

News about town

‘Wine U Design’ Getting Better With Age

From crushing grapes to bottling, patrons are promised the best in ‘fermentertainment’



Written by Cory Twibell

Photo and information courtesy of Antonnews.com

Normally, Long Islanders pack up their cars and head eastbound on the LIE for a winemaking or tasting experience, but Wine U Design gives aspiring local sommeliers the freedom to create and bottle personalized wines right here in Hicksville.

The winery opened its doors at 156 Engineers Drive three years ago when co-owners Vincenzo Saulle and Gianni Fabrizi envisioned bringing several generations worth of family tradition to the contemporary corporate world.

“Gianni and I, this is the kind of thing that we would do as kids. Our fathers and grandfathers got us involved in

the winemaking process. As the world is getting busier, especially in these parts, these traditions are dying out. We find a lot of people are doing home winemaking kits and the quality is poor, so we kind of wanted to bring this tradition back to the market place,” said Saulle.

[Click here for the whole story](#)

Happy Halloween!



Letters

My husband (and HixNews webmaster) Roger Whitaker presided over the fall opening meeting of the Sangamon County Historical Society based in Springfield, IL of which he is the new president. The reception and program was held at the Old State Capitol (where Lincoln gave his famous "House Divided" speech) and drew close to 150 people for the reception and program. With close to 400 members, the Society is one the largest and most active of its type in Central Illinois and interacts between state and local organizations. I am also on the Society board and both Roger and I are active in several other history and historic preservation organizations, state and local.

Vicky Penner Whitaker 1958



A note to the editors from Maureen Uss Bensen

How many people live in Florida and where? I live in Port St. Lucie.

Maureen Uss Bensen

p.s. September 3: Just thinking back to Labor Day Weekends with the parade and the tournaments at Mid Island Plaza. It was an all day, all night, all weekend affair. Do you remember? Miss the good old days.

Boca Raton FL since 1992 for me!

A few months before Hurricane Andrew hit. Nice timing on my part :)

David Rubin '82



Fun Links

*Disclaimer: All links have been visited by our staff and appear safe but please use caution, anti-virus and common sense when visting **any** links on the web.*

Thanks to Ann Cassese Costantino for the following

Walk Down Memory Lane

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sDc0ID6PJeg&feature=youtu.be>

More letters



Hi

I have enjoyed reading HixNews for at least the last few years. It is wonderful to hear about good friends and classmates from the past.

Please add my birthday and anniversary to your list. I really have been meaning to do this for a while. Thanks for all your hard work.

It is much appreciated!

Best regards,

Jane Sharpe Bodner 1965



Greetings,

I just wanted to let you know I had problems with The Newsletter section of the September newsletter. The newsletter opened, but when I tried to scroll down it would keep disappearing. When I tried to save it as a .pdf, I got a message that the file was damaged and could not be repaired. I was finally able to open and read it using Scribd. Anybody know what's causing the problems? I have a new computer using Windows 7 OS with Microsoft Office 2010 and Adobe Reader X. Thanks.

Also, on the September home page, you listed the passing of two classmates from the class of '67, Vinnie Longo and Gail Goodman Wright, but they are not yet listed in the In Memoriam pages. I hope you will add

them, although I'm not sure about Vinnie's year. The age is right, but I could not find him listed in the '67 yearbook, although I did find his wife Pat Ofenloch. I've looked on Classmates.com and there are Longos in the class of '66 and '68, but no one named Vinnie. Maybe Cathy Gensinger can confirm the year. I knew Gail back from Lee Avenue Elementary. I remember dancing with her at our 6th grade graduation dance. Thanks again for taking the time to check on this.

Frank Koziuk '67



Editor Note: Frank, I just tested it on my Windows 7 main computer using Internet Explorer as the browser. Scribd loaded and worked fine. I then downloaded the pdf which opened quickly using Adobe Acrobat Reader X. I'm not sure what your problem might be. Do you have a fast Internet connection? I have Comcast cable modem service which runs around 20 Mb/s. It sounds, perhaps, that when you were trying to view it using Scribd, it was still loading in the background and would blank when you scrolled faster than it was coming in. That's just a guess.

