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HISTORICAL OPENING of the HHS HALL OF EXCELLENCE

OK, Everyone couldn't be there, but that's the purpose of this article. Here's what you would have experienced had you entered the main dining room of the Riverview Restaurant on the Historic evening of Oct. 17, 2009. Just past the entrance door, you were greeted by the welcoming, pleasant sounds of piano keys in the background; the gusts of laughter from the 200 plus smiling faces of friends and families of the honorees and members of the Reunion Classes of 1951 and 1959, all adding to the anticipation of the 1st ever, Hall of Excellence Induction Dinner. The expectations were high as outstanding Alumni of Hastings High School, for the first time, were about to be honored by the HHS Alumni Association for their outstanding contributions to society. The murmurs of the anxious assemblage were suddenly hushed by the gavel of Chairman, Bill Hanifin. Then, one by one, each Hall of Excellence candidate was introduced and each presenter had miles of achievements to discuss. In fact, each Honoree has so much biography that you should try to get to our web site where we have enough room to detail most of the achievements of these amazing alumni. When it ended, and all the real American success stories unfolded, everyone who anticipated "Excellence" was not disappointed.

The following HHS graduates were honored on this occasion: Introduced by Mike Scott, '48, was the former Korean Ambassador, **Hon. Don C. Gregg — 1945**; Paul F. Perreten, '51, presented **Dr. Edmund S. Phelps — 1951** (Professor, Columbia University), Nobel Prize winner in Economics; **Rear Admiral Ronald H. Jesberg — 1953**, USN Retired, and member of the Navy's Golden Eagles, was presented by Bob Gersky, '53; Myrna Gulish, '55, introduced **Mrs. Mitzi (Mallina) Wertheim - 1955**, from Peace Corps Deputy to Naval Analyst plus; and **Dr. Robert C. Merton — 1962** (Prof., Harvard Business School), Nobel Prize in Economics was presented by his daughter, Samantha Merton.



Yes, in 2009 the doors of the Hall of Excellence were blown wide open by the entrance of these five outstanding honorees. They have established the criteria for many to follow. And follow, they will. Thanks to you, our fabulous five inductees. Thanks to you, the Alumni Association and all its contributing members, our great school system, our wonderful home town, and especially for the efforts of Bob and Sue Gersky, who contributed so much to its success. Our school is rich in achievement history. So many have excelled and we can hardly wait to show off the next group of candidates ... but you and I will have to wait in the "vestibule" (a great old word) until 2011 when the doors to the Hall of Excellence will once again magically reopen. Ed.



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CLASS OF 1960 Planning 50th REUNION ☆ ☆ ☆

Dear Classmates:

As you all know, this year marks the 50th anniversary of the graduation of the Class of 1960 from Hastings High School. Our reunion will be held over the weekend of Friday, May 21, to Sunday, May 23. Specific plans have been formulated for a reunion dinner on Saturday evening, and optional daytime events including tours of HHS and the Hastings village, on Saturday. Reserve these dates now--you surely won't want to miss your 50th high school reunion. For full reunion info, email Clive Hohberger at cph13@case.edu with an indication of whether you are likely to attend our reunion, and if you do plan to attend, whether you will be accompanied by one or more family members or other guests. We look forward very much to seeing you in May.

Sincerely, **The Class of 1960 Reunion Committee**

Howard Batsford, Joel Dean, Clive Hohberger, Jerry Libby, Mary (Cragan) Motherway, Barbara (Grothe) Pichler, Donna (Caldara) Taylor, Bill Winstanley.



We have located almost 90% of the class, but are looking for contact info on: Muriel Anastasi, Hilda Asam, Joyce Carman, Howard Carpenter, Peggy Fisher, Charlie Gross, Karen Johnson, Robert Johnson, Art Kelly, Hugh Long, Jerry Lynn Mason, Julie Murphy, Marian Negroponte, Alice Schuck and Jane Ann Walker. Please contact Clive Hohberger at cph13@case.edu if you have any information!

