Hicksville High School Newsletter

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Happy Valentine's Day!



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Hi HixNews, Thank you so much for the birthday wish. To Everyone...have a Merry Christmas and a healthy New Year. *Joe Ingino '67*

Thank you so much for the delicious birthday card! You always make having a birthday fun. I hope that the holiday season brings health and happiness to all of my Hicksville High School friends and their families. Best wishes. *Arlene Andersen '63*

Many thanks for my Birthday card with best wishes and also the Anniversary card. I also enjoy reading the Hicksville News letter. Best wishes for a happy, healthy 2011. *Elsie (Bartels) Gruebel '45*

Thanks for the card; we love Jacquie Lawson cards! Happy New Year to all of you. *Joe (60) and Diane (Cuti, '62) Germain*

Hi,

Thanks for the Birthday greeting. It was very nice of you. The Sundae made me hungry though now I want some ice cream. Happy New Year to all. Love,

Muriel (Maas) Froehlich '57

Bob and the Hicksville Newsletter Gang! Thanks for the Beautiful Birthday Card. Very thoughtful of you to send...

Chris Composto '53

Thanks, it was a great card. Hard to believe I made it to 67. Just last night at a New Year's Eve party, we were talking about after all these years we still hang out together and now we're all in North Carolina, and still partying. Again, thanks for the card. *Herb Pearce '62*

nore Thank You'

Bob and the Gang at HixNews,
Thank you for the Birthday wishes, and also for all the hard work and dedication that you all put into the newsletter. It brings back so many wonderful memories for me. If we can only go back for 24 hours and be a teenager again. Happy New Year!!
Pete Maiorino '64

Dear Bob and the Hicksville Newsletter Gang,

Thank you for remembering our wedding anniversary. You are indeed very thoughtful! *Charlie Coney* - '65

Thanks so much to the gang at the HHSNL for remembering my birthday. You guys are the best.

Regards,

David Teitel '68

Dear Bob,

Sharon and I arrived home from two weeks of visiting family for the Holidays and were welcomed by your Anniversary card. Thanks to you and the gang at HixNews for always remembering!! January 6th marks our 43rd.

Warm regards,

Sharon & Joe Carfora '62

Thank you for the really nice card birthday card! Ann Gambaro '83



Thank you for the lovely birthday card. **Pat Kelly Bruno '60**



Thanks for the great birthday card. Have a great year. *John Cole '61*

Thanks so much for the birthday greeting, Hicksville Newsletter Gang! And thanks so much for all you do every month! *Rosemary Moran '55*

To the Gang @ Hicksville!! Thanks so much for the wonderful Anniversary card! This year is the big 40!! Will we make 50, that is the question! And they said it would never last! Ha! *Marilyn (Bowles) and Joe Nejman '66*



Thank you "Buff " and everyone on the newsletter staff for the birthday card. You folks are a gift in itself to all alumni, tooling relived memories of the good ol' days. Blessings all. **Tom Larkin '64** Day 24 Baby Boomer Port Hueneme, Calif.

Dear Editors,

Thank you for the birthday card! We're home in Connecticut waiting for the weather to clear so we can head to Florida in our RV for 2 months. Our boat is on the hard for this winter, and we plan to head south via land rather than sea this year! **Barbara (Jones) Benjamin '66**



Jesse Mittleman '36 Editor Note...anyone out there have a graduation picture of Jesse???

Norm Hicks '57

Adrienne Dolgin '65

Videos you might like:

1. Willow Run Bomber Plant Video - WWII

Henry Ford was determined that he could mass produce bombers just as he had done with cars. He built the Willow Run assembly plant and proved it. It was the world's largest building under one roof. Even then FORD HAD A BETTER IDEA! This film will absolutely blow you away - one B-24 every 55 minutes. ADOLF HITLER HAD NO IDEA THE U.S. WAS CAPABLE OF THIS KIND OF THING. There is no way he could have even guessed. For those who live outside of Michigan, Willow Run is near Bellville, Canton and Ypsilanti, MI It's amazing that one B-24 (built with over 1.225 million parts) came off the assembly line every 55 minutes Take a few minutes to watch this snapshot of history.

2. The impossible golf shot: http://www.flixxy.com/clay-pigeon-golf-shot.htm



Hi!

