

News about town

Teachers and Students Raise Money In Concert



Administration, teachers, staff, students and volunteers worked in concert, literally, to raise money and awareness for an international charity that helps babies born prematurely. The concert, called Teacher Jam for Embrace Global, was held in the high school auditorium and spotlighted staff members and students rockin' the house with ripping vocals, chest-pounding drum beats, lyrical guitar riffs and theatrical lighting.

High school teachers and students joined together in the Teacher Jam for Embrace Global, a fundraising concert held in the school auditorium. Photo and information courtesy of Hicksville Public School District Website

The concert lasted just over two hours, and proceeds from ticket sales totaled over \$1,000. Students created a PowerPoint presentation that explained how the charity is using a cleverly devised and inexpensive infant warmer to save the lives of premature newborns around the globe.

This concert is one of the many activities that students are sponsoring to raise awareness of the infant mortality rate in impoverished countries. The students have been planning school-wide activities to raise money to make a substantial contribution this year to Embrace Global for the purchase of portable incubators for babies in India.

[Click here for the whole story](#)



**Happy
Mother's
Day**



Letters



It was great seeing that old photo of the Perkins baseball team that was sent in by Paul Backman. I'm the 3rd from the left in the back row.

Best regards

Harold Glazer 1962

Ps. I recognize faces, but I can't remember names.



I can identify some of my teammates on Perkins Trucking little league team 1957. Mike Sweeney bottom row left, Paul Walkowitz third from left, next to him Howie Menzies (rest his soul) and I'm next to him, I think that's Bob Flanagan top row right. Great fun seeing this

Neil Barrocas 1964



More letters

After looking at the Perkins Trucking Little League photo, I think it's my brother, William (Bill) Schrimpe, 2nd row, 2nd from the left. Also, please add Bill's name to the In Memoriam listing. Bill was in the class of 1960. He passed away 11/24/11.

And last, but not least, I would really enjoy your oldies cd that you made.

Thank you,

Donna Schrimpe 1966



Mother's Day Trivia



Anna Jarvis of Philadelphia who started Mother's Day celebrations also filed a lawsuit in an effort to stop the over-commercialization of Mother's Day. She lost her fight. Anna had hoped for a day of reflection and quiet prayer by families, thanking God for all that mothers had done.

Letters, letters, letters



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Congrats, Denny. Very impressive.

Which of the 7 photos in the poster is yours? And who is the subject (I only recognize Sean Connery and Michael Cain)?

Best, Henry



H. Lichtenstein

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Still more letters



Bob,

You're correct about Roddy. He wouldn't have been accepted in any police agency with a criminal record (even juvenile). His record at the juvenile facility was probably expunged.

I remember a fight that Roddy had in 1959 against a guy called Malloy (he didn't graduate with us). Roddy beat him when Malloy ran headfirst into a parked car. I remember it so vividly because I was present at the fight and nobody thought Roddy would win. I think Eddie Caesar was there too.

Those photos of old time Hicksville are so nostalgic. I remember Frank's Alibi Restaurant and the old Hicksville movie theatre where Paul Bady's father, Ed Bady was the projectionist. Ed has recently died and Paul sold his house on Acre Lane and moved to Northern California.

There used to be gang fights (rumbles) at the Mid Island Plaza. There was a guy called Pearsall who in a gang back then. I have vague recollections about that but I was supposed to fight Robert Antonetti in the back of the Village Green off Levittown Parkway and he forgot to show up.

Do you remember Louis Bartlass? I think he was in special education classes.

Jerry

Not many, if any, remember the fight I had with Charley Lantay in the student parking lot. The prospect of a fight brought many kids to watch me get my ass kicked. The fight had a strange ending.

I don't remember Louis Bartlass.

Buffalo Bob Casale



Mail call!

My name is Kathlene Kutz Lyman. Had I not moved in the middle of seventh grade, I would have graduated with the HHS class of 1965. I have long wondered what became of my childhood friends. On a whim, I googled the name of the boy who lived across the street, Jimmy Fischer. That search brought me to your newsletter.

I was totally surprised to see our first grade picture, 1953 - 1954, in the current newsletter. I remember kindergarten at East Street School and I have a picture of that class. We spent part of first grade at Nicholai Street School while Woodland Avenue was finished. I remember Woodland Avenue School had to be enlarged by the time we were in fourth grade.

The move to Huntington, Long Island, was traumatic. I graduated high school in 1965 and graduated from college with a teaching degree in 1969. At my interview for a teaching position in Niskayuna, NY, one of the interviewers was Ray Pressman. Guess what! Ray Pressman was a reading teacher at Woodland Avenue when I was there! I got the job!

I taught middle school math for 34 years, retiring in 2004. My fondest childhood memories include my friends on Crescent Street: Mike Mueller, Patty McNally, and Jimmy Fischer. We spent most of the 1950's playing in that street.

I recognize others in that first grade picture, especially Joanne and Diane. I worry that when you go to approve my membership to receive the newsletter, my application will be rejected since my name will not be among the HHS graduates, class of 1965.

Please let me know your decision. If accepted, I promise to send my memories of the Hicksville train station.

Thanks,

Kathy



You are welcome to become a subscriber. If you look at the heading, you'll notice that the newsletter is for alumni and friends.

Please go to the home page and put your email address in the google box and hit subscribe, then Henry will get you listed on the member list.

If you recognize your friends in the photo, let me know who they are and where they are in the picture.

We can publish again with names. Bill Walden showed a list of names but it's anyone's guess at who is who.