Class of 1980

Planning Reunion

Friday, July 23 & Saturday, July 24, 2010



- ☐ **Friday: 9:00 pm ... Maud's Tavern 149 Southside Avenue, Hastings ... cash bar**
- ☐ **Saturday: 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Family Picnic (Bring your own) MacEachron Waterfront Park ...**
 1 River Street, Hastings (adjacent to "Harvest Restaurant")
- ☐ **Saturday, 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM ... \$85. per person**
 Cocktail Party (Open Bar, Hors D'oeuvres, Carving Station, Dessert & Coffee)
 "The Riverview" 1 Warburton Ave, Hastings
- ☐ **Saturday, 11:00 PM ... After-Party (cash bar) The Southside Club 113 Southside Avenue, Hastings**

☐ HHS Alumni Assn. Annual Scholarship Fund & Dues...\$25/pp

Please check the events that you plan on attending:

Make checks payable to "HHS 1980 Reunion" & mail your check and this form to:

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Street Address	
City	State ZIP
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Jessica Hritz
 327 Sugar Loaf Mountain Road
 Chester, NY 10918



1951 REUNION REPRISE

FRANK MAYER AT MAUD'S TAVERN 10/10/09
HASTINGS HIGH SCHOOL '51 REUNION



Our reunion last October was indescribably delicious! The non-stop smiles and twinkling eyes said it all. It was that way from the very start on Friday with late afternoon "hellos" at the Tarrytown Marriott, then on to a super lively dinner at Maud's Tavern. Saturday's events at the High School included some free time to explore the hallowed spots of the past ... followed by the spectacular dinner at the Riverview so eloquently described by Captain Pear: *"This extraordinaire feast serves as the backdrop and stop to the Hall of Excellence winners and the celebration and recognition of their lifetime achievements."*

Listening to Pear's introduction of Ned Phelps and then watching Ned having such fun delivering his acceptance speech, was the highlight of the evening.

Brunch on Sunday at the Marriott was the perfect way to end the festivities and bid goodbye ... until the next reunion. Yes, there will be one! When Augie and others tried valiantly to arrange a reunion for 2008, there just wasn't the critical mass to make it feasible. But with the nostalgia generated by the wonderful letters in the Updated Yearbook ... and then the advent of the first Hall of Excellence honoring Ned Phelps, among others, troops rallied. A reunion was born!! 23 of us: Marggy Doorty Kerr, Julie Scott Maser, Sheila Spillane Faulkner, Paul F. Perreten, Augie Andronica, Polly Strong DeFaria, Judy Sweetland Horrall, Donald Bean, Don Maricle, Joanne Stern Graaskamp, Bob Usher, Mary Sue Brosnan Cox, Ann Scully Liebers, Pearl Sanderson Bauer, Babo Wessner Stern, Ned Phelps, Ann Hester Hill, Bob Brown, Bill Brown, Lou Bosch, Barb Schoen Silverman, Ray Gunther and Dick Stucklen. Many were accompanied by spouses, daughters, brothers and others, making for an unforgettable celebration. The class of '51 is extraordinary. We are all blessed by having grown up with such undeniably special classmates.

Julie Scott Maser

HHS Class of 1959

October 17-18th, 2009



The Class of '59 started their 50th Reunion on Friday evening at the Southside Club in Hastings for a casual get-together. Those attending were Bruce & Rose Aluisio, Tim & Darlene Barnum, Barbara Begg, Judith Bender, Larry & Bobbie Bliss, Bill & Annette Borowitz, Inez Carling, Gloria (Castro) Broccolli, Sam De la Torre, Carol DeMichele, Elizabeth (Devlin) Petronis, Robert & Barbara Gentner, Peter Kazura, Anna (Kerpchar) Maier, Arleen (Licht) Johnson, Laura McCarthy, Darryl & Sigrid Novak, Stephen & Ajeta Pantalemon, Joan (Paretti) Piller, Alyce Ramsey, Linda (Rosiello) Conte, Thea (Rodiek) Whalen, Roberta (Salemimo) Duva and George Schmidt. Raymond Smith, Alumni Faculty, also attended.

On Saturday morning some attended a mini-tour of the high school that had to be shortened because of testing, and then attended the Alumni Assoc. meeting.

For those that did not attend the football game on Saturday afternoon, some visited the Hastings Historical Society where Linda (Rosiello) Conte presented Mrs. Drewes with a memory book that included stories from classmates that had her as a teacher. There were also those that met at the Youth Center.