I'm Jesse Mittleman, class of 1936 (!). Now 91 years old, living on Bainbridge Island, Washington (near Seattle). Would like to hear from any HHS class members of mid-30's, when Mabel Farley was Principal, Thomas Horn taught science, and classmates included Isabel Simon, Jennie Zalewski, John DeMonaco, and so many more wonderful kids. E-mail: JesseM@iName.com

Dear HHS Alumni from the 1930s,

One of your classmates, Jesse Mittleman (Class of 1936), would like to hear from you. Jesse's email request is included (below) with his email address, which is also available in the header of this email (above). This request is being forwarded to all the HHS alumni from the 1930s who are in our HixNews database:

- Marion (Fluckiger) Mohrback (1933)
- Fred Fluckiger (1937)
- Milton Philip Shoob (1937)
- Sophie (Teresko) Fluckiger (1938)
- Evelyn (Ulmer) Schaaf (1938)

• George Baldwin (1939) Best wishes to you all.

Henry HixNews Systems Manager



Hi,

Please add my name to the list. (Hi Kathy Kennedy- my sister's best friend). Love the hixnews.

Thanks, **Richard Cluxton '68**



Ed Note: Hi Richie, my BFF's little brother! (he was such a pest!).



I have not been receiving HixNews as I now have a new email address. I miss the news of my high school. I live in Windham, NH Thank you.

Anita (Uhlich) Basile '58

Just kidding!

Editor Note...if you want to get in touch with Anita, send a note to the editors and we will contact Anita.

effers to the Editors,

I somehow have been taken off the mailing list to notify me of the news letter. How do I reinstate my email address? Thank you,

Diane Angell Keil



Sorry about that, Diane. I'm not sure what happened, but you will receive the announcements as of next month. If you want to see the January announcement, go to the following <u>link</u> : <u>https://groups.google.com/d/topic/hixnews/ZBYOGgvlB-I/discussion</u>

Happy New Year!

henry



Thank you and HAPPY New year!

diane 🤒

Hi,

I enjoy reading the monthly newsletter and have one request. Could you please make a correction to my name in my 1967 class listing? My current name is Nancy Glick; my maiden name was Nancy Engelman. If possible, please send me an e mail acknowledging you received my request and my maiden name has been corrected.

Thanks so much!

Nancy Engelman Glick '67

Hi Henry,

Thanks so much for making the correction to my maiden name, Engelman, to the list of HHS alumni members. It seems the older I get, the more I become nostalgic about reading about "the good old days" (which we didn't realize they were until now). I'm awed at how the years have passed and I'm always sorry to read about alumni who are deceased. Thanks for your dedication to keeping our high school memories alive! Keep up the good work. Have a Happy and Healthy New Year! Sincerely,

Nancy



Where do I find the page that identifies those who have passed on? Anna May Powers Riddell '61

The link is at the top of the main page of our website (in the orange field):

In Memoriam

Do not reply to this announcement! PLEASE. Instead, if you would like to contact the gang at the Newsletter, email all correspondence to <u>editors@hixnews.com</u> because that address automatically sends a copy to each staff member.

letters to the Editors,

Classmates, friends and family had dinner together in Durham, North Carolina in the fall. Ann (Krex) a 1965 graduate, and husband, Teddy Friedman, live in Cary, NC, and Henry and Trish Lichtenstein live in Durham. Sue Krex Howard and Henry were classmates in 1959. Sue and her friend, Roy Balfour, were visiting Ann and Teddy. Below is a photo taken as they headed out to dinner. OBTW – Henry and Sue dated when they were 13...that's a couple of years ago. LOL. Also, this was the first time Henry and Ann met.

Standing L-R:	Teddy Friedman, Ann Krex Friedman,
	Sue Krex Howard, Henry Lichtenstein
Sitting L-R:	Roy Balfour, Trish Lichtenstein



I just got off the phone with a friend in Minnesota. He said that since early this morning the snow has been nearly waist high and is still falling. The temperature is dropping below zero and the north wind is increasing. His wife has done nothing but look through the kitchen window. He says that if it gets much worse, he may have to let her in.