Where are you in the picture.

Good to see you found us.

Regards

buffalo bob casale

Letters



Editor Note:

Below is the note sent to the newsletter by Jim Fischer that was seen by Kathleen Kutz. When Ted Swedalla, Class of 1964 was making his bike ride (the first one) from Key West, Florida to Bar Harbor, Maine, several of our readers offered us an opportunity of parking my motor home overnight. Bob Casale had purchased a fifth wheel that we used to crash overnight following Ted's daily bike rides of 50 plus miles.

I would go ahead to the next overnight sight and set up and waited for Ted to bike his way to me. Unfortunately, our trip was cut short due to several family issues that took precedence. This was back in 2009. Ted did subsequently plan and complete another trip that took him from Roanoke, Virginia to Portland, Oregon, over four thousand miles of bike riding.

Bob & Ted,

We live in New Bern, NC right off of Hwy 17. If you come up this way, give me a call. There is a KOA in town or you can use my driveway for the night. Your trailer will fit as I have a 38 foot fifth wheel in the barn and I back it in all the time. There is a 30 amp hookup on the side of the garage.

Jim Fischer, 1965

New Bern, NC

Memorial Day Trivia

Memorial day was first celebrated on May 30, 1868. It was observed by placing flowers on the graves of Union and Confederate soldiers during the first national celebration. Gen. James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, after which around 5,000 participants helped to decorate the graves of the more than 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers who were buried there.



More letters

Military News

April 13, 2012

Military.com|by Philip Ewing

The Navy's next five fast-attack submarines will be named for the states of Illinois, Washington, Colorado, Indiana and South Dakota, the Pentagon announced Friday.

Navy Secretary Ray Mabus said he wanted to honor the states' contributions to national defense:

"Each of these five states serves as home to military bases that support our national defense and provides men and women who volunteer to serve their country," Mabus said. "I look forward to these submarines joining the fleet and representing these great states around the world."



LAND OF THE FREE
HOME OF THE BRAVE

Editor Note: Go to the Photo Gallery to view photos of the final flight of the space shuttle Discovery.

Keep them letters comin'!

It was great seeing Howie Berkowitz in this month's newsletter. (Great newsletter)

He lived around the corner from me, was several year's younger, and I do recall the kids in the neighborhood calling him "Hoppy". And yes, his father was our family dentist for many, many years...way after I married and moved away from Hicksville. Cannot believe we are all talking about grandchildren. Wow!

Marcia Rubinstein Pollack 1958



Happy
Mother's Day



Updates



There are many albums at the below location that feature photos from reunions, luncheons, birthday bashes and other areas of interest. Check it out! Over 117,000 views as of March 2012.

<http://community.webshots.com/user/robertcasale>

I have attached several documents to this email from those compiled for the 50th Anniversary reunion of the Class of '58. The Class Directory has bios. I also have a scanned copy of the '58 Comet yearbook available. If you want it, let me know and I'll upload it to YouSendIt where you can download the large file (14.2 MB).

Regards and hope that helps,

Al Sypher 1958

Editor Note:

Please send me the link for the yearbook.

Hi Alumni and Friends

Does anyone know if a Class of 1968 reunion is planned?

Johanna Seltz Seelen 1968

Hingham, Massachusetts

Please put the 1962 50th high school reunion information in every newsletter with our website. I did not see it in the newsletter that just came out.

Thank you.

Pat Appelman Levitin '62

Editor Note:

It's there now and will appear until your reunion in October.

Roger



Updates

**“ KEEP
UP TO DATE WITH
WHAT’S
GOING ON ”**

Here is a picture from about 1940, looking south on Broadway. The traffic light is Marie Street. I don't know if you had it before, but I have seen so many pictures over the last year, I can't remember what and where they came from.

On another note, my wife Lori and I just returned from a visit to Phoenix for an RV Rally where there were over 3300 RVs. The last night there was a Beatles Tribute band playing. We could hear them, but it took concentration because about 5000 people were singing along to all the songs. Senior citizens are definitely groovy people.

Jim Wise 1958

Editor Note:

I used that picture in my Hicks-ville Then & Now Presentation

Buffalo Bob Casale

p.s. Here's another photo showing the corner of Marie Street.

Hicksville High School Marching Band circa 1945. Marching north up Broadway with St Ignatius Church in background



Marie Street, circa 1910 looking South toward St. Ignatius Church.. House of Donuts is currently located in the corner store.



REMEMBER THOSE WHO SERVED



ALL GAVE SOME, SOME GAVE ALL

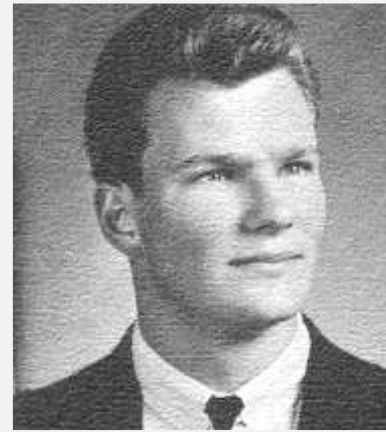


Thanks

Bob & the Newsletter Gang

Thank you for the timely birthday card. It was very much appreciated. The do-wop cd that you sent me, I'll consider as a birthday gift. Great music. Brings back good memories.

Vic Matuza '63



Thank you for the colorful birthday card. I love spring. Thanks to all of you at Hixnews for the great site. I look forward to it every month.

Nancy Neglia Martirano 1958



Thanks so much for remembering me. It made my birthday brighter. This year is a big one - 70 years old!

