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Newsletter for the Alumni and Friends of Hicksville High School  
Hicksville, New York

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***Welcome To HixNews.Com***

We'd like to welcome you to the new look of HixNews.Com. Once again we took some of your suggestions and comments about last month's issue and incorporated them into the July issue. The most important change was adding the Next & Previous buttons at the bottom of the pages for additional ease of navigation to match the ones at the top. Keep the suggestions coming in because this is your newsletter, and we want it to be a first-class presentation for the Alumni and Friends of HHS.

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We'd like to encourage more readers to send us things that we can add to the newsletter each month. Without contributions from our readers, it becomes quite difficult to fill the pages. We'd love to get stories about your experiences at HHS, and also your fond memories of Hicksville and the surrounding area. On this month's *Down Memory Lane* is an article by Suzanne (Garrett) Cullen '56. Be sure and stop by Page 10 and read about more interesting things about Hicksville and the surrounding area.

So, grab yourself a cup of coffee and sit back and relax. The following pages should bring back many happy memories of your days at the home of the Comets, Hicksville High.

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**I want to thank Phyllis Jackson and Barbars Maynard** for contacting me. If it were not for HixNews I wouldn't have been found. I guess I would be a good idea to give a brief synopsis of my life since graduating in '64. I became an L.P.N. and then went on to college to finish my R.N. I graduated Stony Brook University with my B.S. degree, and for the next thirty years I practiced nursing until retiring. My husband and I live in Aquebogue, which is on the North Fork of Long Island. I'm very interested in gardening, and became a Master Gardener a few years ago through the Cornell Extension Program. I have three beautiful cats, and for exercise I walk and swim. I'm an avid reader and occasionally take adult educational courses in forensics, computers, and even taught English as a second language for several years. You can email me at [nyjudy2000@yahoo.com](mailto:nyjudy2000@yahoo.com). I'd love to hear from my old classmates and friends.

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Hi Guys . . . . I'd like to relate a story to you about just how small a world we live in . I'm a grad of '60 and have gotten around to becoming a bus driver in my later years. I was attending a defensive driving class conducted by my new employer along with some other co-workers. During a break, we talked about things like birthdays and hometowns, and come to find out one of the people there was also from Hicksville, AND he graduated in 1960 also. His name is Phil Bowdler. I went home and got out the old yearbook and sure enough, he was on page 20 and I was on page 18. What a way to run into another classmate!! I'd also be interested in purchasing a T-shirt or other item to help offset the cost of HixNews. - Maddy (Bianco) De Louisa '60

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- 2 - Wendy Karen Stuart, 1957 (MA)
- 3 - Frederick Heck, 1970 (FL)
- 3 - Donna Lombardi LaFramboise, 1966 (CA)
- 3 - Louis Sirocusa, 1968 (NH)
- 3 - Loretta Lorenzo Seibert, 1956 (CA)
- 4 - Eileen Greenberg Ingala, 1961 (KY)
- 4 - Lynne Ann Lombardi, 1971
- 5 - Arline Barna, 1956 (FL)
- 7 - Nancy Alfano O'Geary-Smith, 1966 (IA)
- 7 - Dottie Gallahue Donovan
- 10 - Thomas Fellenz, 1949
- 10 - James Rodecker, 1966
- 11 - Marie Calandrillo Alcock, 1951 (NY)
- 12 - Gary Gaffney, 1970 (FL)
- 14 - Joyce Rusch Healy, 1948 (CA)
- 14 - Tony Plonski, 1964
- 15 - Jeanette Martello Lupis, 1959 (FL)
- 15 - Connie Blesi Schipani, 1972 (GA)
- 16 - "Woody" Wood, 1968 (HX)
- 16 - Kathy Reilly, 1973
- 17 - Cynthia Claus Ferguson, 1974
- 23 - Elyse Marlin Leshin, 1961 (AZ)
- 26 - Linda Piccerelli Hayden, 1960 (NJ)
- 27 - Carole Kiever Ohliger, 1957 (PA)
- 27 - Bill Powers, 1963 (CA)
- 28 - Charlie Cava, 1955 (FL)
- 30 - Vinnie Luisi, 1972, FL
- 31 - Barbara Fellows Cava, 1956 (FL)



## Anniversaries In July

- 7/1/1973 - Judy (Pugliese) and Warren Alfano
- 7/1/1978 - Christina (Moulton) and Rick Morian (TX)
- 7/2/1966 - Adele (Herrmann) and John Ziegler (AZ)
- 7/5/2002 - Arlene (Andrade) and Vic Sahadachny (MD)
- 7/7/1984 - Christine (Shea) and Steve LoMonaco
- 7/18/1964 - Linda (Piccerelli) and Claude Hayden (NJ)
- 7/18/1982 - Mary Ann (Walkowski) and Bob Westervelt (WA)



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## New Readers This Month

**Editor Linda (Picerrel) Hayden Adds:** To all, a hearty welcome to HixNews.Com. We hope you will all feel free to participate with memories and thoughts that you may have about Hicksville High, and your times growing up on the Island.

