



# HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSN.

FEBRUARY 2015



Sept. 20, 2014

A full house of friends, classmates and alumni filled the Southside Social and Athletic Club. The one consistent thing about a Homecoming event is that it's going to be fun, and this was no exception. **Bernie O'Brien** was back sharing the task of Master of Ceremonies, along with **Alan Fine**, Alumni's Special Projects Director, and they combined to keep the program fun, lively and on

schedule. After Bernie led the audience with the Pledge of Allegiance and the Invocation, Coach Mike Eckelman presented the achievements of Coach **Bruce Crandall**.



Coach Crandall had a long, distinguished teaching career and a fantastic record with Hastings Track and Field until his retirement in 2001. Today he's as busy as ever but also enjoys "being the family's pool and lawn boy."



Tom Drake spoke of **Justin Hogan's** completely winning attitude, which explains Justin's success at Tennis and Basketball. His tennis record at Hastings was an amazing 52-4 record and earned him All-League, All County and All Section honors.



"She was from an era before Title 9 took effect but made headlines in Hastings Hockey, Volleyball and Basketball," said Coach Pete Westrell when speaking of **Florence Brennan Audevard's** athletic accomplishments. "Flo" enjoyed a career teaching in the Yonkers Public School system for 27 yrs.



Kern Mojica told several stories that demonstrated **Farid Johnson's** determination for improvement, which ended with tremendous results and great personal outstanding basketball achievements. Farid just started his new job as Assistant Principal at Hillside Elementary School after teaching in NYC.



Nancy Gagliardi recalled growing up with **Beverly Skultety LaBelle** and the various sports that Beverly excelled at and her determined attitude that was evident in Volleyball, Basketball, Track and Field and Softball. To quote Beverly, "My (athletic) memories are sweet and I cherish them" and "Anger is always bad — dump it!"

Coach John Costello presented **Julius "Butch" Chemka** posthumously, with all his sisters also at the podium.



"Butch" excelled in Football. In Baseball he had a .325 batting average, and in basketball he averaged 15 points per game. The Hastings Hillside Pool was renamed "The Julius M. 'Butch' Chemka Pool" in honor of all his community contributions.



Coach "Cos" Costello then introduced **David Riggs** from the class of '75. David excelled in basketball and earned All-League, All-Section and was the leading two-year Scorer/Playmaker with 644 points. David is an Engineer with the Triboro Bridge & Tunnel Authority and still coaches basketball, soccer and lacrosse in Westchester County.

The 2014 Induction Ceremony ended with another group of outstanding athletes entering the Ronald Wilson Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame. Hastings truly has an amazing history of athletic achievement, thanks to all these outstanding athletes and coaches. Also, THANK YOU for your membership and generosity which makes this well deserved recognition possible. This group of inductees was truly outstanding. You can see the entire event on HOH-TV and also be sure to check our website ([hohalumni.org](http://hohalumni.org)) under Halls/Hall of Fame and see all the bios of these great athletes.

Photo on right: (l to r) Former coaches Michael Eckelman, Richard "Dick" Bub Jr., inductee Bruce Crandall, Pete Westrell, and John Morabito.



Inductees: Beverly Skultety LaBelle, Farid Johnson with Nancy Skultety Gagliardi.



Co-host Alan Fine



Coach "Cos" and the Chemka family.

# Hastings High School Alumni Association

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**You** are what the weekend is all about. The **FUN** starts Friday night (Sept. 25) at the Harmon Community Center (6:30-10:30pm) with the HHS Alumni Association's "4th ANNUAL FRIDAY NIGHT ALL-CLASSES ALUMNI GET-TOGETHER." And, "yes", of course, you are invited ... it's an Alumni party. Come alone or come with friends. Organize a full class reunion or just call a few of the old gang, but you'll be surrounded by all Hastings High Alumni who are there to have a fun night. If you've attended any of the previous "All-Class Alumni Get-Togethers, you know it's going to be fun. A light fare will be available and a cash bar serving beer, wine and soda. We won't have to send the Sophomores out for anything. All proceeds will benefit the HHSAA scholarship fund. Stop by and catch up with old friends and classmates. *No reservations necessary. If you are coming with a full reunion, tell us in advance and we'll reserve a table for you.*

