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Dear Bob, Pat, Linda and Bob - The McAfee Security on my system took care of the problem. No complaints here - *stuff* happens. The more you work with computers the more careful you become.

I really appreciate the hard work you have all done with HixNews. It has been wonderful reading about people, places and events I hadn't thought about in years. I think we're very lucky to have such dedicated people as you four. Please keep up the good work. Have a very happy Holiday Season. - Dana (Hayden) Jackson

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Hi All - They asked for people to write a little something for HixNews, so I'll kick in my two cents. While I'm getting ready to send you what I've got, here's a little information I thought you'd like to hear about the nasty e-mails you've received. Hell, these are Hicksville High School Alumni. You're lucky five Senior Citizens in black leather jackets (with receding hair lines but a ducks ass style on the hair they still have on their heads) don't screech to a halt in front of your house, jump out of a two-toned '57 Ford Fairlane with cheater slicks on the back and torch a tree in your front yard!!!

Keep your sense of humor. This happens to large corporations with full IT departments. Don't let this spoil your efforts in creating HixNews. - Tim Donovan '70

As for the e-mail problem - I know what you're going through because it happened to me about three days before I received the messages you spoke of in the December issue of HixNews. I was lucky because I had run McAfee on my system and cleaned it up quickly. Carolyn Bartlett

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Don't you think it might be appropriate to send a little note to your mailing address explaining what happened? If I were writing this, I would say: "We are very sorry for the inconvenience this caused to all of us, but please keep in mind this is not AOL or MSN - it's a group of volunteers who hope they're providing something to you that makes you smile and remember great people and places.."

There is a silver lining in every dark cloud, as the saying goes. If you found that your computer security was breached by this virus (some viruses will destroy files, and other malicious programs can steal identity information), this may be a wake-up call to install or update your anti-spyware, anti-virus, and firewall protection. There are both free programs on the Web like Zone Alarm for firewall security, and commercially available programs. With the holiday sales going on, the commercial programs from McAfee, Norton, and others are probably available through online retailers at big discounts.

If you think this might go over well, I can provide links to sites that provide 'free software', and links to the commercial sites. I know that no good deed goes unpunished, and there may be some who will respond with "just take me off the list", but others may appreciate your concern.

You guys and gals are doing a great service and I'm sure I speak for most people who so often don't express their appreciation to you, but feel it all the same. - Tim Donovan '70

Regards to Pat (Koziuk) Driscoll. She was one year behind my class, but I remember her dearly. You folks are doing a wonderful job. The best of the Holiday Season to you all. - Frank Scarangella '55

Thank you for the outstanding job you folks do. Happy Holidays to the editorial staff and all of the HHS alumni. - Anthony and Eileen (Walter) Toscano '59

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My kid brother, who graduated from Sachem, is the only one left on Long Island of all us kids, and I went back to visit him in early November. It was my first trip back in over fifteen years (which was for his wedding), and I also met my niece and nephew Maggie, 10, and Jack, 7, for the very first time.

What a difference fifteen years makes, and what a huge difference in Hicksville! I never made it back to Hicksville on my last trip back home, so it was about twenty-five years or so since I'd been in the old neighborhood.

We walked up and down the old block trying to remember who lived where: Nicolet, Toich, Coppola, Freilich, Brophy, O'Campo, Cornelius, De Angelis, Brunette then Russo, Russo across the street on the corner, Zenker, the Dunns, the old rental where Harold from the candy store lived, Slotolowicz, Bayliss, Franks, Lepp, then Skalling, Winters, Pugliese, Worster, Wolfe, and then Glatt and Sava on the corner. *Linda (Piccerelli) Hayden '60 lived at the head of Harkin Lane on Division Ave, across from Russo's & Brunette's. The McKeever's lived next door and we still correspond. While I was older than most of the names mentioned (except Peggy Cornelius), I remember all those names with great joy. It was a real neighborhood and everyone watched out for each other. I think that was the feeling in most of the neighborhoods at that time. How lucky we were!! - Linda*

I didn't remember the street being so narrow, nor the homes being so small. Our old home has a little portico over the front door now, and Brophy never put up a garage (and neither did the subsequent owners. But what memories it brought back.

Stickball and hide 'n seek during the summers, roller skating down the street, playing with Barbie's under the weeping willow in our back yard, building model airplanes with the Brophy boys next door. And of course building snow forts with requisite snowball fights, and sledding down the walls of the sump behind the homes across the street. We always got into trouble for doing that, but we kept going back for more.