## New Names From [Classmates.com](#)

Editor Buffalo Bob Casale has sent emails to the following former students of Hicksville High School to make them aware of HixNews.com. Their names were listed as new Classmates.com members.

## Returned Newsletters

Returned Newsletters for the month of June totaled \*\*\*. The list follows, and the Editors ask that you please look it over to see if you're in contact with any of them. Have them drop us an email with the correct information to: [editors@hixnews.com](mailto:editors@hixnews.com)

[chowfriend@msn.com](mailto:chowfriend@msn.com) - Simmons, Susan Coppola '69  
[mcooperman@bellsouth.net](mailto:mcooperman@bellsouth.net) - Cooperman, Robert M. '65  
[onecoolnana4@msn.com](mailto:onecoolnana4@msn.com) - Byrne, Kay Iller '56  
[AGJA@webtv.net](mailto:AGJA@webtv.net) - Tessitore, Agnes Arthofer '57  
[moselyax@msn.com](mailto:moselyax@msn.com) - Leo, Bob '65  
[dbenn@bright.net](mailto:dbenn@bright.net) - Bennett, Dale & Linda F. '65  
[peter.maiorino@nbc.com](mailto:peter.maiorino@nbc.com) - Peter Maiorino '64  
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[tbellacera@sanjuan.edu](mailto:tbellacera@sanjuan.edu) - Tony Bellacera '66  
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[ckengel@mindspring.com](mailto:ckengel@mindspring.com)  
[flajudy@adelphia.net](mailto:flajudy@adelphia.net)

## People Lookin' For People

Karen Kelly '69 is looking for Ann Marie LoGatto '69  
John Connelly is looking for Jennifer James '90  
Bob (Gleason) Wesley '61 is looking for Jeff Foster '61  
Carol (Kiever) Ohliger '57 is looking for Betty Kenny '57  
Linda (Zuckerman) Rausch '60 is looking for Richie Bizzaro '60

**If anyone knows the whereabouts of these folks, send us an email at:**  
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By Editor Buffalo Bob Casale '61

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**The Class of 1955 is holding it's 50th reunion this year on October 15th.** They've selected Captain Bill's restaurant in Bayshore, L.I. Other plans are being discussed and will be decided within a reasonable amount of time so you can make your plans. Your contacts for information and tickets are:

Ray Muller - [rdmoe@yahoo.com](mailto:rdmoe@yahoo.com)  
Flo (Olsen) Hogan - [flosmom@optonline.net](mailto:flosmom@optonline.net)  
James Tweeddale - [pravfrpeace@aol.com](mailto:pravfrpeace@aol.com)

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**UPDATE - The class of 1965 is having its 40th reunion** on Saturday, Sept. 17th, 2005. It will be held at Hyatt Regency Wind Watch, Hauppague, NY. To register for an invitation or information, please email: [info@reunions-unlimited.com](mailto:info@reunions-unlimited.com) and give your Name, Maiden Name, Address, Hicksville High School, Class of 1965, or call (732) 617-1000. Event details and a signup sheet can also be found on the Reunion Page of [Classmates.com](http://Classmates.com). Invitations will be sent out in July, so be sure to sign up as soon as possible. Our initial response has been excellent and we are hoping for a huge turnout. So sign up and urge all your friends from the Class of '65 to do the same.

There is a tentative plan for a Sunday Brunch at Delaney's on So. Oyster Bay Rd. in Hicksville. HixNews Editor Buffalo Bob '61 is seeing to the details. Bob will also do pictures and interviews for the October issue of HixNews. Send emails to:

Charles Brooks '65 - [cab415@aol.com](mailto:cab415@aol.com)  
Ann (Krex) Friedman '65 - [sashay47@aol.com](mailto:sashay47@aol.com)

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**Hicksville High School Reunion 2005 UPDATE** - Art Lembke '49 [pokerdot@msn.com](mailto:pokerdot@msn.com) announces a Hicksville High School Reunion that is open to all Hicksville Alumni. We expect to have Alumni from the classes of '48, '49, '50, '51, and '52, but you never know who may show up - certainly not Elvis or Billy Joel, but there will be notable people attending.

