and Rear Admiral Ron H. Jesberg '53. What an outstanding group.

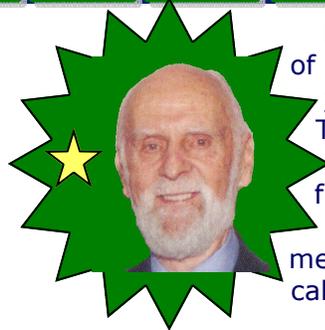
We knew we would have to wait until 2011 before the doors to the Hall would once again open. As in the past, your Alumni Association consulted with the HHS Class Reps to provide nominees. Could we possibly find another group with such high qualifications?

Indeed we did !

This season's crop of Hall of Excellence Inductees included: Olympic Gold and Silver medal winners, a three-time EMMY award nominee, an inventor of high significance, a Professor Emeritus of Chemical Engineering, the Curator of the Mark Twain Papers, an Actor, Writer, Musician and Director, and a famous author of Children's Books. WOW!

Another outstanding group that intertwines with the inspirational history of Hastings High School. Anticipation for the Induction Ceremonies kept building until, finally, it was Saturday evening, Oct.22 at the Riverview Restaurant.

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Bob Gersky was the Master of Ceremonies and did a great job with the commentary. The crowd of approximately 120 supporters had just finished their dinners when Bob, after opening statements and introductions, called up the first presenter, John Carney, to introduce

many of the accomplishments of **Bill Bohnert '50**. Bill is the three-time EMMY Award nominee with a list of shows that John said would take at least 9 single spaced pages to list. Bill Bohnert is certainly a true "pioneer" of the early days of television, and was the set designer for the last 10 years of the Ed Sullivan Variety Show. Bill talked about various aspects of his successful career and also mentioned how "luck" played an important role, but most of us in the audience believe, "luck" had very little to do with his success.



We were all glad to see the next presenter...Edmund "Ned" Phelps '51, who was one of the great 2009 inductees and a Nobel Economics Prize winner.

In fact, Ned wasn't the only returning HOE previous honoree. Rear Admiral Ronald H. Jesberg, Mitzi Malina Wertheim, and Hon. Don C. Gregg were also present, and we were all happy that they were able to attend. Ned introduced his classmate, **Donald Maricle '51**, who is a (continued Pg.3)

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NEW BOARD...2012

What a year we had in 2011... Record Scholarship awards, the Hall of Excellence Program, the "Yellow Jacket Jam", the exciting Homecoming Weekend, and so much more. Unfortunately three of our hard working dedicated directors have retired: Bernie O'Brien, our distinguished Alumni Association founder and leader who really deserves a rest after of all the time he dedicated to our Association. Bob and Sue Gersky have also retired, each having contributed so much to our successful year. At times it felt like Bob was waiting impatiently in our computers' e-mail "in-box", anxious to get the day's work started. They all made more than significant contributions to the Alumni Association and we certainly thank them for a great job. On the bright side, we have retained a group of tireless committed Directors that know how to get things done. As luck would have it, we are fortunate to have three new Board members who have enthusiastically stepped forward to help fill the huge gap: **Connie Gulish Bliss** and **Joan Farrell Lee**, both from the class of 1956, and **Bill Kennedy** who will take over the Treasurer's responsibilities.

Steve Cuppek Jr, '69, was elected President and will continue his work with the Lindemann Sports Hall of Fame. The rest of our amazing team remains in tact with: Augie Andronica '51, Nancy Maleska '72, Alan Fine '75, Nancy Gagliardi '75, Myrna Gulish '55, Patty Speranza '76, Alex Lubin '05, and Rafael Zaratzian '83. Tess Carlson, Sheila Faulkner, and Coach Dick Bub remain as Advisory Council members.

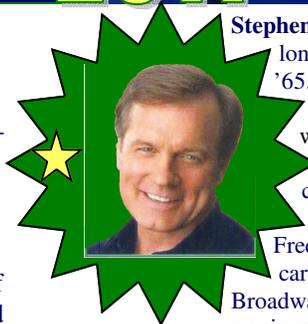
We are currently looking for a new Board Member to help represent the classes of the 90's. If you're interested, please contact Steve Cuppek at: scuppek@aol.com

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Dick Bub		Hall of Fame

HALL OF EXCELLENCE 2011



(Donald Maricle continued) Chemical Engineer and the inventor of the LiSO2 lithium battery. Don, while working for American Cyanamid as a Research Chemist discovered electrochemiluminescence and developed electro-organic synthesis. In other words, Don related how the battery was developed and many interesting aspects which led to the first successful, non chargeable but highly effective lithium battery, with a shelf life of 10 years. This battery is still a favorite today with the military, and has led to the development of the rechargeable lithium batteries. Needless to say, in a world filled with battery-operated electronics, Don has made a significant contribution to us all.