I got into NY City with Jim and his family to see a matinee (Chity, Chitty, Bang, Bang), and we had lunch at Carmine's, and then took the subway to Ground Zero.

The biggest change I noticed was the cleaning up of Times Square. What a difference from the 70's when I lived and worked there, but the rest of the city seemed about the same . . . that same old energy that hits you as soon as you get off the train at Penn Station. My sister-in-law took me to Fortunoff's for shopping, and I have to tell you, that downstairs Christmas/Holiday store is to die for. I spent a lot more money than I had planned, but it was worth every penny.

The best part of the whole trip was seeing the Jets play San Diego at Jimmy Hoffa Memorial Stadium (AKA Giants Stadium) and listening to the guy sitting behind us with his non-stop insults aimed at Herm Edwards' play calling, but thank God he kept it clean - the kids were with us. We laughed and screamed and also saw Fireman Ed up close and personal . . . . . It Was A Blast!!! I enjoyed it so much that I've promised my brother that I'm going to make it an annual thing. And to Dave Teitel, who didn't get to see this trip, I promise to make time to see you on my next trip! - Marianne (Carine) Hoerner '68

I want to thank all the editors as well as those folks who contribute to HixNews. I look forward to receiving it each month. Great Job!! . . . . And for all of us, we need to contribute and help out the editors. HixNews is only as good as the articles, and that's where we all come in. Thank you. - 'Sister' Maureen Schrimpe '63

Sister Maureen would like the address or e-mail for Carol Kissinger '63 and Nancy & Ginny Urschell '63. Send them to editors@hixnews.com, *and we'll see she gets them.*

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Joel T. Lieberman has a message for **Ken Marcus '67**. "Hey Ken - wasn't it you that I met at Gentlemen's Choice barbershop in West Bloomfield last year? I lost your card. Please e-mail me at joel.t.lieberman@gm.com. Thanks."

I'd like to add a little something to HixNews, but I'm not sure of the accuracy of the events. Anyone from the class of '61 will remember the incident with Cold Case High when they sent a group of guys to write on the handball court with graffiti. It was a personal assault, and everyone was so irate, and at the Pep Rally the cheerleaders carried out a coffin saying we would bury Farmingdale. I understand the police were also involved, and the players from Farmingdale had to apologize to Hicksville High.

I have learned from a source close to the incident that it was, in fact, Gene Burke who did the terrible deed. Since Gene has passed away, we have no way to document the fact. How about it football players and cheerleaders??? Who was actually responsible for the deed. We could solve our own Cold Case. - Mary Cleary

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I think HixNews is GREAT. I am so happy, so please keep up the good work. My name is Joe Ingino '67, and I was drafted into the Army in 1968 and served in Vietnam from 1969-70. Please remember to support the troops no matter where they're serving. A kind word from home goes a long way when your neck is on the line!

I'm thankful you haven't dropped me from the list. Yesterday was my 79th birthday. I know there are some computer literate oldsters like me that grew up in Plainview and graduated from Hicksville High. All of the Plainview kids were bussed to Hicksville in those days because Plainview had only one two-room school house with 6 grades. My generation was sent to Farmingdale for Junior & Senior high. There are lots of HIX people living in Florida because it's a natural place to retire if you lived on Long Island, or for that matter, on the East Coast. - Hap and Cele

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Hi There. First, I want to say how much I enjoy reading HixNews each month. I'm Donna Schrimpe, and I graduated from Hicksville High in 1966. My birthday is January 25th, and I'm the youngest one in my family - the oldest being my brother Bill '60, then my sisters Maureen '63 and Vivian '64. It was always scary in school being the youngest. If a teacher pronounced my name correctly, that meant that particular teacher had one of my siblings before me. When they pronounced it wrong, I knew they were a new addition to the staff at HHS.

After graduation I worked part-time during the summer at Nassau Community College, and then in September I switched to full-time. I also attended classes at Nassau part-time, and eventually got my degree in Data Processing (at least that's what they called back then). Well, 39 years later on April 28th of this year I retired. *And retirement is GREAT!!!!* My e-mail address is Schrimd@aol.com if anyone would like to drop me a note. I'd like to end with a tip of the hat to the staff of HixNews.Com. It's a lot of work, and I know that many people look forward to it each month. - Donna Schrimpe '66

Myra Stein '67 has been talking to Harry Berkowitz '60 about having a reunion for the Class of 1967. Myra would love to have anyone from her class get in touch with her. You could catch up on all that's been happening for the past 38 years, and even help her plan a big class reunion. Myra can be reached at:

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Yonkers, NY 10705
Tel: 914 375-0344

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Hicksville Tidbits

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The annual tree lighting ceremony was held at Kennedy Park on December 2nd. The event included entertainment by the Ella Marie Dancers and the Jerico Middle School Chorus. Of course, the arrival of Santa Claus highlighted the evening's festivities. Residents were asked to donate new toys to the 'Toys for Katrina's Kids'. - by Resident

The Hicksville Fire Department kicked off the 2005 Holiday season on Sunday, November 27th. The Hicksville volunteers drove through the streets of Hicksville tossing popcorn balls from the fire trucks to those waiting for the familiar sound of the sirens that signaled the arrival of Santa. - by Steve Greenfield

There will be a valued option offered by the Hicksville Water District beginning in January of 2006. According to Hicksville Water District Chairman, Karl M. Schweitzer, "the district has made a decision to offer Direct Payment to consumers after listening to residents asking for this service. - by Resident

Congratulations to the Hicksville High School Marching band on their successful season. At the United States Scholastic Band Association (ASSBA) Championships in Allentown, PA, on November 5th, the students placed first, and also received honors for best in Color Guard, visual and music. At the USSBA New York State Championships, which took place on October 16th at Copiague High School, the student placed first and also received best in Color Guard and percussion. On October 30th, the students placed third at the New York State Field Band Championships. The championship was held at the Syracuse University Dome in Syracuse, New York.

This was a fantastic finish and a fitting end to a season of continued hard work and continued practice. We extend some very special kudos to Mr. Wyman and Mr. Caruso. Their continued effort spent with these youths is a great tribute to them both.

I am extremely proud of my grandson, Joseph, and his fellow students for their devotion to the marching band. I believe that the community and the Hicksville School Board should all be proud of this group and support them in every possible way. - by Perry Bodner

Volunteerism alive and well in Hicksville - Hicksville Fire Department swears in eleven new members. While many fire departments on Long Island struggle to find new volunteers, the Hicksville Fire Department continues to welcome new recruits each month. Within the past several months, eleven new firefighters joined the department, bringing the 2005 total up to seventeen new members.

"The decision to become a volunteer firefighter is a serious one, and the amount of time spent training on the first year alone is a huge commitment for both the department and the firefighters." This is a comment made by Anthony Wigdzinski, chairman of the Hicksville Board of Fore Commissioners. He further commented, "these men and women do not take this responsibility lightly." Congratulations to these brave firefighters from the Hicksville High School Newsletter Staff . . . . .

I would love to attend the 50th Class Reunion, but I have no way to get back to Manhattan. I'm OK with taking the L.I.R.R. to Hicksville, but I don't want to be waiting for a train in the late hours all alone. I'd love to hear from anyone who may be travelling to and from NYC to Hicksville either by car or train, and if I could (a) hitch a ride with them, or (b) accompany them on the L.I.R.R. on the the way back to the city. If anyone could offer some help, I can be reached at 646 672-1365, or e-mail me at hsmpr@netzero.net.

I hope everyone had a wonderful Holiday Season and may you have a happy & Healthy New Year.

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I received a dozen or so e-mails from HixNews and one other site. I know that you should never open attachments unless you know who sent them, and even then, if they contain a ZIP file, DON'T open it. BUT, I clicked on the attachment!! I must have been partly asleep *(that's my excuse and I'm stickin' to it)*.

The important note is that I have a subscription service to both a Spysweeper, and an anti-virus program. The Spysweeper asked me if I wanted to install the files and showed their names as ZIP files. I knew immediately what had happened *(NOW I'M WIDE AWAKE)* and I clicked on 'NO', which sent the worm packing so it never got into my system. I got the answer to three questions that day:

1. Do I really need these protections? A definite YES here.
2. Do these programs work? A resounding YES.
3. Are they worth the money I'm paying for them? Again, YES

When my annual subscriptions have expired, I will definitely renew them. As for HixNews - just great work. - Jim Wise '58

My maiden name is Maureen Kilkenny and I graduated from HHS in 1964. I enjoy reading HixNews because it keeps me in touch with the past. I noticed that not too many people from the Class of 1964 write in, and I'm also guilty of not writing. Maybe it's because we're not sure if people will remember you, so you hesitate to write in.

I've lived in Port Jefferson Station since 1972. I married Richard Pittman in 1966 and he was a Nassau County police officer. I have one son, Richard, who was born in 1982. Unfortunately, my husband Richard passed away in 1991.