The reunion will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall on Heitz Place in Hicksville, Saturday, August 20th, 2005. The hours are 7PM 'til 11PM. There will be a one-hour open bar from 7 to 8 that will include Hors D'oeuvres, then the rest of the evening is a cash bar. A hot buffet will be served, followed by coffee and cake. We'll also have a 'Wonderful' D.J. for the evening, so you can tiptoe the light fantastic.

A Sunday Brunch is planned for 11:00 at WICKERS, 206 Old Country Road in Hicksville. The approximate cost is \$25 p/p. This price will probably change depending on whatever money we have left over from the previous night. We do need, however, a minimum of 35 people to participate. Please let us know if you'll be there in advance.

We will accept payments through July 1st, and the cost is \$50 p/p not including the Sunday Brunch. We'll need a \$25 p/p deposit NOW to hold your reservation, and the balance at your earliest convenience. According to Art, there are more than 100 deposits in so far, so it's going to be a gala event. Please send your checks payable to:

**GRACE WAY  
51 VINCENT ROAD  
HICKSVILLE, NY 11801  
[Away@optonline.net](mailto:Away@optonline.net)**

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**Australia is the only continent where poisonous snakes outnumber non-poisonous snakes**

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The Class of '53 had a reunion in the Pocono Mountains in PA. back in 2003. We had a great three days of catching up on all the happenings in our lives since graduation. - Steve Moddle '53 (FL)

### **Don't Forget To Order Your Copy of the 2004 Reunion**

Anyone that would like the DVD of the May 2004 HHS Reunion held at the Holiday Inn in Plainview, NY, please contact:

Gary Holstein  
3620 Fiddler Lane  
Bethpage, NY 11714  
[GaryDaPlumber@hotmail.com](mailto:GaryDaPlumber@hotmail.com)

**Editor Bob Casale Writes:** If you want to see some familiar faces, get a copy of this DVD. I just watched it again and loved seeing some old friends. It brought back memories of the reunion a year ago. That alone is worth the price of the DVD.

### **Attention Readers**

As many of you know, there is a monthly charge by the Internet Service Providers for keeping a Web site online. Right now this charge is being paid by the Editors. We got together and thought we could offset some of this expense by offering customized T-Shirts, Mugs, Pen's, etc., as a way of helping with the cost of the site. The entire money received will be for cost of item, shipping (no handling), and the balance will be for the monthly charge for HixNews.com

**Tell us what you think.**

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By Suzanne (Garrett) Cullen '56

I just read Pat Driscoll's article in the latest issue of HixNews and enjoyed it. I remember riding my bike on Jerusalem Ave., but I was in Jr. or Sr. High, and my parents were not too keen on my riding too far from home. I was usually with my cousin Claire who was a bit older. It was fun back then as the traffic was minimal and there were not as many things or people to fear. I also went horseback riding with Arlene Keller's brother John. We rode on the property where the new High School was built on Division Avenue.

The club near the Motor Parkway was The Hicksville Aviation Country Club. My mom spoke of it quite often, and both my mom & dad flew in those open cockpit planes as passengers when they were young. Dad would not fly commercially, but I would think they're far safer than the ones he flew in back then. He was a Detective for the Nassau County Police Department and had to pick up a prisoner in San Francisco and had to bring him back for trial. Even then he went by train and it must have taken him forever.

My mom told me that she saw Lindbergh fly over on his way to Paris. Since there were hardly any planes around in those days, it had to be quite an event. I wish now that I had asked more questions about the area back then so I could contribute more HixNews now.

My grandfather raised potatoes, cabbage, corn and cucumbers on his farm. He made sauerkraut and maybe pickles too. The pickle house (where the vats were) was on

We had fun without all the electronic stuff that the kids have today. We climbed trees, played baseball, rode bikes and always kept busy doing something all day long. I also recall playing with paper dolls quite often when I was young.

I remember when the Ringling Bros Circus was on Old Country Road just West of the Wantagh State Parkway. My Aunt Ruth took me and my Cousin Betty to it as I recall. I also remember going on a field trip to a glass blowing factory somewhere near West John St. or Duffy Avenue. That trip was etched in my mind because it was a fascinating experience.