Stephen Collins '65 was next introduced by his long standing friend of 60 years, Fred Barnes '65. As Bob Gersky stated... "Everyone knows him," which is only true if you have ever watched TV, gone to the movies, read a newspaper or magazine. Stephen, of course, is a well know acclaimed actor who is also an author, director and musician.

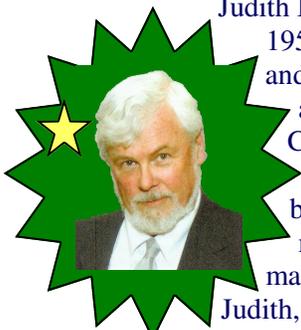
Fred discussed Steve's career which began with an appearance in the Broadway hit, "The Ritz" in 1975. Steve's first movie role was playing "Hugh Slone" in the movie, "All the President's Men". He discussed Emmy winning roles, and his most famous role as Reverend Eric Camden in the TV series "7th Heaven", which was a record breaking, longest running family drama that ran for 11 years. When Stephen spoke, he discussed his early shyness which prevented him from trying out for the 9th and 10th grade school plays. He did a wonderful job of describing his years growing up in Hastings and praised several of his former teachers. As an example, he said, "actors are often asked about the process of learning all the lines they must memorize". He told the story about Dr. Frank Adams, a teacher a lot of the audience remembered as a tough, chalk throwing math teacher. "Dr. Adams was so thorough that he made sure every one of us was sure of what we already just covered. We would go back to the beginning and then go ahead. Learn a new line, and then go back and review". He added, "I've been doing that for fifty years... Thank you Dr. Adams". Stephen's acceptance speech was filled with warmth and a deep, rich, association with Hastings and his old school.



Another of last year's great honorees, Rear Admiral Ronald Jesberg introduced his classmate, **G. Michael Howard '53**, and the audience was in for a treat.

Michael emphasized that he was just a regular guy with a somewhat scary title of "Professor Emeritus of Chemical Engineering". When this title is used, he said, "most people get the feeling that Darth Vader was about to enter their spaceship". "Mike" was a delight, and added a great deal of humor to his acceptance speech. He discussed the education process and his method of teaching. It was obvious he loved his job, and we all wished that, somehow, we had been lucky enough to have been a student in one of his classes.

Dr. Robert H. Hirst, '59, was next to be introduced by Judith Bender, also from the great class of 1959.



Dr. Hirst is the General Editor and Curator of the Mark Twain Project and Papers of the University of California at Berkeley.. Since 1949, the Mark Twain Project houses his books, thousands of personal letters, magazine and newspaper pieces, manuscripts and stories.

Judith, in the process of her introduction, quoted Bob Hirst... "If you are bored with Mark Twain, you either have no sense of humor or you haven't been paying attention". He certainly kept us paying attention with whimsical stories and Mark Twain quotes.

Dr. Hirst's admiration of Twain was obvious throughout his allotted 8 minutes, as he certainly kept us well entertained with his, as well as Mark Twain's humor.



Ed Caccia '76 introduced the first inductee into the Hall of Excellence from the 1970's, **Staton Rabin '76**, who is an author of children's books and historical novels for teenagers. Ed's excellent presentation and introduction provided us with a great understanding of Staton's great success as an author and successful entrepreneur. She is

the author of numerous books and a winner of many awards for her writing. Perhaps the best known is, "Betsy and the Emperor," which is a good example of what Ed explained as Staton's fascinating technique of creating characters and transposing them into real historical situations and settings. "Betsy" has Al Pacino scheduled to star as Napoleon in the upcoming future movie. Her books help young students gain an appreciation of history while having fun in the process, and understanding history from a child's perspective. Staton thanked several people, among them some of her teachers who had encouraged her in many ways, including making movies. We all could tell we were observing a person who liked to help others by encouragement, teaching, and coaching. Her students are taught to think independently, and to open their minds to endless possibilities.