Hello everyone...I see the snow scared many of you away last week. For those who made it down, I thank you. We have another gig on Feb. 2 [Wednesday] at the Fork and Vine in Glen Head. We play there about once a month. I know how to get there but I don't know the name of the streets. It is right next to the R.R. station. If you call you can get directions; it's very easy. We are there from 7:00 - 10:00. This is a great place with a wonderful bar and good food at reasonable prices. Hope to see some of you there. *Art Romeo '60*

HIGH SCHOOL FRIENDS HAVE MINI REUNION

Three gals from the class of 1963, Gina, Jeanne and Ginny, who have been friends since high school, got together recently in Summerfield, Florida. Gina Moltzen Florio and her husband, Mike, live there and they've been married since 1964. Ginny Wills Wyer is married to Jack Wyer, a graduate from the class of 1959, and they stopped by to visit. Also attending...Jeanne Kranz Petersen with her husband, Richard. They were married in 1969. It was a great mini reunion.



Gina Moltzen



Jeanne Kranz





Ginny Wills

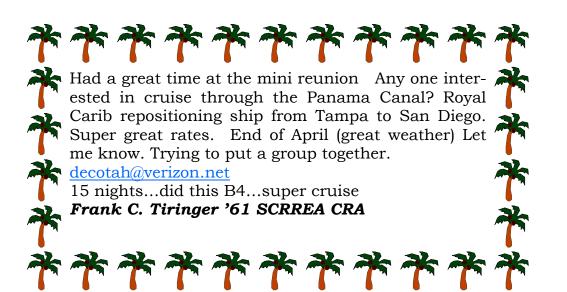
Jack Wyer



Gina Moltzen Florio – Ginny Wills Wyer – Jeanne Kranz Petersen



Mike and Gina (Moltzen) Florio - Richard and Jeanne (Kranz) Petersen—Jack and Ginny (Wills) Wyer



effers to the Editors.

Happy New Year HHS Newsletter Staff....

I am trying to open the Jan. 2011 newsletter and I am unable to do so....I click on <u>http://hixnews.com</u> as I do each month, but the most recent issue I am able to open is Dec. 2010, not the Jan. 2011 issue...

Help.....

Thanks again for the terrific job you do in keeping all of us HHS Alum connected.... **Peggy (Moldovak) Gill '67**

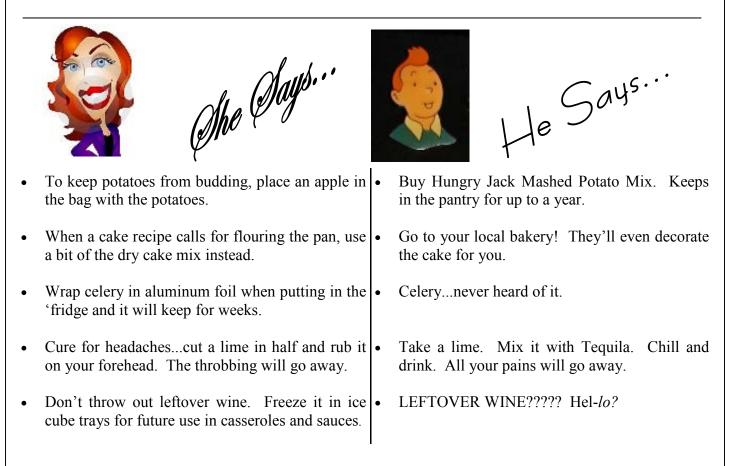
Peggy,

ED. NOTE: You are probably retrieving a cached copy of that link on your computer and need to clear your cache memory. If that doesn't work, copy and paste the following link: <u>http://www.hixnews.com/1101/</u>

Best, Henry



Thanks Henry...I already received an e-mail from Roger Whittaker that got me on the right track...Boy, talk about efficient...You fellas are tops...Happy New Year. *Peggy Gill*



News Flash

The traditional Thanksgiving Day Turkey Bowl continued last year on a blistery November day. Former students from Hicksville got together to play a friendly game of flag football. The winner...all those who participated and who then headed home for a plate of turkey, stuffing, potatoes and gravy...closely followed by a piece of pie topped with many scoops of ice cream. It is expected that the game for 2011 will again continue the tradition.





Washington's Birthday February 22



Lincoln's Birthday February 12

US President JFK'S Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, was in France in the early 1960's when French President Charles DeGaulle decided to pull out of NATO. DeGaulle said he wanted all US military out of France as soon as possible.