The updates to the In Memoriam page are handled separately from the newsletter so there may be some delays in catching up.

Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixnews.com

Letters, letters, letters

Many thanks to Brad Jaworski from the class of 1961 for sharing this classic photo of two of Hicksville's most revered gentlemen



Chet Jaworski and Howie Finnegan

Here is one for you. As I remember, this picture was taken behind the Grandstand that existed on the old Hicksville Football Field. In other words, the now Junior High School.

I believe it was in around 1949-52, and I think it might be the Starting Championship team. I also think John Econopouly is pictured, the future owner of the Sweet Shop. He, I believe, is number 80. I used to know most of the players. My father was the coach.

Brad Jaworski 1961



Still more letters



I don't think you have Stan Kellner in the Passings...

I believe he was in the class of 1952

Editor Note: we do and it was about a year ago, August 2011

He played basketball for my father, and went on to Coach Brentwood High School to a NYS Championship in Basketball. He also had Basketball Camps. He used to tote my father around in my father's (75 to 85) later years. Stan would give basketball speeches, and introduce my father as a side lite. My father would stand up, wave and sit down. They were good friends.

I went to ALL my father's Basketball games and was a ball boy along with my brother. After they warmed up, we used to get the basketballs. Stan always helped us. We sat under the scorer's desk.

I knew a secret that Stan made me promise NOT to ever tell anyone. Even when I played for him when he coached the Jr. Varsity basketball team. Others knew but have long forgotten. It was hard not telling anyone but I never did.

Stan went on to become standout Basketball coach. He gave many lectures. I think he thought it, might de-
stroy him in some way. Now that he is gone, let it be known.

Stan once, in a Varsity Basketball game, scored a basket for the opposing team. He went the wrong way.

His teammates laughed it off, and Hicksville won the game anyway. It might have been different if they weren't winning the game, because they all took basketball seriously.

Brad Jaworski



Happy 
Halloween

Mail call!

Editor Note: below is a note sent by Joe Carfora to Jamie Lynn Ryan who is on the board of



With the title of Vice President – Print. She is the editor of Neighbor Newspapers.

Dear Jamie,

I'm a Hicksville native and graduated from HHS in 1962, quite some time ago! While I haven't lived in Hicksville since leaving there for college, as the president of my graduating class, I still tend to keep in touch through our class reunions and our unique HHS web based alumni newsletter, HixNews (www.hixnews.com). One of our local alumna forwarded me the subject article you wrote as it piqued her interest and she thought I might be able to provide you with news that meets the criteria outlined in your story; to wit, "local happenings at their schools and libraries, upcoming meetings and events, and the recent achievements of their friends and neighbors.....".

I am very much involved in a project to erect a Hicksville Vietnam War Era Memorial in Hicksville. The project is different from most other Vietnam War Memorials as its intent is to honor all who served during the Vietnam Era (officially February, 1961 through April, 1975), whether or not they actually saw active duty in Vietnam. Our reasoning here is that this was the last time there was an active draft and those from Hicksville who served at least a year on active duty in one of our Armed Forces during that time were all subject to duty in Vietnam. Hence, those serving in other theatres (Europe, USA, etc.) are being honored as well.

So far, we have accumulated nearly 1,800 names with data including their branch of service, theatre served in, KIA, WIA and medal status and where they attended high school while living in Hicksville. The only requirements to be honored are the soldier, male or female, had to live in Hicksville during their high school years, whether they attended HHS or a private school and that they served on official active duty for a minimum of one year during the Vietnam War Era. The current list provides an interesting demographic on those who served from various graduating class years.