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Earlier, before dinner, Bob Gersky presented the Hall of Excellence awards to Stephen Lysak '31 and John Lysak '36, both of whom represented the United States as participants in the Olympics in canoeing. Both had been previously honored as members of the Athletic Hall of Fame.



John Lysak '37 — John's attraction to canoeing on the Hudson River would lead to his great accomplishment of making the 1936 Olympic team. He didn't medal, but did place 7th in the 10,000 meter, 2-man canoe race. At ninety-six, John is one of the oldest living USA Olympians (he lives in Fremont, CA.)

Stephen Lysak '31 —

After winning a stunning upset in the Olympic trials, Stephen and his personally designed racing canoe went on to capture a Gold and Silver medal at the 1948 Olympics. It was the first Olympic canoe race in history won by the USA. Steve died in 2002.



After a brief summary of events by Bob Gersky, the huge crowd slowly grew silent as the invisible curtain of the Hall of Excellence gradually started closing. The lights grew dim as once more we paused to appreciate all the great achievements that were on display on this very special evening. Sadly, though the curtain on the Hall of Excellence has closed for now, we will meet again in just two years. Until then, keep doing great things and, one day, you will be reading about your own achievements... here, in the HHS Alumni's Great Hall of Excellence. Editor

NOTE: All the HOE nominees are so highly qualified and this article couldn't possibly list all their qualifications, which can be found in the "2011 Hall of Excellence Induction Ceremony" Program Guide on our website: hohalumni.org And while you're there, you can actually view the entire Hall of Excellence Dinner Ceremony. It's very entertaining, and is available to you via live streaming technology. Our own Director of Technology, Raf Zaratzian, did a super job of capturing all the great moments of that night. You will enjoy seeing the entire program.

HOME COMING WEEKEND



You're Invited!

Sept. 29- 30, 2012.

The Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony will be outstanding this year and will be held at the Southside Club. The names of the inductees will be available very soon, as well as all the pertinent information, such as costs and time.

Please check the web site (hohalumni.org) for that information or e-mail Steve Cuppek, Jr. at: scuppek@aol.com You may also call Nancy Gagliardi at 914-478-6250 between the hours of 9:00am and 2:00 pm.

It's going to be a great weekend -Don't miss the FUN.

Scholarships 2011

Patricia Chemka Speranza is the Alumni Director who is responsible for the Scholarship Program. Please direct any inquiries to her attention. E-mail: Chemkap@gmail.com

Edmund S, Phelps Scholarship for Excellence:

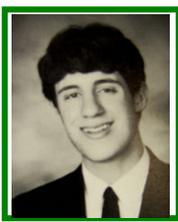
\$5000



Sara Harris was thrilled to hear that she'd won the Edmund Phelps Scholarship for Excellence. The decision by the scholarship committee was a unanimous one; Sara showed us that she was able to balance her school work with tutoring elementary school students and varsity tennis. Sara was so thrilled to win the scholarship that she asked to send a thank you note to Mr. Phelps himself. Sara plans to major in psychology at Goucher University in Maryland. They should be proud to have her!

Richard M. Thomas Music Scholarship:

\$2000



Though just now graduating from high school **Jacob Nordlinger**, the winner of this year's Richard M. Thomas Music Scholarship, already has an incredible biography. He began studying cello at the age of 8 and has been studying and performing ever since. Jacob participated in the New York Youth Symphony Chamber Music Program for the past four years, has been a member of the New York All State Orchestra, and principal cellist of Westchester County's Area All-State Orchestra for the past two years. Jacob is heading off to the Manhattan School of Music in NYC, where he'll continue to perform and would also like to teach. Jacob, we're going to keep our ears open for the incredible music you make!

Ronald W. Lindemann Hall of Fame Scholarship

\$1250 Each



Chris Macchi has achieved significant recognition as a lacrosse player, being selected All-League and receiving the Coaches MVP Award. Chris, coming off a 40 goal season, was also named to the Section 1 Senior All-Star team. In addition to lacrosse, Chris also ran winter track and played on the varsity football team. All this while working at Harvest-on-Hudson as a prep cook, line cook and pastry chef. In the fall, Chris will head off to Johnson and Wales University to major in culinary arts and business. A future restaurateur for Hastings?