Secretary of State Rusk responded, "Does that include those who are buried here?"

 $\stackrel{\bigstar}{\downarrow}$ DeGaulle did not respond. You could have heard a pin drop.



Attached are two pictures of Mr. Pat Naso, HHS teacher and Junior High Principal. I had my annual visit with him on New Years day. He looks GREAT and is doing well for a man soon to be 91 years old. I just have to close my eyes and he sounds just as he did in the classroom. It is such fun to see him. **Stephen Moddle '53**



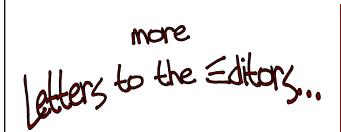


Hello Friends and Family. Happy New Year!

I am very proud to announce the publishing of my first novel, **Abel in Paris**. It is a romantic comedy and a fun read for all. The story revolves around, **Abel McCormick**, a widower who is an award-winning chef and his 11 yr old daughter **Sandy**. Abel sells his cafe after the death of his wife, **Nina**. Sandy and Abel win a trip to Paris... that's Paris, Texas, where Abel meets **Lilly**, a chef from Paris, France, this time and a graduate from the **Cordon Bleu School of Cooking**. This is their story of how they meet, fall in love, what happens and well, the rest is in the book. There is also a villain, **Tom Campbell**, just for fun. The book will be coming out in February 2011. If interested in making a purchase, please contact me...

Jeffrey White '73

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The **Hicksville High School class of 1961** would like to have a mini reunion in Florida on March 19, 2011 in the Port Charlotte/Punta Gorda area. Before I can reserve a place, I need a count of how many will be attending. It will be very casual. Please respond quickly (ASAP) and send me your name and e-mail address. I will get back to you as soon as I can. Ann Cassese Costantino anntomc@aol.com



Mancuso

'67

Hi Guys,

lot.

Thanks for all of the effort that you put into the Hicksville Newsletter. My name is Lorraine Palmer and I'm living in California now, and when people ask where I'm from, they always seems to laugh when I tell them Hicksville...go figure.

I was wondering if you would be able to put a name on the 'looking for' list. I'm looking for **Robert Swierupski, Class of 1967**. Thanks a

Lorraine Palmer

Robert Swierupski '67

We had a wonderful time at the Long Island mini reunion for the Class of 1961 on Sunday, January 9th. Dennis Naso did a GREAT job again! Thanks Dennis!!!!

Olivia Lepis Schmidt '61

Hi,

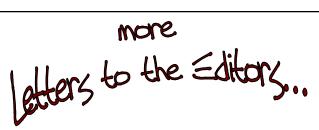
I just saw some articles on Hicksville High School. I babysat for Jackie Travers and Paul Carbe's [children] with Jackie's sister Tina when I was very young. Tina was my best friend at the time. Our family was always very fond of their mother Dot. Last I heard, Tina was down in Maryland and her mother, Dot, was in a nursing home. Do you know any more then I do? I would love to see how Tina and Dot are doing. The father passed away a long time ago. I am not sure what happened to their sisters, Peggy and June, and I'm not sure if their brother Michael is still with us. If you can help I would appreciate it. Happy New Year!

Lisa Roche

Lisa, Thanks so much for the note. I will do some investigating to see if I can find out some information. Where did you see the articles on Hicksville High? Did you graduate from Hicksville? When? Fill me in on some information about yourself. Do you know about the Hicksville High School Newsletter? Let me know. Thanks, Buffalo Bob Casale

Hi Bob,

Thanks so much for the quick response! I did a search on Google for Dorothy Travers and my friend Tina Travers. An article came up on Jackie and Paul at Hicksville High School. I believe you had written it. There were about five names listed as contacts and I



clicked on your name and your email address came up. I attended Holy Family School and moved away before high school. My maiden name is Connors, and I grew up on Glenbrook Road across the street from the Travers. I would really love to know if Dot is still with us. Tina was a good 15 to 16 years younger then Jackie. Tina actually had a niece that was older than Tina. That was Jackie's older sister Joan's daughter. Joan lived in Alaska. Tina might have attended the high school. I think she may have moved to Maryland to be closer to another sister, Peggy, as her father John was sick. What ever happened to Michael Travers? Thanks again.

