



HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION



The fourth induction ceremony took place on Saturday, September 26, 2015. The completely full house enjoyed the celebration of the inductees and their amazing achievements. This year your Alumni Association also honored those HHS graduates who dedicated their services to the community, namely the Hastings Fire Dept and the Ambulance Corps. Also honored with a Special Achievement Award were Bob and Sue Gersky for their very successful implementation of both the Hall of Excellence and the Class representative programs. As usual, the accomplishments of the inductees were amazing and impressive.



BERNARD O'BRIEN - 1950 After graduating from Brockport State Teachers College in 1954, Bernie entered the Army and served in Berlin, Germany until 1956. "O'B" then began a teaching career that spanned 36 years that included tenure as the Executive Director of Nassau County Public High School Athletics. He was instrumental in developing a program for scheduling athletic contests and officiating thereof, which was later adopted by 11 sections in the state and a number of colleges, receiving numerous citations, honors and awards. As a parishioner of St. Agnes Cathedral, Bernie has been a Eucharistic Minister and Lector, and minister to the homebound for over 41 years. He was a Director of the International Games for the Physically Disabled in

1984, and participated in a meeting with President Ronald Reagan and heads of state from 37 different countries. In 2000, he then applied that same perseverance and unwavering enthusiasm to the establishment of the HHS Alumni Association. In 2006, the Friends of Mercy named O'B "Man of the Year." Bernie has been married to Marilyn Logan O'Brien for 55 years; they have 7 children and 28 grandchildren. He has always set high standards for himself and has never stopped giving back.



JEFFREY M. CAMHI - 1959 "It doesn't take much for a teacher to compliment a kid, but the effect can be empowering." Both Miss Jenny Pingrey and Mr. John Sadlier encouraged him to become a writer and a teacher. After HHS, Jeff received his BA at Tufts and a PhD at Harvard, both in biology. Their son, Jeremy, now 50, was born when he and Jane attended grad school. He then taught at Cornell for 15 years. In 1982, after sabbatical leave in Jerusalem, Jeff and his wife Jane agreed that was the place for them to live. Jeff became a full-time professor at the Hebrew University and then Professor Emeritus, continuing his distinguished career. Shortly after their arrival in Israel, they adopted 1-year old, Alon, now 30, who was born with spina bifida and hydrocephalus.

"He is paralyzed for life and even though there have been constant medical challenges, he has been an enormous personal joy." More than a decade ago, Jeff was able to establish, and now directs, an "open-campus museum" at the Hebrew University. More recently, Jeff wrote a book, "A Dam in the River", which is about using colleges as public museums. He is now mid-way through his new book about how he survived Jane's Alzheimer's, and her passing 7 months ago. Jeff says, "I hope Mr. Sadlier would have liked my books, and that Miss Pingrey would be glad she told me to be a teacher. I definitely am!"



ROBERT L. GUYETT—1954 Bob credits his education at Williams College as the catalyst for the rest of his life. "The four years of learning how to study, how to think and express myself, making new friends, playing on the golf team and being fraternity treasurer were paramount to starting my career in business." He received his MBA at Rutgers, and became a CPA, working for Price Waterhouse where he did extensive traveling and began a life long passion for travel. After several more moves, he went to Dallas to work for LTV, then to Newport Beach where he became the CFO for The Fluor Corp. In 1991 he became Senior VP and CFO of Englehard Corp., and then President of their Metals Trading Division. Bob served on several Boards as a Director, and also

became involved with several non-profit organizations, most notably and recently with the Christopher and Dana Reeve Foundation as a Director, Finance Chairman and Treasurer for 20 years. Bob married high school sweetheart, Sue Weisser (HHS '55) in 1959. They have two sons, Greg and Keith, and 7 grandchildren. They divide their time between Naples, FL and NYC and continue traveling and playing golf and bridge.

HHS Alumni Association

Founded in October 2000 as a Not-for-Profit Charitable Corporation, a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt charity under NY State law. Contributions are tax deductible by the donor and eligible for corporate matching gifts.



Homecoming Weekend

Sept. 16 - 18, 2016

Save the dates:

Your great weekend will begin with the “5th Annual All- Class Reunion Get-Together” at the Harmon Community Center on Friday night, Sept 16. Come alone or with friends/classmates. A delicious selection of hors d’oeuvres, cash bar serving beer, wine and soda will be available. It’s great fun! And it keeps getting bigger and better each year. All proceeds go to the Scholarship fund. On Saturday morning (9/17), join us at 9 am in the HHS redesigned auditorium for the annual alumni meeting. Suggestion: Come join us at 8:30 am, for coffee and pastries.