I can still remember to this day attending the Senior Prom with him, and it was held at Hicksville High School and not a catered hall. What a great time we had.

I'm presently married to a wonderful man, John Rizzo, and my main passion is Karaoke. That's about it. How about some other folks from the 1964 class writing in a little something. It's always great to hear about what's going on with classmates. - Maureen (Kilkenny) Rizzo '64

Last month's e-mail fiasco should make everyone aware of the importance of reliable, up-to-date protection for their computers. It is unfortunate that some people got hammered by the SPAM, but it certainly isn't anyone's fault but the spammers. If you do find out who's responsible, why don't you let us know so we can send some e-mails of our own. - Jim Fisher '65 (NC)

Hey Folks - This reminds me of something that happened Christmas Eve. I had 22 people here - it looked like a Sparta, NJ High School Class Reunion. Many of them were kids that have lost their parents and went to school with my kids.

One of them brought along his Brazilian girlfriend - drop dead gorgeous and so sweet. She looked at my homemade eggnog and kind of turned it down. One of the guys told her she had to try everything once. She took a cup and said, "I like, it eez good." Then she had a homemade eclair and a creampuff. She said, "I like, it eez best sweet I have in USA." She said she never had sweets like that in Brazil. My dear husband, Claude said, "Of course she didn't - that's why those girls in Ipanema can wear thong bathing suits - Stop feeding her!!"

So I guess the moral to the story is, if I stop drinking eggnog and eating sweets, I can wear a thong bathing suit - NOT!!! - Linda (Piccerelli) Hayden '60

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Reunion Committee '48 - '52
Chet Nichols '58
Mary (Fuller) Osborne '57
Joe & Sharon Carfora '62
Judy (Marcus) Shivers '64
Bob & Lorraine Briell
Steve & Diane Baum
Stephen & Marilyn Dunefsky '58
Jeanette (Martello) Lupis '59
Jerome & Liz (Munkel) Lester '57
Anton Muré '68
Lou & Grace Zabbia '61
Loretta (Lorenzo) Siebert '56
Pete Foster '57
Carol (Bachman) Katz '60
Norm Nichols '52
James & Dianne Rubins '67
Chris Andersen '67
Christine (Heidt) Beasey '59
Helen (Mangialomini) Coulmas '60
Carolyn (Wood) Imbrie '63
Madeline (Bianco) DeLouisa '60
Robert & Dorothy Klewicki '54
Harvey & Shirley Weiss '47
Nancy (North) Park '61
Tom & Eileen (Greenberg) Ingala '61
Michael & Sharon Rozos
Art Lembke & Irene Hall '49
Steve & Carmen Moddle '53
Ed Osborne '56
Elaine (Grecz) Libert '62
Lorraine (Kalen) Lowen '66
Sue (Jonnson) Postel '66
Michael & Lora Cava '66
Pat (Koziuk) Driscoll '56
Rudolf & Dolores (Etzel) Frey '54
Cecelia M. Horn '49
Minerva Kassinger '54
Ed & Valerie (Palmer) Towsley '60
John Turi '61
Donald & Alice Huffstutler
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? - Jim Rubins '67 (CA)
2 - Tony Toscano '59
2 - Eileen (Walter) Toscano '59
3 - Jack Bellan '73
3 - Muriel (Maas) Froehlich '55 (L.I.)
5 - Karen (Taylor) Keegan '69
6 - Diane Lobel '73
8 - David Teitel '68
8 - Lisa (Calma) Fritz '70
10 - Jack DeVaul '56 (L.I.)
12 - John W. Cole '61 (L.I.)
13 - James Carpinone '72 (L.I.)
13 - Robert McCotter '62 (HX)
15 - Susan Spector '62 (CA)
15 - David Spector '66 (FL)
17 - Robert Starke '72 (GA)
17 - Jim Fisher '65 (NC)
18 - Robert Spector '? (HX)
19 - Qwendolyn (McCue) Schaff '55 (FL)
20 - Jan (Greenberg) Dickelman '74 (VA)
20 - Elizabeth Tucker '83
21 - Walter Weller '71 (TN)
22 - Rosemary (Moran) Witfoth '55 - (FL)
22 - Jewel (Olitsky) Umansky '65
24 - Rudy Fray '54 (FL)
25 - Donna Schrimpe '66 (HX)
26 - Frank Anderson '?
27 - Mary (O'Shaughnessey) Cleary '61 (L.I.)
27 - Mary Ann (Walkowski) Westervelt '76 (WA)
29 - Vinny Leippert
29 - Patricia (Pezzotti) Vantine '68 (VA)
31 - Roy Schaff '50 (FL)