Lisa Roche

Editor Note...perhaps someone can provide updated information to Lisa through us.

Dear Classmates:

I just ran across this obit of Charles Gouse (class of '48) that I received just before I had problems with my computer and could not send e- mails. I can't remember if I sent it or not, so just in case, I'm sending it again.

Art Lembke '49

Editor Note: Art...Thanks for sharing the obit for Charlie Gouse. It was published awhile back and those interested need check the attached hyperlink or copy and paste that hyperlink into your browser to reacquaint yourself with Mr. Gouse's magnificent life.

http://www.hixnews.com/0905/in_memoria.htm





Joe Starpoli '60



Ed Note: We had Pat on our birthday list, but somehow misplaced her email address which we now have.

Susan Dichtenberg Clark

Dear HixNews Editors,



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I am the History Librarian at the Hicksville Archives. Val Pakuluk recommended your newsletter to me as a possible research tool. I am currently doing research on a bit of history of the **Hicksville High School Class of 1942**, To wit: The Hicksville High School Cheerleaders had a mascot...a Border Collie Shepherd named Donnay who later served in the Marines in the Pacific. The dog belonged to a cheerleader named Johanna Meine, who later married fellow '42 alumni James Brown. I have spoken to James Brown and he told me that the dog did not originally belong to his late wife, but was given to her by a fellow classmate, a non-Hicksvillian from either Syosett or Plainview who was "French."

I am very interested in contacting anyone who remembers Donnay and anyone who might know who the mysterious Frenchman/woman might be? I can be contacted at the Library at (516) 931-1417 Ext 101 or through this email address. Any assistance will be greatly appreciated.

James Janis Historian

Editor Note...Go to Memory Lane. There's a test there called the Dr. Phil test that was aired on the Oprah Show. Both Dr. Phil and Oprah took the test and their scores were quite different. Ten questions are asked and your personal answer is assigned points. The final result of points scored is then analyzed and you can see what your personality is like in the end. Follow the instructions and enjoy. If you'd like, send your point score to <u>editors@hixnews.com</u> Buffalo Bob Casale scored 38.

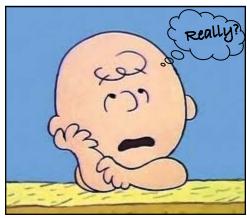
Editor Note...To all our readers. Please check out the February profile submitted by John Ebbecke from the class of 1972.

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★ ↓ Hi, everybody! My a cappella doo-wop group, Stardust, ↓

will be performing at the North Shore Library, Route
 25A, Shoreham on Friday, Feb. 4 at 7:00 p.m. I'd love
 to see some old friends, so come give a listen and re live some memories.

Thanks, Bob Masone ('62) 🧍

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MARRIED FOUR TIMES: The local news station was interviewing an 80-year-old lady because she had just gotten married for the fourth time. The interviewer asked her questions about her life, about what it felt like to be marrying again at 80, and then about her new husband's occupation.

"He's a funeral director," she answered.

"Interesting," the newsman thought.

He then asked her if she wouldn't mind telling him a little about her first three husbands and what they did for a living. She paused for a few moments, needing time to reflect on all those years. After a short time, a smile came to her face and she answered proudly, explaining that she had first married a banker when she was in her early 20's, then a circus ringmaster when in her 40's, and a preacher when in her 60's, and now in her 80's, a funeral director.

The interviewer looked at her, quite astonished, and asked why she had married four men with such diverse careers. Wait for it....

Smiling, she explained, "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."



Teacher: Maria: Teacher: Class:

Maria, go to the map and find North America. Here it is.

Correct. Now class, who discovered America? Maria.

Ain't Going

One Sunday morning, a mother went in to wake her son and tell him it was time to get ready for church.

He replied, "I'm not going."

"Why not?" she asked.

I'll give you two good reasons," he said. "First, they don't like me and second I don't like them."

His mother replied, "I'll give YOU two good reasons why YOU SHOULD go to church. First, you're 59 years old, and second you're the pastor!"







Stir Fry Notes

Stir-fry usually refers to cooking veggies in a little oil at medium high temperatures while stirring, to keep them from burning. The taste of many veggies changes considerably the longer they are cooked; they also lose some nutritional values. One vegetable that comes to mind and which also is a favorite of mine is Asparagus. I can remember as a kid when my mom would feed us asparagus, which she had cooked in water for perhaps twenty minutes or so. I can remember it being pale green and slimy, with the bottom of the stalks being stringy. Needless to say, it was not one of our favorite foods.