I can remember seeing Dwight Eisenhower when he was running for President. It was on a school day, and all the students went outside to watch the motorcade as it passed by the Old High School on Jerusalem Ave.

One day my dad took me to the midget races at the old fairgrounds in Mineola. That was exciting and fun, especially since I got to spend the time with my dad. How many remember the roller skating rinks in Mineola and the one on Hempstead Turnpike near Jahn's Ice Cream Parlor? I didn't skate too often but it was a lot of fun trying. There were no sidewalks where I lived so practicing with the old steel roller skates was out.

The photo of the Sweet Shop in the June issue is the newer one, not the one that was next to the bakery. Do you remember the store on the corner of Nicholai Street and Broadway? It was owned by a Greek family and two of their children were in my class but I don't remember their names. There was also a soda fountain that served Horton's Ice Cream was down near Old Country Rd. and was owned by the Lindemann family, and my cousin married one of the Lindemann sons. I also have fond memories of The Alibi and their great pizzas. Jay Pogiali's father owned the restaurant where Jeanne Neumann and Artie Schultz went often for a slice or two. Mr. Schultz, Artie's dad, owned the gas station on the point right next to The Alibi.

Hicksville is so changed now. I know everything changes with time, but most of the old landmarks are gone and I only go there for my dentist appointments. Now that Grumman is gone it's not the same place. I grew up with the sounds of their planes flying overhead and now they're gone also. Oh well - I guess we're getting older. We have seen a lot of history in our lifetimes.

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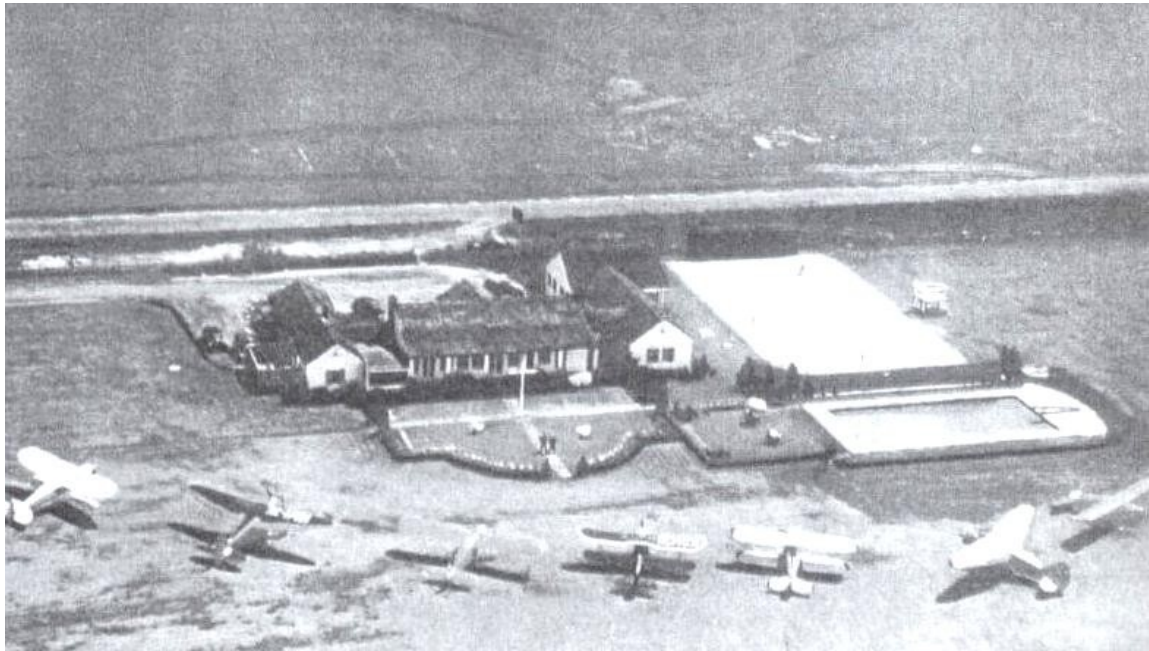
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We'd like to thank Robert D'Amico '78 (CT) for submitting these great photos of HHS  
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Between 1928 and 1947, the Long Island Aviation Country Club made flying history just South of Hicksville. Here, clubhouse, pool, tennis courts, and plane hangers were available. Charles A. Lindbergh taught his wife, Ann Morrow Lindbergh to fly from this field, where notable aviators and the Gatsby set housed their aircraft. *Scanned by Pat Driscoll from 'Images of America HICKSVILLE' - a book sold by the Gregory*

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