Anniversaries In January

1/?/1979 - Paul & Sharon Korman (L.I.)
1/2/2002 - Robert & Judy (Frimmer) Dow (FL)
1/6/1968 - Joe & Sharon Ann Carfora (NC)
1/13/1968 - Jim & Eileen (Casale) Mahan (NV)
1/21/1973 - Jeff & Brenda Feierstein (L.I.)
1/27/1961 - Tom & Joy (Watson) Haller (FL)
1/27/1990 - Mark & Marian Leippert (L.I.)
1/29/1971 - Joe & Marilyn (Bowles) Nejman (NY)

Send Your Birthdays & Anniversaries to: Editors@HixNews.Com
And don't forget to include your maiden name, year of graduation and the state you live in. - THANKS

The Weekly Reader

Image: A benign weekly newspaper for elementary school children.
Actually: Not so benign. In October, 1994, the magazine ran an article "that discussed smokers' rights and the harm done to the tobacco industry by smoking restrictions. The article said nothing about smoking as a cause of lung cancer and heart disease." It turned out that the *Weekly Reader's* owners were also the largest shareholders in RJR Nabisco, makers of Camel cigarettes.

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Editor Linda (Piccerelli) 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.

Catherine (Boyce) Glasson '86
Joe Ingino '67
Tom Lawlor '72
Victor Rerisi '63
Maureen (Kilkenny) Pittman '64
Joel J, Ziegler '62

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.

Paul Beyer '72
Catherine Boyce '86
Nancy Escoriza '95
Denise Haser '81
Dean Koutsoubis '78
Pamela Kelly Pierne '61
James Scocca '90
Bill Thompson '82
Stephen Tomaini (Staff '65-present)
Joanne Tringas '94
Gregory Vatier '66

Returned Newsletters for December, 2005

Returned Newsletters for the month of October totaled 15. The list follows, and the Editors ask that you look it over to see if you're in contact with any of them. Have them drop us an e-mail with the correct information to: **Editors@HixNews.Com**.

papicus1@comcast.net - Ann (Panich) Picus '58
nvbob59@earthlink.net - Robert Rinaldi
heckathorne@prodigy.net - Diane (Baum) Heckathorne
info@mailriteplus.com - Joseph Sokenis '81

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Many normal people have distinguished themselves in combat. When we say normal, we mean every day people . . . your friends, your neighbors, the guy down the block. You'll hear about them when you see them mentioned in the media But there are many individuals in the limelight . . . stars from the movies, from TV, who crowd the list of heroes. So, here's a list of some of the entertainers that you're all familiar with, but may not know of their commitment and dedication to their countries during World War II.

Alec Guinness (Star Wars) - Operated a British Royal Navy landing craft on D-Day.

James Doohan ('Scotty' on Star Trek) - Landed in Normandy with the U.S. Army on D-Day.

Donald Pleasance (The Great Escape) - He was a R.A.F. pilot who was shot down, held prisoner, then tortured by the Germans.

David Niven was a Sandhurst graduate and was a Lt. Colonel of the British Commandos in Normandy.

James Stewart entered the Army Air Force as a private and worked his way to the rank of Colonel. During World War II, Stewart served as a bomber pilot, his service record crediting him with leading more than 20 missions over Germany, and taking part in hundreds of air strikes during his tour of duty. Stewart earned the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross, France's Croix de Guerre, and 7 Battle Stars. I*n peacetime, Stewart continued to be an active member of the Air Force as a reservist, reaching the rank of Brigadier General before retiring in the late 1950's.

Clark Gable (Mega-Movie Star when war broke out) - Although he was beyond the draft age at the time the U.S. entered WW II, Clark Gable enlisted as a private in the Army Air Force on August 12, 1942 at Los Angeles. He entered the Officer's Candidate School at Miami Beach, Florida and graduated as a second Lieutenant on October 28th, 1942. He then attended aerial gunnery school, and in February 1943, he was assigned to the 351th Bomb Group at Polebrook where he flew operational missions over Europe in B-17's. Capt. Gable returned to the U.S. in October 1943, and was relieved from active duty as a Major on June 12th, 1944 at his own request, since he was overage for combat.

Charlton Heston was an Army Corps Sargent in Kodiak, Alaska.

Earnest Borgnine was a U.S. Navy Gunners Mate from 1935-1945.