Saturday morning join us for the annual Class Representatives' Meeting in the HHS auditorium at 10 am and share your ideas over coffee & doughnuts at 9 am. Afterwards, you may choose to take a tour and revisit those wonderful High School memories at 9:15am. Please feel free to roam around if you cannot make the scheduled tour (and there will be no homework assignments). In the afternoon, it's Hastings Yellow Jacket FOOTBALL at 1:30pm. Stop by the HHSAA table and say 'HI.' Due to planned work on Reynolds Field, we may have to go to another location. Stay tuned. Instead, you may arrange guided tours of the Cropsey Museum and Hastings Historical Society but, remember, **both sites are by appointment only---so you MUST sign up in advance.** Of course, the BIG highlight of the weekend is when we continue the celebration on Saturday night at the Southside Athletic Club with the Hall of Excellence Induction Ceremony/Dinner from 6:30pm-10:30pm. The Selection Committee is already busy with the selection process. It's a difficult task and those selected will be outstanding individuals with compelling lives. It's an overwhelming experience — be part of it all. Banquet tickets are \$60 p/p. The cost includes cocktail hour, buffet dinner, dessert and open bar. **SPACE IS LIMITED so RESERVATIONS are strongly recommended. Don't miss it!** Complete the reservation form below and send to: Steve Cuppek, Jr. at the address indicated below.

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FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MAIDEN NAME	GRAD. YEAR	MEMBER		\$ TOTAL
				YES	NO	
STREET			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	E-MAIL (OPTIONAL)
SPECIAL REQUEST / COMMENTS:					PHONE NO. (OPTIONAL)	
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.						
SEND PAYMENT TO: HHSAA c/o STEVE CUPPEK, JR. 15 Ridge Street Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706						

# SCHOLARSHIPS 2014

<b>Edmund S. Phelps Scholarship for Excellence:</b>		
	<b>MARIANNE TYMOCZ</b>	<b>\$5000</b>
Gifted by the Edmund S. Phelps Family		
<b>Ronald W. Lindemann Athletic Scholarship:</b>		
	<b>FRANCESCO SCIOSCIA</b>	<b>\$2500</b>
Gifted by the HHS Hall of Fame Members, Family & Friends Of Coach Lindemann.		
<b>Richard Thomas Family Music Scholarship:</b>		
	<b>JUSTINE SEDKY</b>	<b>\$2000</b>
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<b>The Gulish Family Art Scholarship:</b>		
	<b>ALEXANDRA BAZIGOS</b>	<b>\$1500</b>
Gifted by the Gulish Family—Michael '65, Myrna '55 and Connie Gulish Bliss '55.		
<b>Dr. Raymond E. Smith Award for Excellence Social Studies:</b>		
	<b>MOIRA PETERSON</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
Gifted by the HHS Alumni Assn. Membership		
<b>James V. Harmon Community Scholarship:</b>		
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<b>The HHS Tribute to Music Scholarship:</b>		
	<b>PAUL DEVITO</b>	<b>\$1000</b>
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	<b>HATTIE SCHAPIRO</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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<b>Philip Klipp Athletic Award:</b>		
	<b>ELENA LEFEVRE</b>	<b>\$500</b>
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If you would like to donate to the HHSAA Scholarship Program or if you have any "Scholarship" questions, contact Patricia Chemka Speranza: E-mail: Chemkap@gmail.com

# HALL OF EXCELLENCE 2015

**RICHARD TOM '51**  
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The upcoming 2015 Homecoming weekend will once again give us the opportunity to honor some of our finest distinguished HHS schoolmates and celebrate their outstanding achievements and contributions. This requires substantial research and effort by the Alumni Association's Selection Committee. This year, once again, Richard Tom and Myrna

**MYRNA GULISH '55**  
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Gulish have volunteered to co-chair the Hall Of Excellence Selection Committee, just as they successfully did in 2013. To help them with this monumental task will be: Board Members - Cameron Virrill '75 and Rafael Zaratzian '83; Class Reps - Eric Kantor '58, Deborah Maher '62 and Lee Kaiser '87; HOE Members - Mitzi Mallina '55 and Jon Lillard '63. For more information about Hall of Excellence matters, please visit our web site.