Valerie (Palmer) Towsley 1960



More Thanks!

Beautiful card. Thank you, Bob and Newsletter crew. Bill and I don't know where the past 40 years have gone and are grateful for the good life we have enjoyed. Best to you.

Kathy McDonald Corey 1960



HICKSVILLE COMETS



Thanks so much for the beautiful anniversary card. You added beauty and joy to our already joyful day. Your thoughtfulness was much appreciated.

Susan and Jerry Serlin 1961



Thank you so much for the beautiful e-card, I especially enjoyed it because I paint.

Ginny Frazer Caliguri 1961



Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci

Dear Bob and everyone at the newsletter,

Thank you so much for the birthday card, it is beautiful. Getting older isn't easy but having friends like you makes it worth it.

Love, Joan (Siegl) Rudolph



Thanks for the anniversary card. The bottle of champagne was greatly appreciated.

Marilyn (Schwab) Zaretsky 1962 and Alan Zaretsky

P.S. Bob and the Gang,

Also, thank you all for the beautiful birthday card. Cannot believe how old we are getting. Looking forward to seeing everyone at the 1962 50th Reunion to be held at the Holiday Inn. Plainview

Marilyn



Hi Bob,

Thank you Bob, and the gang at the newsletter, for the very nice birthday card. It was extremely thoughtful of you to remember me. You guys are doing a great job on the newsletter, It keeps getting better and better!!

Charlie Brooks 1965



You guys are full of Thanks!



Thanks Bob and all of the HixNews staff, for the Birthday card. It's nice to be remembered. It must keep you busy, but I'm sure everyone appreciates it. I surely did.

Frank Koziuk '67



Dear HixNews

Thanks so much for the birthday card.

Tom Ernst 1971



Dear Bob

Thank you so much for the birthday card. Your thoughtfulness and good wishes are very much appreciated. Regards to all.

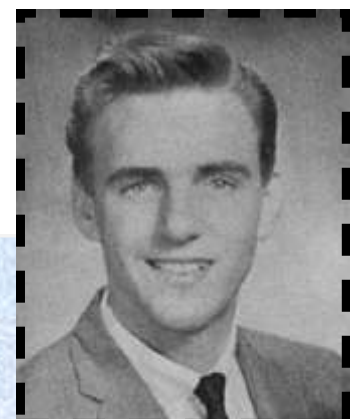
Marie Parisi Feraudo 1969



Bob,

Thanks for the anniversary card and for all the work you and your staff do providing HixNews. I look forward to each month's new edition. Plus, you also helped remind me to get Joanne a gift and card for this, our 40th! You may have saved my life.

Ken Arnold 1965



It is our pleasure!



Bob and Hicksville gang,

What a lovely, whimsical birthday card. Thanks so much for remembering me and all that you do. You are the best!

All the best,

Betty Gardner Brunell 1972

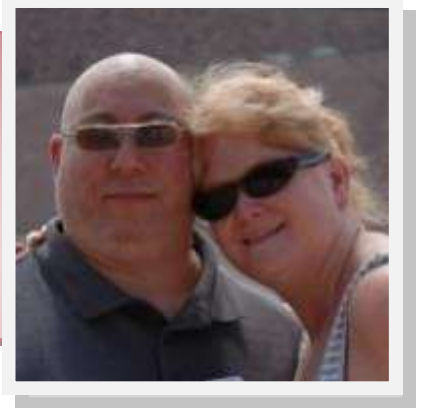


Hi Buff:

Thanks to you and all the editors at Hixnews for the lovely anniversary card. Next year is the big 25! I think we'll be traveling to Ireland for that one.

It's a lot of fun working with you all and interacting with all the wonderful alumni out there!

David Rubin 1982



Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!

Hi!

I can't tell you how absolutely happy you have made me as I am listening to the fabulous oldies cd you so generously made and sent to me.

Bob I just want you to know that it is truly bringing back soooooo many wonderful memories and I am singing up a storm! It's amazing how I can remember the words from "our" songs but so few from the today songs!

Thank you from the bottom of my heart.

Love

Maddy Frischman Leibowitz 1960



Editor Note:

Those oldies had lyrics that anyone could understand and memorize. Half the songs nowadays have lyrics that sound like a foreign language



Bob

Thank you for everything you and the editors are doing to keep H.H.S. in our main stream. If possible me and my wife Judy (Rudowsky) Speciale who also graduated from H.H.S. in 66, would like an oldies disk. I am a graduate of 63 and looking forward to a reunion next year. I was part of a past reunion we had in 84. I had the privilege and the honor to be master of ceremonies at that time. Fondly

Richard Speciale 1963

Is it too late to request a copy of your Oldies CD? If not I would so appreciate being able to enjoy having and listening to on my long drive to south FL next month. What is the cost and where should I send \$\$\$? Thanks for any assistance

Hillary Van Scoy 1963

Editor Note:

Will mail probably Monday (today)

love yah bob

Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!

Yea!!! Thank you so much. Even though I am part of the silent majority, I love the monthly newsletter and truly appreciate all the hard work that goes into its production.

Hillary

Bob, I have to thank you so much for forwarding me that wonderful oldies cd. Certainly brought me back to the days of slow dancing in the gym. Taking a 2 week road trip shortly and will definitely have that with me.

Warm Regards

Hillary Reda Van Scoy 1963



Dear Bob,

Thank you for the CD that arrived in good order. I cannot wait to start listening to it and walk down Memory Lane. With appreciation...