Charles Durning was a U.S. Army Ranger at Normandy earning a Silver Star and additionally awarded the Purple Heart for wounds received in combat.

Charles Bronson was a tail gunner in the Army Air Corps, more specifically on B-29's in the 20th Air Force out of Guam, Tinian, and Saipan.

George C. Scott was a decorated U.S. Marine.

Eddie Albert (Green Acres TV) was awarded the Bronze Star for his heroic action as a U.S. Naval officer aiding Marines at the horrific battle on the island of Tarawa in the Pacific November 1943.

Brian Keith served as a U.S. Marine rear gunner in several actions against the Japanese on Rabal in the Pacific.

Lee Marvin was a U.S. Marine on Saipan during the Marianas campaign when he was wounded earning the Purple Heart.

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John Russell - In 1942, he enlisted in the Marine Corps where he received a battlefield commission and was wounded and highly decorated for valor at Guadalcanal.

Robert Ryan was a U.S. Marine who served with the O.S.S. in Yugoslavia.

Tyrone Powers was an established movie star when Pearl Harbor was bombed. He joined the U.S. Marines, was a pilot flying supplies into, and wounded Marines out of Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Ted Williams - U.S. Army Air Force Pilot in WWII and Korea.

Audie Murphy - A little guy, only 5'5" tall, 110 pounds hailed from Texas and played cowboy parts in the movies. He eventually starred in the movie of his life, "To Hell And Back." He was the most Decorated serviceman of WWII and earned: The Congressional Medal of Honor (our nations highest award), Distinguished Service Cross, 2 Silver Star Medals, Legion of Merit, 2 Bronze Star Medals with "V", 2 Purple Hears, U.S. Army Outstanding Civilian Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 2 Distinguished Unit Emblems, American Campaign Medal, European-African Eastern Campaign Medal with One Silver Star, Four Bronze Service Stars (representing nine campaigns), and one Bronze Arrowhead (representing assault landing at Sicily and Southern France), World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal with German Clasp, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, French Fourragere in Colors of the Croix de Guerre, French Legion of Honor, Grade of Chevalier, French Croix de Guerre with Silver Star, French Croix de Guerre with Palm, Medal of Liberated France, Belgian Croix de Guerre 1940 Palm.

Government Computer News has noted that the Veterans Administration has added nearly two million veterans' records to its grave locator - mostly veterans buried in private cemeteries.. That brings the number of names in the grave site locator to about five million.

The locator is available at http://gravelocator.cem.va.gov/j2ee/servlet/NGL_vl

If you're interested in service members buried overseas, the site recommended that you check is:
American Battle Monuments Commission at http://www.abmc.gov/home.php

The front page has a simple search engine that allows you to look for first name and last name. The advanced search allows you to specify a date of birth and/or death, and include a cemetery. I would have really loved an option to search by state, but that's not available.

The results include name, rank, branch of service, birth and death dates, and the name and section of the cemetery where they are buried.

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1956 Hicksville High School 50th Class Reunion

The Class of 1956 will be holding their 50th Class Reunion on June 24th, 2006. It will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall located at 45 Heitz Place, Hicksville, NY 11801. The price is $60.00/pp, and a cash bar will be available.

After the Saturday night festivities, there will be a Sunday Brunch at Shish Kabob in Plainview, NY. A $10.00/pp deposit is required if you'd like to join us.

To read what's on the menu for Saturday night, and to also print out your reservation form
JUST CLICK HERE

TO SEE THE TOP 100 SONGS FOR 1965 - CLICK HERE

Check Out the Photos of the August 2005 Reunion

Chief Editor Buffalo Bob Casale took more than 100 photos at the August 2005 Reunion. Many of them are posted with Classmates.Com, and can be viewed by clicking on the following links.

To go to the Main Album Page to see all 68 HHS photo albums
CLICK HERE

To see the specific photo album of the August 2005 Reunion
CLICK HERE

Be sure to send in your own stories and photos so we can share them with all the readers of HixNews.Com. Send them to:
Editors@HixNews.Com

Pictures of the 1955 Class Reunion at Classmates.Com

What a special evening we had at the 1955 Class Reunion. Thanks for allowing Karen and me to share your special evening. I have posted 51 of the 95 pictures I took at the event, and they're posted at Classmates.Com. You can access the Photo Site by clicking the hyperlink below.

CLICK HERE

If that did not get you to the site, go to Classmates.Com, locate and logon to Hicksville High School, then click on the 'Photo's' window. The album is the first one listed of the many albums created over the years.