Elizabeth McCaffrey has been active both in and out of formal school athletics. She swam on the Varsity swim team for 5 years, played lacrosse, and was also a Hudsonette. Out of school, she is certified in women's self-defense and as an American Red Cross lifeguard. Elizabeth heads to SUNY Delhi in the Fall to study nursing. Given her outgoing personality, we're sure she'll be a success.



James F. Harmon Alumni Scholarship

\$1000



Sullybeth Rivera is the winner of the first James V. Harmon Scholarship, and he would be proud that she was selected. She has been very active in community work, even selected to participate in the Eileen Fisher Leadership Institute. Sullybeth is heading to Westchester Community College in the Fall to study business. Good luck to you Sullybeth.

PHIL KLIPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD (Athletic)

\$750



Kristen DeSouza was busy all through her high school years spending grades 10-12 as a Hudsonette, serving as senior captain on the softball team, and playing field hockey. Summers were spent working as a lifeguard at the pool and as a camp counselor. Kristen heads off to Westchester Community College to study criminal justice, where she intends to keep playing softball. Keep hitting them hard Kristen!

Congratulations to all of the scholarship winners!!



It was about five o'clock on Friday, the sixteenth of September, and **things just didn't look right.** The Main Street parking lot was strangely empty of cars. The small groups of people that were scurrying about were obviously very busy. A long stage was being maneuvered about. A tent with a shiny green top was positioned up near the street entrance. A small sign on it read, "The HHS Alumni Association". The stage was now positioned in the rear of the area that was bare except for the HHS Alumni banner affixed proudly on the back of the stage wall. Volunteers and Village staff began to slowly fill the Boulanger Plaza Amphitheater with chairs, soon to be occupied by an estimated eight hundred Hastings residents, including many alumni, as well as current students and their parents. No longer silent, the sounds of the crowd's anticipation began to fill the air. Several local restaurants were setting up food stands.



Main Street was closed to auto traffic. As the audience started to build, the alumni banner now shared its space with a full complement of professional musicians who had taken time off from their very successful careers to pay tribute to Peter DeLuke, their once very dedicated teacher and mentor. The stage grew brighter as darkness began to fill the distant corners as this very special event was about to begin.



All photos — Alison Bert

It's now six o'clock and the sound of shuffling chairs was instantly replaced by the spectacular sounds of great music. The young and old alike were overjoyed with the wonderful tunes and fabulous arrangements. Song after song added more and more to the enchantment of this very special event — e.g. "A-Train", "Body & Soul", "Sophisticated Lady" and so many more great classic jazz compositions. It wasn't just the music — The Mayor of Hastings, Mr. Peter Swiderski, presented



Peter DeLuke with a Certificate of Appreciation from the Village.

Alan Fine, the HHS Alumni Association's Director of Special Events, who initiated this program, presented Mr. DeLuke with an Alumni Association Lifetime Membership Certificate. Alan worked with co-organizer Meg Walker, the head of the "Friday Night Live" to co-organize this affair, and both did a magnificent job of putting the program together.

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YELLOW JACKET JAM



Let's not forget those great entertainers who performed on-stage, the Professional Alumni and Associates of Peter DeLuke, who performed so brilliantly. **Thank You** ... Chris Anderson, Bob Arthurs, Mike McSpedon, Mike Rubino, Doug Zantay, Peter Brainin, Tom Charlap, Bob Chuckrow, Clint DeGanon, Dale Miller, Barry Olsen, Robert Powell, Judy Mucciolo Skroback, Ken Venezia, AND ESPECIALLY to Peter DeLuke, whose skills as a teacher and inspirational leader made this wonderful night possible. He was the Supervisor of Music for the Hastings Public Schools from 1960 to 1985. Pete also had an outstanding musical career and performed with Benny Goodman, Jimmy Dorsey and Buddy Rich to name just a few. All of the profits earned by your HHS Alumni Association through the Yellow Jacket Jam will go to a "Peter DeLuke Music Scholarship". A very special **Thank You** to all who attended this outstanding event. If you would like to purchase a CD or DVD of this event, please visit: hohalumni.org



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NEW FOR 2012 PETER DELUKE MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

When Peter DeLuke arrived at HHS as the Supervisor of Music at Hastings High in 1960, he was already a professional musician having played in big bands with legends like --Benny Goodman, Jimmy Dorsey, Gene Krupa and Buddy Rich, and performing with celebrities such as Frank Sinatra, Tony Bennett, Mel Torme, Rosemary Clooney and queen of scat, Ella Fitzgerald. Pete had both the capacity to play and teach music as well as the experience of being a professional musician. He passed his passion, love and understanding of music on to his students. Upon retiring from teaching in '85, Pete went back on tour. Presently, he leads a nine piece Duke Ellington Repertory Jazz Orchestra in Southern California; making CD's and performing all over the country.