Beth Halper McFall 1965

Hello Bob,

The CD arrived on Thursday and I have been listening to it in the car. I was going to write you a snail mail thank you but if you will allow...here is a big thank you. The music certainly takes me back and into those wonderful days of High School. I do appreciate your generosity in making these for us.

Thanks again,

Judy Wycoff Neely 1957

Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!

Bob,

You are so sweet!! Thank you. I am listening right now to "My own true love." It's great! I see that you are in Georgia. I have a good friend in Gainesville, GA.

I've used CC Cleaner for years without a problem, but I am by no means an expert. I still work and much of my work is done on the computer, so I need to be up and running. I use Auslogics disk defrag. They are both free. I usually go to PC World, PC Magazine or CNET to find a program they recommend and I know that what I am downloading is safe from them.

Again, thank you so much for your kindness.

PS. I think my ex husband, Tom Grace lives in Hiawassee, GA.

xoxoxo

Helen Bereznik Grace 1968



Editor Note:

Gainesville is about 55 miles northeast of Atlanta and probably about the same distance from Augusta. Atlanta is about 130 miles from Augusta.

Hiawassee is north of Gainesville and 54 miles separates the two cities. Hiawassee is close to the North Carolina border.



Bob I got my CD today thank you soooo much I love it.

Thank you Bob. I received the CD today (Monday, 26 March).

Jo Walston 1962



Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!



Received my CD of the oldies in today's mail, Bob. Thanks!!

Joe Carfora 1962

Editor Note:

Joe had a disc that didn't play (the first and only as far as I know). So, I sent another.

Hi Bob,

While I told you not to bother resending the CD, I'm now glad you didn't listen to me as I'm playing it on my computer as I catch up on Vietnam War Era data and am enjoying it very much. Look for a small check in the mail from me as I insist on at least covering some of your postage!

Regards,

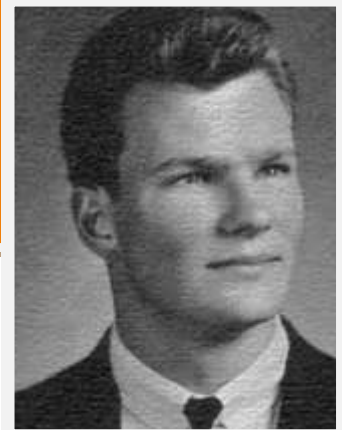
Joe

Bob

I received and am playing as I e-mail. Great music. There has to be a cost involved in packaging and stamps. I would like to reimburse you. Please let me know how much and where I can send a check.

Thank you again.

Vic Matuza '63



Editor Note:

It was only a couple of bucks. What I've enjoyed most is the remarkable feedback from our fellow students. Didn't realize how nostalgic many are after getting some pretty fantastic reviews. I guess we shared a lot of music in common but never knowing until now.

Enjoy.

Thanks

Bob

I wound up sending the disc to almost 50 of our friends.

Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!

Got the CD & LOVE it! Keep them coming!!! Great snuggling/dancing songs. Maybe some B side Doowop songs would be cool!!! I'm wearing this CD out!

Thanks again,
Ron Smith 1973

Received the package today. Thank you so much for the oldies cd. I LOVE it! So many good memories. Your selection was great and I can't thank you enough for sending it to me. I haven't listened to it yet, but I am looking forward to the memories. Thank you so much for doing this.

Toni Izzo 1966



Dear Bob:

Did you create this (I Pledge Allegiance)? I think it is very well done and I love the photos at the end, especially the black and white ones which gives the piece more historical content. Also I just got my "snail mail" and was thrilled to receive your CD of the Oldies. Please let me know what I owe you?

It is really so special and I appreciate your efforts.

Thanks so much.

Pat Appelman Levitin 1962



Pat

Yes, that was my creation as well as the CD of Golden Oldies. I listen to those songs so many times when I'm working on the computer. It plays in the background and acts as an inspiration. Glad you enjoyed.

No charge for the CD. Hope you like the oldies.

love yah bob

You are terrific, as always. Thanks so much. I am on my way to drive and I am putting it in my car CD right now and I will think of you.

Pat

Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!



DEAR BOB,

JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT I GOT THE CD TODAY. WOW I LOVE IT. BRINGS BACK ALOT OF MEMORIES FOR SURE. UNFORTUNATELY I AM A WIDOW, SO I WAS DANCING BY MYSELF... AND AFTER ALL THESE YEARS, IT'S FUNNY HOW WE CAN STILL REMEMBER THE WORDS.

THANKS AGAIN SO MUCH FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. HOPE ALL IS WELL WITH YOU...YOUR WIFE IS ALWAYS IN MY PRAYERS.

LOVE MAUREEN USS 1964



Glad you enjoyed the CD. Don't feel like the lonely stranger...I was right there dancing with you. Those sounds, you realize, are my favorites. The most favorite is She Cried. Will tell you sometime what makes that song one of my favorites and it has nothing to do with Hicksville High!!

love yah bob

THAT'S FUNNY I LOVE THAT SONG TOO. IT MADE ME CRY.THANKS AGAIN

LOVE MOE

hi bob,

I received the disc today and it is GREAT!! It brought back so many memories, thank you, thank you, thank you.

Jim Gorman 1966



Hi Bob

Received the disc--haven't played it yet-Thank you. Do I owe you anything?