Warm regards,
Bob Casale, Karen Wieman and the HixNews staff

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People Lookin' For People

Karen Kelly '69 is looking for Fran Barber '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
Susan Spector '62 is looking for Loretta Noce '62
David Berger '65 is looking for Susan Sitzer '65
Ann (Krex) Friedman '65 is looking for Laura Krakoff '65 and Lynne Cohen '65
Pete Maiorino '64 is looking for Kathleen (Jacob) Curtin-Antoniades '64
Ed & Val (Palmer) Towsley '60 are looking for Sharon Ward '60
Mike Linihan '65 is looking for Terry Sheehan '64 & Charles Dohrenwend '65

If there's someone you're looking for, just sent your request and we'll be happy to add it to the list.

If anyone knows these folks or wants to add a name,send us an email at: Editors@HixNews.Com

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Down Memory Lane

It's almost 58 years since Hicksville celebrated its Tercentennial. A quick calculation leads me to believe that our quaint city is 358 years old this year. Part of the reason for me to be able to make the quick calculation is the fact that I was (or am) a graduate of Hicksville High School. Math was not one of my fortes while in school . . . along with many other subjects . . . but this wasn't Geometry or Trigonometry or Calculus. Simple math is what they call it and I remember it well. Just pronouncing those advanced math terms is a challenge.

Tercentennial week ran from May 15th 'til May 22nd, 1948. A committee was formed to create a truly 'historic' portion of the Hicksville story. The created publication goes back to the very beginnings of this community when the first settlers called Hicksville home.

An interesting thing about the community . . . three of the members are Leon J. Galloway, Gertrude Wetterauer and Howie Finnegan who are all part of our lives, at least the 'old-timers', and there are many. Ms. Wetterauer was the Chairperson. Others on the committee included names I recognize that perhaps some of our alumni will remember:

Fred Noeth	**Erie LeBarron**	**Charles Schwartz**
Edna Kuhne Sutton	**Lillian Kreider**	**Helen Hodges**
Charles Voigt	**Sarah Huettner**	**Eugene Staehle**
Phebe Seaman	**Vincent Braun**	**William Koutensky**
John Christ	**Louse Augustin**	**George Freir**
	Bernard Braun (Old Principal???)	

The official start of the Hicksville community came on May 20th, 1648, when Robert Williams purchased from Pugnipan, Sachem of the Matinecock Indians, the plains area known as the Williams Plantation for a quantity of trading cloth. There are no definite boundaries stated in the purchase. It is believed that it was approximately nine square miles and encompassed the plains area that included parts of Bethpage, Plainview, Woodbury and Jerico.

Little is known about Robert Williams prior to the purchase of land from the Indians. It is believed that he was born in Wales, and was a brother of Richard Williams of Huntington and a near relative of Roger Williams of Rhode Island. He had another brother named Thomas.

Robert married Sarah Washburne, a daughter of William and June Washburne. William Washburne was well to do and certainly helped Robert in building his fortune. Robert and Sarah had seven children.

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Julia Garrison and Stephen Moore, lead singers for Dr K's Motown Review