HHS CLASS of '57 CELEBRATES IT'S 9th GET-TOGETHER REUNION

The HHS Class of 1957 had another (9th) wonderful reunion September 8-11, 2011. This time the traveling class met in Stonington-Mystic, CT. There were 54 attendees including spouses. Five alums who live nearby joined us. We had many activities which served to rebond this well-bonded group. A trip to Newport, RI, tours of the local area, an evening dinner party pictured in this article, and a farewell brunch were the highlights

Our classmates came from Australia (1), Puerto Rico(2), FL(9) , MA(2), CA (11), AZ(2), NY(8), NJ(1), VA(1),NC (2), GA(3),MD(4),OK(1), CT(6).

We are San Fransisco-bound in the spring of 2014. Some joined us for the first time and we were thrilled to have them. If you haven't had the time before, please join us in 2014!

Anne Cragan Connerton
(connerton3@comcast.net), coordinator of the 2011 reunion.

Alumni Association Retirement News 2011

Bernie O'Brien, Bob and Sue Gerskey have been giants in our organization. All three have contributed so much and will be missed greatly. When the Chairman, President and Treasurer retire, you know you are missing very important members of the team.. We will miss them all and thank them for all their extraordinary contributions to the success of the HHS Alumni Association.



Class of '62 GOES HOME AGAIN to celebrate their.....



MAY 18-20, 2012 in HASTINGS

- FRI** eve 6-10 pm Informal gathering at Rainwater Grill on Main Street
- SAT** morn 10-12 noon "Trip Down Memory Lane" at HHS.
led by Class President and Vice-President,
Steve Wilson and Steve Marchetti.
- SAT** aft. 1:30 – 4:00 pm Walking tour led by classmate, Bob Licht
and/or visits to Hastings Historical Society
and Cropsey Museum.
- SAT** eve, 6-11 pm Cocktails, dinner and dancing.
At The Riverview, 1 Warburton Ave, Hastings
- SUN** morn 10am-noon Farewell Brunch at the Community Center
(former Youth Center) on Main Street.

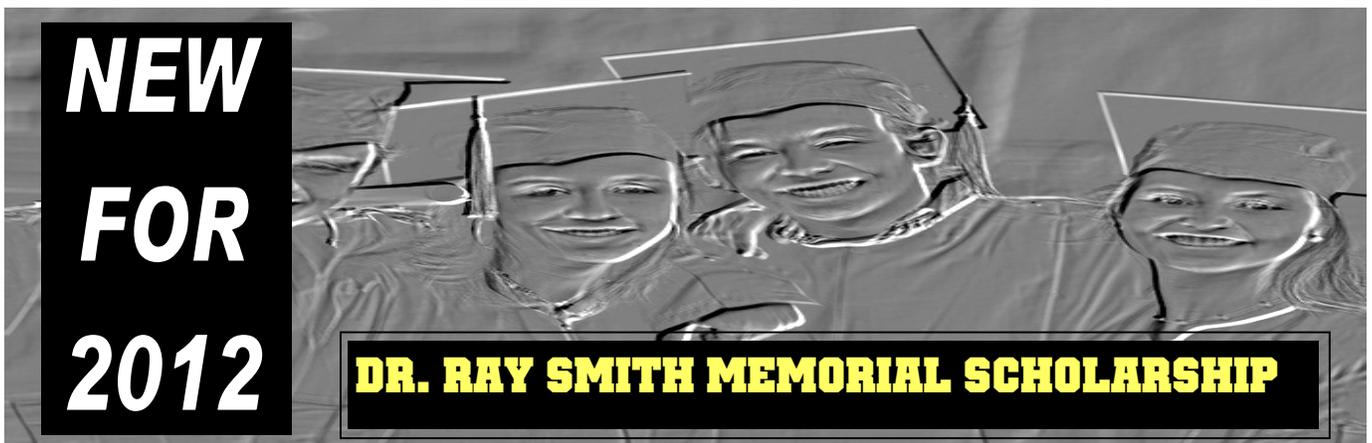
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Steve Wilson

Kathleen Fitzgerald Cotroneo
Bob Licht
Sheron Molnoski Medovich

NOTE: The Alumni Association apologizes to the class of '62 for the circumstances that prevented us from publishing this newsletter prior to your Class Reunion. We hope to provide the colorful details of this great 50th reunion soon.