Linda S Van Allen De Simone 1967

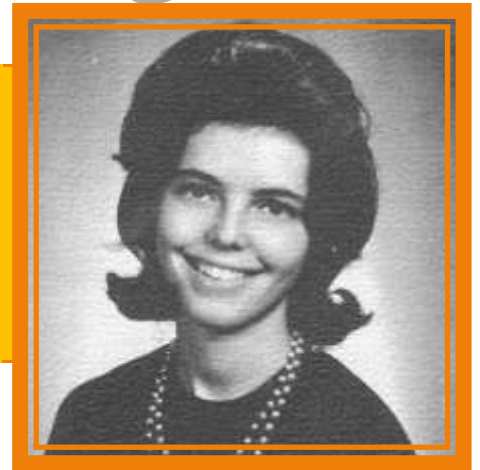
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Hi Bob,

I was happily away on a cruise and when I arrived home, your CD was waiting for me. I love it and it was just so wonderful of you to do that for all of us.

Thank you again so very, very much!

Leslie Chanin 1963



Dear Bob,

Received my "Golden Oldies" disc -- thank you so very much. Let the good times continue to roll!!!

Patricia (O'Rourke) Hoffer 1965

Bob,

I am sorry for being so late in thanking you for the wonderful CD of songs. You sent it to my office, and not until last week did someone bother to tell me I had a cd waiting for me. I don't go into the office very often...I access all my work from my own computer.

But that being said, that was so nice to receive. Thank you.

Linda Whitlock DiBlasi 1958



Bob:

Thanks so much for the disc. It's wonderful.

Linda Faraone Connelly 1960



Thanks so much for the Oldies Disc!

Thanks for the note about the discs being mailed. That must have been a little bit of work. I appreciate it and can't wait to get my copy.

Nancy Alfano O'Geary Smith 1966

Another Note from Nancy:

I want to say THANK YOU - I got my disc about a week ago, just put it in my CD player and it so brings back neat memories, it's hard to believe this much time has passed but I am so enjoying going back to my high school time. Thanks again.

I would like a copy of your disc, too.

Anyone else out there from 1936 or 1937 still alive?

Jesse Mittleman [class of 1936]

In the April news letter Bob Bittner talked about who sang the Pied Piper.

Favorite song in High School. Wow. There were so many. I guess maybe 2. Pied Piper by HMMMMMM...who by. I think it was Christian something... Bob Bittner 1968

Yes Neil Diamond did it, but he referred to a Christian something...I believe this is the song he is referring to: Crispian St Peters-The Pied Piper

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8JsBU8o-ok>

He was born in 1939 and went to Rock and Roll Heaven in 2010.

Tom Steedman 1960

Editor Note:

Fred Fluckiger from the class of 1937

and his wife Sophie Teresko Fluckiger from the class of 1938

<email hidden for privacy>

and Fred's sister Marion Fluckiger Mohrback, class of 1933

<email hidden for privacy>

there's Milton Shoob, class of 1937

<email hidden for privacy>

and Evelyn Ulmer Schaaf, class of 1938

<email hidden for privacy>

how about George Baldwin, class of 1939

<email hidden for privacy>

Send them an email and see what happens.

Buffalo Bob Casale



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Tom Steedman 1960

Editor Note:

I found a reference that shows Del Shannon doing "The Pied Piper." I don't believe Neil Diamond ever did that song.

Hi Bob,

I looked again I guess I meant the one by Del Shannon. The first was released in England by a British duo. Crispian St Peters recorded it in 1966. I guess Del Shannon had it on an album in 1966 as well. I never heard the Del Shannon version before. The one that I always knew was by Crispian St Peters.

Tom



New Readers

Welcome



Anthony Furio 1962



Roseann (Brown) Bertram - 1966



Delia Sackmann Fitzgerald 1967

Kathleen Kutz Lyman 1965

Susan Schubel Greco 1967

Johanna Seltz Seelen 1968

Jack Rubinstein 1970

Meghan Coutieri 2000

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New Readers



Niki Dombrower Levine 1982



Robert Kafarski 1974

Hello. Please add me to your mailing list. I live in Walton, New York and currently work at SUNY Oneonta.
Thank You

Bob

Dear Bob,

I enjoyed your compilation of pictures and tribute to those who lost their lives at war serving our Country. I grew up in Hicksville, and graduated from Hicksville High School (The old one, now a middle school, I think) in 1954. I was shocked to learn that one of my classmates (Kenneth Johnson) was killed in the war. Your pictures are quite moving to me. I can still recall several buildings on Broadway, Marie Street and all around the rest of the town. Somewhere perhaps, I may have some 16mm movies of Hicksville. I'll have to take a close look around to see if I still have them. Your video inspires me to find them.

Thanks for the memories.

Regards,

Rick Fearn

Now living in Southern California

Looking for



Dear HixNews:

I see Donald Eisemann is looking for me. You can give him my email address?
Thanks

Gayle Whitson McCarthy 1960

Editor Note:

We have that request in reverse - with you looking for Don. We have no email address for Don at this time.

Best, Henry

 H. Lichtenstein



Hi all

Barbara (Ivey) Winkel would like to get in touch with Sister Maureen

Shrimpe. Barbara's email address is (concealed). If we can get Maureen's email address that would be great and we'll initiate the contact from our end. Never gave you our birthdays and anniversary. Barbara's B-Day is January 2nd and mine July 5. We were married on June 25th 45 years ago.



We enjoy reading the Newsletter and all of you do a tremendous job.

Really appreciate all you do.

Warm regards from sunny Florida.