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A school tour will be available. If you have any questions call Nancy Gagliardi at 914 478-6252. At 1:30pm, you can cheer on the Yellow Jackets football or soccer team. You may have to sign up in advance for visits to the Cropsey Museum and the Hastings Historical Society. At 6:30pm, the induction ceremony for the **Ronald W. Lindemann Athletic Hall of Fame** will be held at the Southside Social & Athletic Club, and will honor six new inductees. The program will be extraordinary and entertaining. The buffet dinner, dessert and open bar will only cost \$60. p/p. Complete the reservation form below, and send it to: HHSAA c/o Steve Cuppek, Jr., 15 Ridge St., Hastings-on-Hudson, NY 10706 .

FIRST NAME	LAST NAME	MAIDEN NAME,	GRAD. YEAR			\$ TOTAL
				YES	NO	
				MEMBER		
STREET			CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE	E-MAIL (OPTIONAL)
SPECIAL REQUEST / COMMENTS:						PHONE NO.
MAKE CHECK PAYABLE TO: HHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, INC.						

2015 All Class Reunion



It was another fantastic evening of great camaraderie with ole’ friends at the 4th Annual All-Class Reunion. There were over 300 HHS grads from about 20 various classes, which included about 35 members from the class of 1965 who were celebrating their 50th reunion. They were joined by other reunion groups from the classes of ‘54, ‘55, and ‘56. The Alumni Board of Directors provided the snacks, along with Isaac of “Slices”, who has always been generous to the HHS Alumni and who donated the pizzas. It was standing room only at the Harmon Community Center. so come join us at the next party on 9/17/2016.

For more complete details of Alumni activity, please visit: hohalumni.org Also please remember to update your e-mail address.



ART AUCTION



It was our first ever, highly successful silent auction of art work, all created by Hastings Alumni for the benefit of future Hastings graduates. Thirty+ pieces of art were on display at the Hastings Library. **THANK YOU** to those fantastic artists who donated their artwork to benefit the “Ronald Feaster Memorial Art Scholarship” for 2016: Barbara Begg, Geoffrey Berg, Lyn Bertles, Bill Bohnert, Mark Feaster, Michael Gulish, John Houseman, Amy Huelsman, Sandy Gorton Leonard, Michael Melford, Jeanne Wester Newman, Ginni Kling Schmidt, Marie DeAngelis Stahl, Wm. Ewen Jr., LeRoy Cochrane*, Jeanne Clark, Duncan Wilson, Lee Goodall, Mimi Santini-Ritt, Jane Petruska and Jim McCue.

THANK YOU to the organizers for making this happen: Jean Wester Newman ‘69, Maria DeAngelis Stahl ‘69, Sandy Gorton Leonard ‘68, Beth Quanjier Quackenbush ‘68, and Jeanne Cronin Ceccolini ‘68. It was a great event and we look forward to it becoming a regular part of our Scholarship program.

SCHOLARSHIPS 2015

Edmund S. Phelps Scholarship for Excellence:
GABRIELLA WAN \$5000
Gifted by the Edmund S. Phelps Family

Ronald W. Lindemann Athletic Scholarship:
MILES GENCARELLI \$2500
Gifted by the HHS Hall of Fame Members,
Family & Friends Of Coach Lindemann.

Richard Thomas Family Music Scholarship:
ADAM WILSON \$2000
Gifted by the Thomas Family

Gulish Family Art Scholarship:
LAUREN DESOUZA \$1500
Gifted by the Gulish Family—Michael '65,
Myrna '55 and Connie Gulish Bliss '56.

Dr. Raymond E. Smith Award for Excellence in Social Studies:
LEILA HIRSHFIELD \$1000
Gifted by R.Schmeidler '58/J Schmeider '58/HHSAA

James V. Harmon Community Award:
KERRI-ANN SEREDINSKY \$1000
Gifted by the James V. Harmon Memorial Fund

HHSAA Tribute to Teachers Music Scholarship:
MAX ELIAS \$1000
Gifted by Rafael Zaratzian '83

The Michael & Eric Kantor STEM Scholarship
NICHOLAS WILT \$1000
Gifted by Eric "Tank" Kantor '58

Philip Klipp Athletic Award:
ANTHONY SOCISIA \$1000
Gifted by the Klipp Family

Julius R. Chemka Community Scholarship
MATTHEW LINDER \$1000
Gifted by his family and friends/ HHSAA

The Class of 1964 Scholarship
ALEXIS CAROZZA \$1500
Gifted by members from the class of 1964

Our Scholarship committee did a wonderful job selecting these outstanding scholarship winners — A total of \$18,500 was awarded all thanks to the generosity of our alumni. If you have any scholarship questions please contact Patty Chemka. Sperenza E-MAIL: Chemkap@gmail.com



Community Service Award

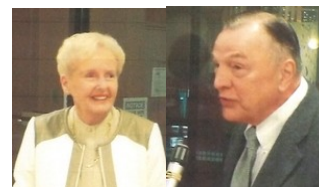
A special award was made to former HHS students who have volunteered their services to the Fire Dept the Ambulance Corps. Chief of Dept., Jeffrey Bannon, gave an entertaining acceptance speech and received a standing ovation.. Also present: Asst. Chiefs, Ron Paquette and John Lindner.