Julia and Paul "Coney Island" Korman class of '69

You can hear some audio clips at http://www.drksmotownrevue.com/

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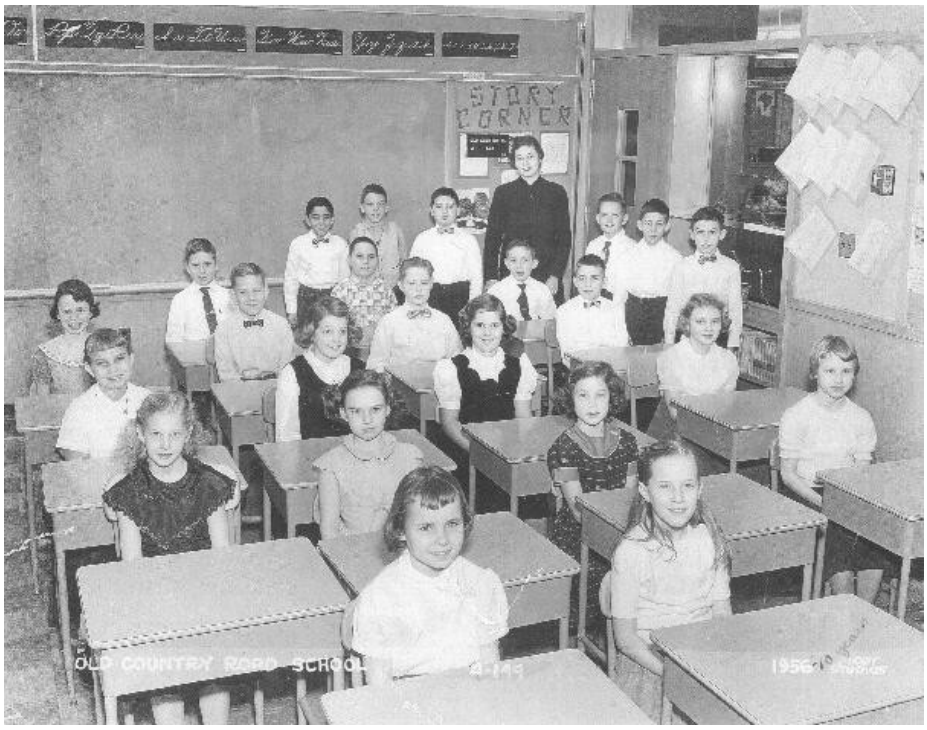
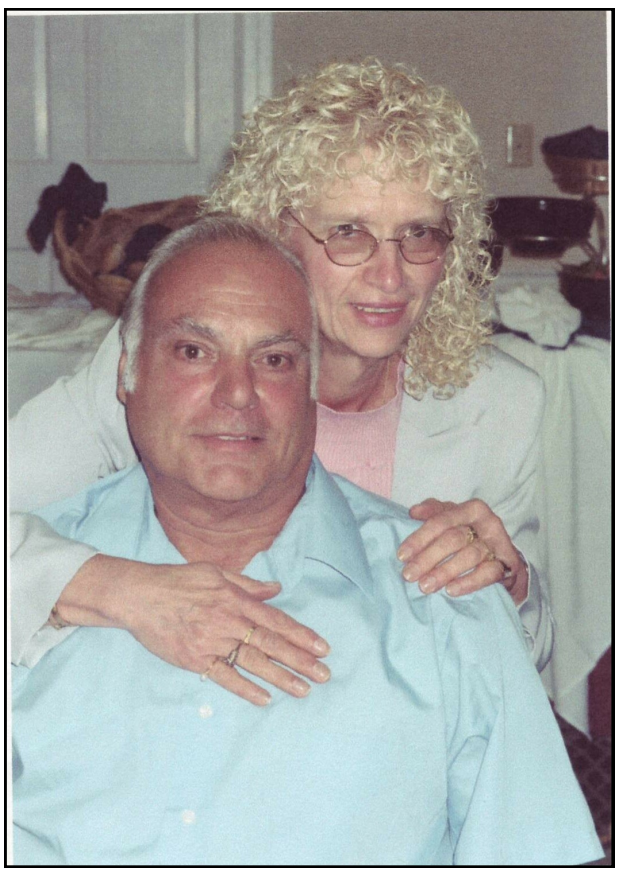


Old Country Road School - 1956



John '64 & Claire Ceravino '64

Hi All - The picture above is my fourth grade class photo from Old Country Road School. It was taken in 1956. I have everyone's name on post-its on the back of the picture. I can't believe the photo it's almost 60 years old and I can still name almost everyone, even though I have problems remembering the more current things!!! I'm computer challenged and I don't know how to scan it into my computer, so I'm hoping that you can do that and post it in the next issue of HixNews.

I really enjoy reading our newsletter every month, but I don't see many things about the alumni from '64. My husband, John Ceravino also graduated in '64. We've been married for 36 years and have four children. No grandchildren yet, but we're hoping.

We have lived in Centereach for 28 years, and I occasionally see people I recognize from Hicksville. We even live next door to Hicksville alumni Walter and Angela (LaManna) Every and we're just like family.

Thanks for all your hard work publishing HixNews every month. - Claramae (Claire Gross) Ceravino '64

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JoAnn (Gorman) Stadelmann '60

JoAnn (Gorman) Stadelmann '60 passed away on Saturday, December 17th, 2005 at the age of sixty-three. She resided in North Fort Myers, FL. She was the daughter of Joseph and Ann Gorman, sister of James, mother of Lawrence, Nancy and Erika, and the beloved Grandmother of six grandchildren.

JoAnn was raised in Hicksville, NY and graduated from Hicksville High School in 1960.

The Editors would like you to know that we're establishing a listing of those alumni who have passed, and will honor several of them each month on HixNews.

Kindly send your listing of anyone you'd like to acknowledge to:
Editors@HixNews.Com

Alumni from Class of ????