Barbara Ivey '63 and Fred Winkel '62'

Editor Note:

Dear Sister Maureen Shrimpe:

We are forwarding a request (attached below) that you contact Barbara (Ivey) Winkel, HHS Class of 1963 (email concealed).
Best, Henry

 H. Lichtenstein



Looking for



A note to Kathy McDonald Corey (1960)

Kathy

Do you have an email for Don Eisemann?

Gayle Whitson McCarthy is looking for Don.

Thanks

love yah bob

Bob

I'll check. Frankly, I don't even remember his name!

Kathy McDonald Corey



A note from Kathy to Gayle

Gayle, this is what I found about him. Though I have not checked my notebook, I tend to think either he did not reply to a phone call or the number was disconnected or maybe he and I talked! I talked to so many it is hard to remember

Hope all is well with you.

Kathy

Donald Eisemann

<address & phone hidden for privacy>



Passages



It's been several years since we lost Patricia Koziuk Driscoll. Please go to Memory Lane and relive a little about Pat's life.

Pat was a good friend and we miss her.

Love yah Buffalo Bob Casale

I would like you to update your records to show that John Roddy Rice died on June 30, 1975 from a construction accident.

Thanks

Mark Thomas 1975

Mark

Are you saying that John passed away just after graduation in 1975 or was he from another class?

Thanks

buffalo bob casale

Bob,

He died 8 days after graduation in 1975 and he graduated with me. Its real long ago but you never forget your best friends. I think is would be a nice tribute to him and thanks for keeping the Hicksville news up to date.

Btw, on another note, I still have my high school car (1969 Z/28 Camaro) that I just rebuilt again which made me think of John Roddy. The last time I did the car was in June 1975.

As you know, time moves very fast and all of a sudden, we are all in the old timers club!

Mark Thomas

Editor Note: S

Some information we found

Name: John Roddy Rice

Birth Date: 17 Feb 1957

Death Date: 30 Jun 1975

Passages



Carol Gwiazda Shanley

Hi Bob,

I recently learned Carol Gwiazda Shanley, Class of 1966, passed away last August.

My sister, Terry Madden Best and I were Carol's good friends and we were both very sad to hear this news. Carol was very active in sports and a popular student at Hicksville High School. She lived on Glenbrook Road and we lived on Edgewood Drive.

Paula Madden Mulhearn 1965

p.s. I saw this photo in the Hix News Memory Lane January 2011 column.

Just wanted to let you know the woman in the red sweater is me.

The photo was taken at the mega-reunion in 2007.

Thanks for keeping us all connected.



Paula Madden Mulhearn



Passages



Ronni Berger



Barbara Garner

Bob

Here are two more former students who have passed. Ronni Berger class of '65 died in 2001. She was a good friend of Ann Krex Friedman and Barbara Garner Cartwright class of 1965 died in 2009

Jerry Bair

Hi All,

I need to let you know that Diane Ghisone, class of '68, passed away in 1996. Diane was an artist like me. We were best friends in our senior year and members of the Thespian Society. We painted scenery for the school plays and musicals in 1967 and 1968. After graduation, both of us attended different colleges and so gradually grew apart. In 1988, we ran into each other after 20 years at our HHS reunion and then kept in touch intermittently after that. I've had a copy of this obituary for years on my computer and thought I would share it with those who remember Diane as the terrific, funny and talented person she was.

Here's the link to the obituary <http://www.nyfolklore.org/pubs/news/newsltrs/1996-vol17-no3.pdf>

Thanks,

Sue Z Smith (Ambrico) 1968

From *New York Folklore Society Newsletter: Fall 1996*

In Memoriam -Diane Ghisone (1996)

We were deeply saddened to learn recently that our friend and wonderful colleague Diane Ghisone had died this summer after a yearlong bout with cancer.

Diane was a graphic artist with deep affection and respect for traditional arts and culture. She was a wise and inventive designer who believed strongly that folk culture should be presented to highlight its "importance and dignity" and to avoid resonating with stereotypes.

In 1990, Diane redesigned this newsletter, and then guided us patiently as we learned the design and how to apply it to the content of each new issue. For twenty years, Diane did most of the graphic work for the Ethnic Folk Arts Center. I knew her there first and was continually inspired by her creativity, her spirited sense of humor, her remarkable diplomacy, and her love of life.

She touched many in our field as a friend and has left us all a splendid legacy of images. Diane's untimely passing is the more tragic because she leaves behind her husband Erich Blohm and their recently adopted daughter Addie Kai Lin. We offer them our heart-felt condolences.

\John Suter

Passages



Hey Bob,

I read that Nick Quattrone class of 60' died in Fresno, California. He was 69 and was a disabled Vietnam vet. I saw his photo with you in the last HixNews but I'm not sure. The obituary said that he was born in the Bronx but never mentioned Hicksville at all. Could you verify? I read it in Google using Nick's full name.

Thanks,
Jerry Bair



Jerry

I'm not sure about Nick being in the military. Back in the late fifties, I was living on Berry Lane near Spindle Road. It was a warm, summer day when a car pulled up at the curb next to my house. Nick and Roddy Clements were in the car and asked me if I wanted to go for a ride. Neither had a driver's license and the car didn't look familiar. Turns out they got pulled over by the police and both spent time in the Children's Shelter in Westbury. You know what they say about "dem youts." It wasn't the end of the world and those records probably don't show because Rod successfully joined the Suffolk County Police Department and spent 20 years on the force.

I'll do some checking and let you know.

regards

bob

p.s. here's some info about "a" Quattrone

In Memory of

Nicholas Quattrone Jr.