On March 14th your Alumni Assn. will organize the 3rd annual Scholarship Fair and will be joined with other great organizations, such as: the Hastings-on-Hudson PBA; Westchester District Attorney's Office-PBA; Hastings Teacher's Assn.; Project SHARE; HHS Mother's Club; PTSA; Hastings Yellow Jacket Booster Club; Southside Athletic & Social Club; and the Hastings Youth Council. The Scholarship Fair provides a single location where HHS seniors and their parents can learn about all the wonderful scholarships that are available and obtain applications. It's become a very popular event and has amazing participation. THANKS to your generosity, the financial load is lessened for many of our college-bound students.

## NEW SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2015



Julius Chemka was a 1944 graduate of Hastings High School who remained in Hastings until his passing in 2014. His family and friends contributed to a scholarship in his memory. Because Julius was extremely involved in the Village, having been a Trustee as well as Mayor of the Village, and because he was an extraordinary athlete, both during his high school days and beyond, this scholarship will be awarded to an individual who is active in both community service and athletics.

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## DUES ARE DUE

If you haven't paid your dues this year, this is a great time to do it! Annual dues are \$25 per year.  
  
Thanks for your support!

## HHS Alumni Association

### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION / Dues Payment Advice

LAST NAME		FIRST NAME		MAIDEN NAME (IF APPLICABLE)		GRAD. YEAR	
STREET ADDRESS				CITY / STATE		ZIP CODE	
PHONE NO.		E-MAIL		Is it OK to release your address (Including E-mail address) to inquiring Alumni? <input type="checkbox"/> YES! <input type="checkbox"/> NO!			
As a NYS 501c-3 tax-exempt corporation, your dues payment will provide you with a tax deduction.							
Please send to:		HHS Alumni Association c/o Hastings-on-Hudson High School 1 Mt. Hope Boulevard HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NY 10706				Check Amount: <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> Other Amt.	
➔		Make check payable to:				"H H S ALUMNI	
<i>Thank You!</i>							



# Class of '64 creates special scholarship

The HHS class of '64 has made a generous donation to the HHS Alumni Assn while in the midst of their highly successful 50th reunion. This "HHS Class of 1964 Scholarship" will be presented to a graduating senior in June of 2015 and is unique in that it will be presented to a student who is the first in his/her family to continue their education after high school. The planned scholarship is not limited to students enrolling in a four-year college and will allow the recipient to choose a creative/performing arts, or vocational /technical training education. With this additional scholarship, along with 2015's new Julius Chemka Scholarship, we are over-the-top in our delight and gratitude. We are so proud of how our schoolmates continue to **PAY IT FORWARD.**

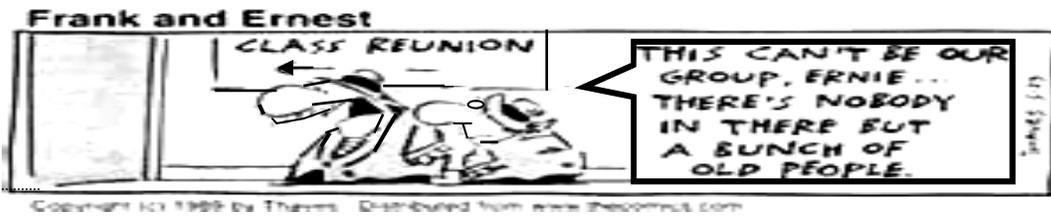


**PATTY**

**CHANGING OF THE GUARD** After three great years of innovation and leading the HHS Alumni Association, Steve Cuppek has stepped down as President and will be succeeded by Patty Chemka Speranza. We are so fortunate in having available to us, such qualified and dedicated members in our Association. As of October 1, 2014 Patty has been steering the ship and we all know it will be smooth sailing. **MORE GOOD NEWS...** Steve will continue as a Board member and Chairman of the Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame, as he has done so successfully since 2006.



**STEVE**  
Hall of Fame  
Quarterback



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