On Saturday evening we attended the Hastings Alumni Dinner held at the Riverview. In addition to some of the above, the following also attended: Anthony Cifone, Victor Conte, Charlotte (Kinard) DeAstis, Joseph & Pat De la Torres, Sam De la Torre, William & Susan Ewen, Joseph Nyitray, Ann Reilly, Sandra (Dean) & George Schmidt, Isabelle (Neely) & Paul Schwenzer. The weekend ended with a farewell get-together at the Tower Ridge Boat Club in Hastings for a brunch. Special thanks to Bill Borowitz for making the arrangements. Even though we had heavy rain & wind the following ventured out: Tim & Darlene Barnum, Larry & Bobbie Bliss, Bill & Annette Borowitz, Gloria (Castro) Broccolli, Joseph & Pat De la Torres, Sam De la Torre, Carol DeMichele, Elizabeth (Devlin) Petronis, William & Susan Ewen, Anna (Kerpchar) Maier, Arleen (Licht) Johnson, Laura McCarthy, Joan (Paretti) Piller, Linda (Rosiello) Conte, Thea (Rodiek) Whalen, and Roberta (Salemimo) Duva. Mr. Smith also attended.

Special thanks go to Linda (Rosiello) Conte and Joan Ann Paretti for all of their efforts in making this 50th so special.

Scholarships 2009

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

If the enthusiasm and potential of the youth we spoke with bears out, the future will be a good one! And the winners are:

PHIL KLIPP MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Erika Hinman

\$750



In addition to receiving the Alumni Association's Phil Klipp Memorial Scholarship, Erika was named the Rivertowns Enterprise Field Hockey Player of the Year. Not only an athlete, Erika was active as a trumpet player in the High School Jazz and participated in WestMUNC – the Hastings High School's version of the model United Nations. Erika will pursue a liberal arts education at Colby College in Maine where, no doubt, her outgoing personality will ensure her continued involvement in a variety of activities

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION SCHOLARSHIP FOR EXCELLENCE AWARD

Brian Jung **\$2500**



Brian's application for the Scholarship for Excellence showed an incredible balance between academics, community involvement and sports. Brian had a 96 average, founded the Magic Club and volunteered with Cyber Seniors to teach computer skills to senior citizens. Brian plans to major in Biology/Sports Medicine at SUNY Stonybrook and is grateful to the Alumni Association for awarding him the scholarship. Brian told us "This award inspires me to work harder in becoming a better student, son, friend and contributor to society." Good luck to you Brian!

NOTE: It was just impossible to select one winner for the Lindemann Athletic Award when there were two athletes as fine as Jason and Savi – who, by the way, were also excellent students!

RONALD W. LINDEMANN ATHLETIC AWARD ◀ Jason Papaliberios and Savi Tuber ▼ \$2000 EA.



Jason was involved in sports all four years of high school and was Captain of both the Varsity Football Team and Varsity Lacrosse Team during his senior year. Jason will be heading off to Sienna College in the fall and told us that he plans to use the leadership skills he gained as Captain in his future career.

Savi also played sports during all four years of high school and was Captain of the Varsity Soccer Team and Varsity Basketball Team. Savi hopes to pursue a career in teaching or coaching after earning his degree at Boston College. Savi told us he is most pleased to join the notable individuals who have received this award in the past.



RICHARD M. THOMAS MUSIC SCHOLARSHIP

Vanessa Araya

\$2000



It is due to the generosity of the family of Richard M. Thomas (Class of 1956) that the Alumni Association was able to offer a Music Scholarship for the first time. Vanessa Araya, the scholarship recipient, appreciates the fact that she is the first winner of this award. Vanessa plays the violin and sings in both the High School Choir and Madrigals, as well as in her church choir. She intends to study music at the Eugene Lang School, and focus on providing art and music therapies for children with disabilities.

Congratulations to all of the scholarship winners!!