September 19, 1942 - January 23, 2011

Obituary

Nicholas "Nick" Quattrone, Jr. was born on September 19, 1942 in Bronx, New York. He passed away on Sunday, January 23, 2011. He was a Vietnam veteran, active with the American Legion Post 147, AMVETS and Disabled American Veterans.

He was preceded by his father, Nicholas Quattrone, Sr. and his mother, Anna Quattrone. Nicholas is survived by his wife, Shelly Quattrone; son, Adam and future daughter-in-law Desiree; daughter, Brooke and her husband Steve; two grandchildren, Rhoad and Loah.

Visitation will be held at Whitehurst, Sullivan, Burns & Blair Funeral Home on Thursday, January 27, 2011 from 9:00 to 10:00 a.m.

A Funeral Service will be held at Whitehurst, Sullivan, Burns & Blair Funeral Home on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at Clovis Cemetery.

Dear Buffalo Bob

Where our own beloved Buffalo Bob corresponds for a few pages with a random reader

The death of Howard Schack really knocked me for a loop! I had sent him a Christmas card the Christmas before his death and was surprised for he never sent one back. His wife Lorraine had passed away a couple of years before and I know that the year I sent the card, he did remarry. Figured, as a newly wed he was to busy to respond. I tried to connect with his brother Dennis, who resides in Hicksville, N.Y. but was not able to reach him...his phone had been disconnected.

Both Howard and his wife worked for me in my "Sweet Shop" in Hicksville while in high school and college. They visited us often and kept in pretty solid contact. He didn't plan to go to college after he graduated from HS but I influenced him to go to college and one of his HS coaches found a college for him to attend. Both he and his wife were school teachers and both retired from the field and then retired to the West coast of Florida

The lack of any information about Howard has haunted me no one seems to have any idea of what or how he died. That's tragic...for Howard was one terrific person. If anyone knows any thing about his demise, especially his coach buddies from Hicksville High School it would certainly fill the void of wondering how and why.

Thank you

John Econopouly 561-499-2386

John

I will investigate and give you answers as they come in.

Regards

buffalo bob casale

Thank you for the rapid response!!
Very frustrating...my contact in Hicksville has, thus far, not come up with where Dennis is to find out "que pasa"?

Thanks again

John

John

What does this mean???

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Thanks bob

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Dear Buffalo Bob

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Bob

I have a friend who lives in Hicksville who used to work with Howie and Lorraine and she has been my resource in trying to find Dennis. She gave me Dennis' phone number that was disconnected when I called. She, too, is in the dark about Howie and his death. Datsa it!!

John

Thanks

Now I understand. I haven't been able to ascertain what happened. I wonder if I ask Mary O'Shaughnessy, she might know something about his passing. I will let you know.

regards

bob

So ends another episode of "Dear Buffalo Bob"

Tune in next month for another nostalgic episode, sure to bring back wondrous memories... we hope!

HAPPY
Mother's
DAY



*Remembering those
who paid for our
freedom.*



Hicksville Memories

Last month's challenge

Give us your memories of :
LIRR

Hicksville to Jamaica Station 5 days a week. (I hated it!) My memories of the LIRR are many, because from my sophomore year until graduation, I used it almost every day after school to go to work in my mother's small restaurant in Richmond Hill, Queens. That was back in the day before the LIRR was raised. One memory that stands out is the day I was running late. My mom was not happy if I missed the train and got there late as I was needed there for dinnertime. Anyway, on this particular day when I was running late, the train was already in the station, and as I crossed the tracks it started up. I ran like crazy to get to the first stairwell so I could grab the handrail and get aboard, and just about made it when the train suddenly stopped. The conductor had seen me and stopped the train so I could board. Unfortunately for me, this particular conductor knew me as he was a customer of my mom's restaurant, so of course she heard about my escapade and I got a good chewing out from her, (after already getting one from the conductor). I've had better days.

Carole Kiever Ohliger '57



Wonderful story! Thanks very much! Today, no conductor would stop the train for you. I miss those personal days where if you did wrong, not only would you get it from your parents but from whomever caught you too. Maybe that's what's wrong with kids today.

David Rubin '82

I moved to Hicksville while I was still in my sophomore year (1956) at Dominican Commercial High School for girls and I took the train every day to Jamaica. We wore ugly brown outfits of woven woolen brown jackets with "leg of mutton" sleeves and brown skirts that ended in the middle of your calf. Adding to this beautiful outfit were brown tie oxfords that we wore stockings with for emphasis. I always prayed no one would see me walking home from the railroad station to the Fairhaven Garden Apartments.

The strangest part is the fact that I never considered the idea of covering up the shoes or the outfit or bringing another pair of shoes that would make me look more normal. I always prayed for rain or snow. The snow days would allow me a slight change to my normal routine. I then switched to HHS for the last two years (to gain some normalcy to my battered life).

Pat Meehan Kelly Welles (1958)

Hicksville Memories

Last month's challenge

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LIRR

This one is very easy for me. Anyone who remembers the Gardners (namely, Jerry, Class of 66 and Betty Sue Class of 72) will recall that we were (still are) huge NY Ranger hockey fans. Lucky for me, Jerry got us season tickets for a couple of years (back then they were affordable). We took the 5:10 to Penn Station each Wednesday for the 7:30 games and also on Sundays for the 7:05 games. Note to any teachers who read this: This is why I was ill-prepared for school on Thursday and Monday mornings – didn't get home until after 11:00 pm those nights and if it was overtime, forgetaboutit! In fact, there was one overtime game that I do remember. The game went into triple overtime. (In case anyone wants to know, Pete Stenkowski scored the overtime goal for the Rangers and we won – but I don't remember who we beat – Jerry probably remembers). We caught the last train back to Hicksville and didn't get home until after 2:00 a.m.