3rd Annual Scholarship Fair

The HHS Alumni Assn. sponsored this Fair which centralizes information about the various available scholarships for HHS graduating seniors. Thanks also to the other great participating organizations : Hastings-on-Hudson PBA, Westchester County D.A.s Office, -PBA, Hastings Teachers Assn, Project Share.

PTSA, Hastings Yellow Jacket Booster Club, Southside Athletic & Social Club, Hastings Youth Council, Hastings Mothers Club.



Special Achievement Award

Sue and Bob Gersky, '53 were both presented with an Alumni Special Achievement Award during the Hall of Excellence ceremonies for their outstanding efforts in establishing the Hall of Excellence and Class Rep Programs. It took a great amount of diligence and effort to

achieve the successful results. The couple later announced their donation of \$10,000 to launch the Bernard O'Brien Teachers Scholarship in 2016 and beyond. They were truly surprised by their Achievement Award and then surprised the Alumni Assn. by their generosity.

Memorial Day



The HHSAA once again participated in the Hastings Memorial Day Parade. There was another great turnout and your Alumni Association is very proud to have been a part of the Village celebration. "Cheer, Cheer for ole Hastings High" (Bet you can't stop singing along.) Thanks to Chris Bliss, son of Connie Bliss, for providing the flatbed.

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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	
				Thank You!	

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



HALL OF EXCELLENCE

(From Pg. 1) Visit our web site and view the complete ceremony... you'll love it!

JACK E. MCCALLUM 1963 Jack received his undergraduate at Georgia Tech, his doctorate in medicine from Emory University. He trained at Boston City Hosp. in internal medicine, Emory University Hosp. in general surgery and the University of Pittsburg in adult and pediatric neurosurgery. In 1987 he started the first and only neurosurgery service between Dallas and Albuquerque. He is a fellow of the American College of Surgeons and the American Board of Neurological Surgeons. His complete background enabled him to build the largest neurosurgical practice in North Texas. His interests led him to become 1 of 2 founding members of North Texas Specialty Physicians that grew to over 600 physicians. In 2009

Jack started CenseoHealth, LLC which hires over 400 employees. In 2001, Jack obtained his doctorate in history and is currently the AdRan Professor of the History of Science at Texas Christian Univ. He is widely published, including two books, and is working on his third. Jack and his wife, Dana, have three daughters and one grandchild. He plays guitar, flies airplanes and loves the golf courses.



JEANNE WESTER NEWMAN 1969 Jeanne graduated Dean's List from Moore College of Art in Philadelphia in 1973. She was an art and photography teacher for 34 years, the last 23 at Hastings. In 1987, she helped to start HHS participation in Midnight Run, a volunteer organization providing food and clothing to the homeless in NYC. She is the Founder and Director of Hastings Project SHARE, a community service whose projects include Thanksgiving dinner for the homeless, Empty Bowls, AIDSWalkNY, Crossing Borders and Midnight Runs. Westchester County named Nov 25, 2014 as Jeanne Newman Day and Project SHARE Day. She has also been honored by the State of NY, Westchester County, and the village of Hastings on Hudson. The town of Greenburg declared Jan. 19, 2015 as Jeanne Newman Day and the Women's

Radio Network chose her as Woman of the Year. She has raised three children, Jeremy, Gabriel and Catie, all active in her projects, and recently became a grandmother to grandson Ollie. She has impressed all who know her. How well she defines Margaret Meade's quote... "never doubt that a small group of citizens can change the world".



JULIUS R. CHEMKA 1944 After graduation, Julie served with the Army Air Force during WWII. When he returned home, he married Dorothea Buckridge and they raised their five children in Hastings. He worked as an electrician for Hastings Radio and Electric, Rowland Tompkins & Co., and the Andrus Home. Julie served as a trustee for the Village of Hastings for five years from 1970-75. He then took on the responsibilities of Village government by his election as Mayor and served 3 consecutive terms from 1975-81. He remained active with the Hastings community his entire life. He coached Little League, was a member of the Southside Social and Athletic Club, the American Legion, Pioneer Boat Club and St. Mathew's Church.

Julie was named the Village's "Citizen of the Year in 1996 and elected to the HHS Sports Hall of Fame in 2000. When Julie stepped down as Mayor in 1981 he said, "I want to thank the citizens of this community for giving me the opportunity to serve. I've enjoyed it, it's been a great experience and, hear this carefully, everyone should get involved – you don't know what it's like until you do get involved."



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2015 HALL OF EXCELLENCE

Thanks to those who
contributed so much
to it's success in 2015.

Co-Chair

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Myrna Gulish

Co-Hosts

Alan Fine

Patricia Chemka

Speranza

Banquet

Steve Cuppek Jr.

Nancy Cuppek

Presenters

William Bohnert

Judith Bender

Paula Kettenring

Jesberg

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