When I ate in a restaurant and was served green asparagus which had been lightly cooked, I discovered a completely different vegetable than what I had known as a kid, and one that was delicious with a variety of vegetable flavors. I have had asparagus plants in my garden ever since for a long time, and as a perennial, they come up reliably every Spring and are eagerly looked forward to. The thicker stalks come from the older plants, and are the tastiest, but the narrower stalks are the most commercially viable, and so that is what usually comes to market. While I usually cook my home grown asparagus in a flat pan in just a little water for less than a minute, and then rub it with butter much as one might do with fresh ears of corn, I use the narrower store bought stalks in stir fry.



My favorite stir fry is Bird's Eye Asparagus stir fry, which I find has just the right balance of asparagus and other veggies with a smattering of fine noodles. I have tried all the frozen stir-fries, but keep returning to that one from Birds Eye, and usually stock up when there is a buy one/get one sale. It is best cooked in a non-stick skillet, as the noodles will tend to stick to a stainless pot as they become cooked. For a simple stir-fry, I add about a tablespoon of olive oil to the pan, turn the heat to med-high, add the stir-fry, toss in a pat of butter and stir until it is quickly cooked, 3-4 minutes. I then serve it with a sprinkling of grated parmesan. Sometimes I will also toss in some fresh veggies when the frozen veggies have thawed and started to cook.

For a more complex dish, I will start with sliced mushrooms sautéed in oil, to which I will then add a dozen shelled shrimp, and maybe

some cooked crawfish tails (found in the frozen fish section of upscale supermarkets), before I add the Bird's Eye stir- fry. Then I will add a pack of dry Ramen or Maruchen Asian instant soup mix, along with water, no salt broth, or maybe a little wine. You only want enough liquid to moisten the noodles with a little extra on the bottom of the pan.

The thing to be cautious of here is of adding too much salt to the dish. The Ramen soup mix if you use the whole seasoning packet should be enough salt, hence the no salt broth. Water instead of broth will also help cut down on the salt. Stir and toss the ingredients until they are hot and steamy, transfer to a serving dish, squeeze half a lemon or lime over the dish and top with grated Italian 5-cheese and Parmesan.





Because I had not heard from **Ellen Gorenstein Kamil** in a long time, I put her name in Google and found this. She was one of my best friends in HHS. We roomed together on the Senior Trip, with Margy Gomez Volz (who died in 2000 a few months after both of them attended my Ph.D graduation at U MN in Minneapolis). We had a great time looking at pictures from the senior trip and the yearbook.

Joan Komar Langlois '61

Ellen Gorenstein Kamil passed away on December 31, 2010 while visiting family in Seattle. She was a graduate from the [Huntington High School] class of 1961.



Ellen was born in Astoria, New York January 27, 1943. Her proud parents were Hyman and Leona (Ruden) Gorenstein. Ellen was a retired Nuclear Medical Technologist and Case Worker. Ellen was an active member of the Lincoln Weaving Guild and Lotus Zen Temple. She was a volunteer, too, with Lincoln Literacy. Ellen attended the University of Nebraska – Lincoln and received her BA.

She is survived by husband Alan, son Seth, daughter-in-Law Traci, daughter Melissa, son-in-Law Rob Gamage, grandsons Eli, Avery and Brighton Gamage, mother-in-Law Henrietta Kamil and sister-in-Law Nancy Kamil. A private funeral service was held on January 5th, 2011 at Washelli Funeral Home in Seattle, Washington. Celebration of her life will be held in Lincoln, Nebraska on March 12th. Arrangements are in progress.



Dear Bob,

Thank you so much for letting us know about the passing of Ellen Gorenstein! I remember Ellen and, as always, am sorry to hear of the loss of someone from our background. Sounds like she had a full and interesting life. My best,

Carol Fullerton '61

We had a note from Betty Eriksen in December to advise of the passing of two Funfgelds. Joseph Funfgeld was in the class of 1949 and was a veteran of the Korean War. His brother, Edwin, was in the class of 1950 and he, too, served in Korea. *The Editors*