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Harmony Men II CD The dulcet tones you might have heard emanating from the music room or gym and buoyantly floating through the sacred halls of Hastings High School, beyond to those distinguished sophisticates are those of the members of the famed Harmony Men II. Featuring smooth brass and reed sections, the group played the popular tunes of yesterday for the most part, but they were not without an occasional jump number, rendered with the subtle impressionism so reminiscent of such modern-day artists as Kenton, Lunceford and Ellington. A notable part of their success was due to the talent and labor of Mr. Howard Marsh and several seniors who graduated in 1950. Those featured in the photo: Left to right: Paul Perreten ('51), Don Maricle ('51), Joe Mennonna ('52), Ned Phelps ('51), Peter Freck ('52), Chip Comstock ('52), Bob Buzak ('52, and Dick Westcott ('50). Missing from this photo: Franz Roehmann ('50)...Tenor Saxophone and Don Foley ('50) ...Drums. If interested in purchasing this CD, Send check to: Paul F. Perreten. Payable to "HHS Alumni Association"

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Homecoming Weekend October 23 - 24th You're Invited!

All the plans haven't been finalized as yet, but you can check with your class rep or Alumni Directors about the details, which should be available in a few weeks. We know there will be a football game in the afternoon. In the evening there will be the Ronald Lindemann Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremonies. The Induction Dinner will be at the Southside Club. Stop by for a cocktail and see some of your old pals. You know, it's going to be great fun. Use the form below and send it to Steve

Homecoming Reservation Request		Last Name		Maiden Name		First Name		Grad Yr.	
Number X \$		Street Address							
Make check payable to: "HHS Alumni Assoc."		City, State, Zip Code							
Mail check and form to:		Telephone No.				E-Mail			
Mr. Steve Cuppek Jr, 15 Ridge Street, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY 10706 Tele (914) 231-5246 E-Mail: scup-									

A Message from the President of the Alumni Association **BILL HANIFIN (1955)**

"Over the past several years, the Alumni Association has been very committed to the Hall of Fame which honors outstanding Athletes, as well as the Scholarship Fund which recognizes outstanding students and student athletes of the graduating class. To this we have added "the Buzz" newsletter and our Alumni web site, and most recently, "The Hall of Excellence" to honor successful graduates in a number of distinguished fields. Unfortunately, as our programs have increased, so have our costs. Alumni dues are a major source of revenue, so we encourage all alumni to become dues paying members. As we increase programs, this will present opportunities for more alumni to participate and interact."



"Hey! Remember when we pulled that game out against Dobbs? ... I'll never forget it...."

Do **YOU** also have a special sports moment that happily keeps coming back? Remember teammates that deserve to be honored for their skill and spirit? When paying your dues this year, please consider contributing a little extra to help support the Lindemann Athletic Sports Hall of Fame. Our athletic alums have always been amongst our most generous contributors and we sincerely thank you for your kind generosity. Those of you who participated in HHS sports really know the contribution it made to your life. It's a positive way to honor teammates who still retain a very special place in our memories.



Dues are Due

THIS IS YOUR INVOICE, If you haven't paid your dues this year, this may be 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 below.



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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			
Since we are a neophyte organization, we are asking for a donation of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) to cover annual dues.							
Please send to: PAUL F. PERRETEN, TREASURER				Make check or money order payable to:			
139 SOUTHSIDE AVE. HASTINGS-ON-HUDSON, NY 10706				"H H S ALUMNI ASSOC." <i>Thank You!</i>			





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 - A dedicated page just for your graduation class for posting of the latest classmates news. Send in photos.
 - Send in announcements. Pay dues on-line. Eventually we'll have connections with other internet locations such as Facebook and much more.....
- Come visit, you'll love it!

The class of 1964 had their 45th reunion the first weekend of last October. 35 classmates attended. We had a great start as we gathered at Liz Gaynes' house on Friday night. Monica Grothe Leitha came from Switzerland, so she got the prize for having traveled the farthest distance. Saturday, we had lunch at the new James Harmon Community Center, after we were rained out of our picnic plans for the riverside park. Fortunately, the skies cleared later in the day, so we were able to have cocktails outside and enjoy looking at the river at the Half Moon Restaurant in Dobbs Ferry. We had a fabulous meal there, and highly recommend it to any classes planning a reunion in 2010. Many of our classmates who didn't attend this reunion have promised that nothing will keep them from our 50th.

Jane Finkeldey Stephenson