I loved the trains! There was nothing better than standing on the platform looking down the track and waiting for the sound of that train. I can still remember all the stops it made and the sound of the guy announcing it – Hicksville, Westbury, Mineola, New Hyde Park, Roslyn on and on (I'm probably out of order with the towns but give me a break – I haven't lived on Long Island since 1982) We would change trains at Jamaica unless we were lucky and got an "express". I remember once we weren't paying attention and I think we almost got on the wrong train that would have gone to Brooklyn – close call.

I remember the really older trains and even rode some double-decker ones that had probably been in service since God knows when. In fact, some of the NY Rangers even rode the LIRR because we happened to be on a train that left Penn Station and sitting opposite us was the goalie (circa 1969), Ed Giacomini and his wife. They had lost the game and I felt badly and my brother kept making jokes to make me laugh and I felt even worse.

This was before they changed to the new silver, sleeker trains that say Long Island Railroad with the orange seats. I'm not much of a writer so I apologize for not being more technically savvy about the type of trains. We would leave the game at Madison Square Garden, stop at Nedicks hot dog stand, grab a few dogs and an ice-cold orange drink and catch the train ride home. It was all just heaven except for those cold winter, nights, waiting for that train at Hicksville with the biting wind. If I could I would do it all again in a heartbeat and I know my brother, Jerry feels the same.

Thanks for allowing me to ramble on.....

Betty Brunell

Thanks to all who responded to our challenge! Your assignment this month, please send us your memories of **Wetsons on Old Country Road and Levittown Parkway!**



Guess Who?

Can you guess the
Hicksville High Alum
in each picture?

Send your guesses to editors@hixed.com. We'll put the answers in next month's newsletter. Send us your pictures and we'll use them as next month's guess Who? Puzzlers!



Computer Problems

Hi editors.

I am unable to display the "newsletter". I can view other parts of the news but no the newsletter. Help!

Judy Marcus Shivers 1964



Hi, Judy... There are a couple of things that come to mind. One is that the newsletter is a very large file and takes a while to load, especially if you're on a slower connection.

The other is that you can go directly to the newsletter file at <http://hixnews.com/1204/Hix201204.pdf> and it will download to your computer where you can view it using the adobe reader that is probably already installed on your computer.

Please let us know if you still have trouble with it.

Roger Whitaker, Webmaster for hixnews.com

Hi Gang

I find that I can no longer access the archives and deceased classmate list any more, am I doing something wrong or are they no longer available. Thanks for another great newsletter, great as usual.

Jack Cisler 1958



Editor Note:

I just checked and the archives are working fine. Just go to hixnews.com for the current issue and click on "archives" which takes you to <http://hixnews.com/archive.html>.

Similarly, the whole In Memoriam list is accessed by clicking on "In Memoriam".

Let us know if you're still having difficulty or if we can help in any way.

Roger Whitaker, Webmaster for hixnews.com



Computer Problems

I found new format confusing and slow. You asked for comments; these are mine. I have always believed in the "K.I.S.S." syndrome, and in the statement: "If it ain't broke, DON'T fix it.

very truly,

Hank Chupka 1955



Thanks very much for your constructive comments, Hank. We switched to the new format several months ago in order to allow more creative formatting of the newsletter portion of the site that regular web page formatting didn't allow easily.

The newsletter can be viewed in multiple ways. One is to simply use the viewer built into the newsletter page. Since the newsletter keeps growing and is a large file, it may take some time for it to load, especially on a slower Internet connection. Another way to view the newsletter is to click on the link below the viewer to download the newsletter to your computer for viewing in Adobe Reader at your leisure.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance in helping you enjoy the newsletter.

Roger Whitaker, Webmaster for hixnews.com

How do you open Birthdays and Anniversaries?

Robert Uhlich 1957



Just click on the link on the birthdays and anniversaries. It downloads and opens a pdf file with the information. You do have to have a pdf viewer like Adobe Acrobat installed.

Let us know if you're still having problems.

Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixnews.com



Computer Problems

Hi editors,

I am writing to ask if something happened with the Hixnews.com for the last two months? I have not received the Newsletter and do miss it!

I will be anxious to hear -

Thanks for your help with this,

Barbara Di Bella Dowd 1962



Barbara

The newsletter is always available at <http://hixnews.com>

Please bookmark the above hyperlink and you will never again say you didn't receive it!!! What Henry sends out each month is simply a notice to all subscribers that the newsletter for the current month has been posted to our website. And, of course, you know that all issues are archived. All you need do is click on Archives in the Navigation Bar at the top of the Home Page. This way, you can enjoy the March issue as well as the April issue.

Hope you and John are well.

love yah bob



Hi Henry:

Just wanted to say thank you for all you do; must be a hard, great job. While reviewing an e-mail I received, I was curious about something; I get your e-mails and newsletter announcements but when I reviewed the link to the list of members you provided, I wasn't listed? Why is that?

thanx,

Barry Weinstein



Barry

I see that you subscribed on Nov. 6, 2009, so it was my oversight.

I have now listed you in the unspecified-class section. If you let me know what year you graduated, I will place your listing in the proper class-year section. Sorry for the oversight.

Thanks for your support.

Henry

 H. Lichtenstein