Dr. Ray Smith, a very popular and much admired Hastings history teacher, passed away last summer. He was often the first "invitee" to class reunions and remained a strong presence in the hearts of Hastings Alumni. Thanks to **Linda Conte '58** and several grads from the Class of '59, who successfully initiated raising funds for this memorial, the Ray Smith Scholarship will come to fruition this year and will be a fitting tribute to a great inspirational teacher and friend.



No Name Tags !

Although it's been 40 years the Class of 1971 didn't need the hastily purchased psychedelic trimmed name tags that didn't adhere any way ! We recognized each other ! Of course our glasses, contacts and laser surgery helped ! The Class of '71 reunion plans started out slowly, typical for children of the 60s (and not yet in their 60s). We had lots of non-committal responses, but once our August deadline approached, RSVPs began to suddenly appear resulting in a sizeable group for all three gatherings.

Friday night at Maud's seems to be a staple for HHS reunions, and ours was no exception. They welcomed us with lots of space and their usual clientele were very accommodating. We had a great turnout. What fun it was to watch as all eyes would turn to the door to see who was entering next. We eventually took over the entire establishment and spilled onto the sidewalk. We dare say, many of us haven't seen such late hours in a long time.

We spent Saturday afternoon picnicking at MacEachron Park. Michael Burns, Michael Kenny and Peter Nethercot serenaded us with music both nostalgic and contemporary. The majestic Palisades and Hudson providing familiar yet still awesome scenery.

Saturday evening we convened at the Southside Club. Many thanks to Steve Cuppek for his help and support. A buffet dinner by the Pizza Grill on Warburton Avenue was enjoyed by all. Everyone was so relaxed and happy to see their classmates. 40 Years ! People traveled both locally and in from the West Coast to attend. We had such a wonderful time, great memories, we plan to do it again in a few years. Go Yellowjackets !

Ann Mullen Twibell - Barbara Francis O'Neal - Donna Bossenbroek Cosenza

NOTE: The Alumni Association will like to sincerely thank the class of '71 for their generous contribution to the HHS Alumni Association.





The Homecoming weekend was jam-packed with marvelous activities this year. On Saturday, we celebrated the second edition of our Hall of Excellence Program which featured the addition of eight new inductees to its distinguished membership. Friday night also featured another outstanding event. Bill Bohnert, class of '50, who was in town as a proud inductee to our Hall of Excellence, entertained a full house at the Harmon Community Center with his wonderful background stories about the Ed Sullivan TV Variety Show. Bill, the show's then Production Designer and three-time EMMY nominee, had the audience once again transformed back to the magical days of early television. His tales about the many celebrity performers, and the excitement of "live" television were interesting, entertaining and filled with humor. A story just related to us recently shows that Bill had been in the "spotlight" much earlier in life when his father, who was in advertising, put Dewitt Miles face on a photo over Bill's body and "they" ended up on an ESSO billboard in the late 40's. Alan Fine, the Alumni Association's Director of Special Events, coordinated the event, which obviously pleased all those who were in attendance. The Rainwater Grille catered the event, providing food and drinks and, if it were possible, Ed Sullivan himself would have concluded that, "it was a REALLY BIG SHOO". Thanks Bill!



Any questions/suggestions, etc.
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Hometown Reunion

The HHS Class of 1956 recently had their 55th high school reunion. After much discussion, we decided to have all the events in the town we still call our "hometown" – Hastings. This is where we were raised and went to school – some of us from kindergarten through 12th grade. We wanted to give back to our town through the local businesses which were able to facilitate our group. Our Friday night mixer at Rainwater Grille coincided with the music festival which overwhelmed the Grille (the old Five and Ten on Main St.). We were still able to chat and enjoy seeing each other while having a place to sit and laugh together.

Even though the Saturday luncheon was held at a classmate's home in Ardsley, the wonderful food was catered by Antoinette's Patisserie (the old Hastings Food Center) on Warburton Ave. The gourmet sandwiches, salads and desserts were exceptionally delicious and artfully arranged.

Saturday night was held at the Southside Club. They were more than delighted to accommodate a 50's music fest, which Steve Cuppek generously gave his time to make two CD's for us to enjoy. He also spent the evening celebrating with us. A tasteful hot and cold buffet was made by "Slices" (the old Green Tavern). Isaac, the owner, is another Hastings alumnus. It seemed to us his food was cooked with love since we all went back for seconds, and even thirds.

In knowing there was a big diversion Friday night at the Rainwater Grille, Tony made our Sunday brunch extra, extra special. He made our group feel like kings and queens with a gourmet spread of crepes, quiches, fruit salad, desserts, etc. – the works -- accompanied by fine music and great service.

To top off our reunion, we chose to have Sunday dinner at Harvest-on-Hudson. Appetizers and drinks were served in their outdoor gardens overlooking the Hudson River. Close to sunset, a large two-masted sailboat going down the Hudson completed the stunning setting. The meal itself was the icing on the cake, making our reunion the best it could be. The congeniality of Regina, the Coordinator of the Harvest, was not to go unnoticed. She was welcoming and helpful in every way possible. Aside from all the eating, we had plenty of time to mingle and renew old acquaintances. All the people from Hastings who worked with us generously contributed to make our hometown reunion extra special and successful. Everyone attending the reunion was delighted in the choices to "meet, eat, and greet." We feel that other classes planning their reunions would be very happy using what Hastings has to offer.

A reunion is not about reliving what once was, however impacted that may have been. We did do a lot of reminiscing, but we mostly enjoyed who we are now.

Connie Gulish Bliss and Joan Farrell Lee

The Class of 1956 attendees in the photo, from left to right, are:
Front row: Suzanne Dalton Jones with her hearing aid dog, Carl; Diana Campbell Moore; Connie Gulish Bliss; Marge Hogan Naumann; Lillian Casale Anderson; Maggie Kaufmann Kosinski (Class of '57). *Second row:* Bill Bird; George Toll; Mike Kerpchar; Priscilla Miles Yarnall; Joan Farrell Lee; Rev. Tom Pike; Anita Woo DiMauro; Pat Grady Lawrence; Bob Anderson. *Third row:* Bill Grauert; Kent Yarnall (Priscilla's husband); Tony Rodriguez; Joe Cady; Forrester Darling; Pete Emslie; Pat Donovan McCrudden.

Letters to the Editor

My name is Alice, and I was sitting in the waiting room for my first appointment with a new dentist. I noticed his DDS diploma on the wall, which bore his full name. Suddenly, I remembered a tall, handsome, dark haired boy with the same name who had been in my Hastings High School class some 37 years ago. Could he be the same guy that I had a secret crush on, way back then? Upon seeing him however, I quickly discarded any such thought. This balding, gray haired man with deeply lined face was way too old to have been my classmate. After he examined my teeth, I asked him if he had attended Hastings High School?



“Yes, Yes I did... I’m a Yellow Jacket,” He gleamed with pride. “When did you graduate?” I asked. He answered, “In 1975, ...Why do you ask?” “You were in my CLASS!. I exclaimed. He looked at me closely.

Then, that ugly old bald wrinkled faced fat decrepit old geezer asked, “What did you teach???”

Please read..... DUES APPLICATION CHANGE

Annual dues previously covered a period from October 1 to Sept.30. To help making it less confusing, dues are now payable annually, from January 1 to December 31. If you paid your dues after Oct.1, 2011, we will apply your payment to cover all of 2012. Of course, whenever you pay, it will be greatly appreciated.



DUES ARE DUE DUES ARE DUE



THIS IS YOUR INVOICE If you haven't paid your dues this year, this is a great time to do it! Annual dues are \$25 per year or \$40 for two years.

- ①... Use the form below to make your annual dues/contribution. ② Follow the mailing and payment instructions. ③

Thank you!

If you prefer to pay your dues via the internet, you can easily do so by going to the HHS Alumni Association website – hohalumni.org – and use the GOOGLE credit card payment feature.

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