For background, please visit the HixNews website mentioned above. On the front page of the September 1 issue is a first draft rendering of the intended memorial's center plaque with a brief note from myself regarding changes that need to be made. If you then click on the Honoring Our Veterans tab of the newsletter you will find a full update on the project's status and near the bottom of that update is a "click here" link to the Google Document listing all the names we have accumulated thus far. As you will see, many current and former Hicksville residents are contributing information to make the Memorial a success.

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Mail call!

I will be in Hicksville from 10/5 through 7 in conjunction with the 50th Reunion of my graduating class, if you would like to do a personal interview. Attending the reunion with me will be our project founder, Ken Strafer, a former US Army general and former director of veterans affairs in Washington. If you are interested in writing an article on this project, perhaps both of us could meet with you at that time. Or, in lieu of that, I can certainly speak to you by phone. My contact information appears below, so just let me know if you would like to pursue this further and if so, whether or not you would like to conduct either a phone or personal interview.

Sincerely,

Joe Carfora

Chapel Hill, NC

Hi Joe,

We do welcome any community news in the form of press releases, photos/captions and upcoming events... Unfortunately, we do not employ reporters, nor do we have the time and staff to conduct personal interviews, etc. We rely on submissions from the community, and then edit them as needed for space and content. If you have a press release you can put together, I would be more than happy to take a look at it for publication in a future edition. All submissions should be directed to: editorsb@southbaynews.com.

Thank you for your inquiry,

Jamie

Jamie,

Thanks for the quick reply. I will put something together for you soon. Is there more than one paper you can consider this for?

Joe



Letters



Hi Bob,

I was reading the recent Newsletter and saw the email about the mixed up names/pictures in the 1973 yearbook. Your answer noted you personally had yearbooks and then had access to others via Classmates. I'm a 1971 grad and I've helped out a number of times w/my yearbook -- so please add 1971 to your list of books available via Classmates. Always glad to help!!

Very best regards

Ginnie (Becht) Moore

p.s. When I first signed up to receive the HixNews I must have not filled in the bday and anniv. info. In every Newsletter I see the thanks you received from classmates and I'd love to be on the list.

Here's the info for next year: birthday (May 22), anniversary (April 1 2005) (My husband is Rich Moore, St. Dominics Class of 1962).

The screenshot shows a Facebook notification bar at the top with the word "facebook" in white on a blue background. Below the bar, a notification reads: "Lisa Dorais Wissler has invited you to like her new page Hicksville High School Classes of 1968-1971." Underneath the notification is a preview of the page, featuring a small square profile picture of a school building, the page name "Hicksville High School Classes of 1968-1971", and "1 like". Below the preview are two buttons: a blue "Like" button and a white "View Page" button with a blue border. At the bottom of the screenshot, the text "Thanks, The Facebook Team" is visible.

Letters



Dear Editors,

I began my read of the 9/1 issue by opening Where Were You on October 1, 1961? Aside from being a senior at HHS in the midst of my final football season as a Comet, the question was too intriguing for me to pass up. While I was a loyal Brooklyn Dodger fan and was one of many who needed the arrival of the Mets to lighten my disgust from feeling abandoned by the Dodgers, who can forget the great home run by Roger Maris, even if he was a Yankee!? It brought back good memories of that era for me. Likewise, I always enjoy Billy Crystal's movie, 61, which salutes the great season both Maris and Mantle had that year. It's one I can watch whenever it's on TV, again and again. My thanks to you folks for putting this in the September issue.

As you all know by now, I read HixNews with two purposes in mind; for my pleasure in catching up on alumni and for information we may still be missing on the Vietnam Project. Other readers also help me with the latter. This month, I saw your note from Chris Wilkeshire. I'm assuming he was a 1974 grad, but still need to know where he spent most of his active duty time during the Vietnam War Era. Can you please email him and ask him to send me that info?

The Som Sabadal Surprise was very uplifting, both for the wonderful music and the great human inspiration of it all. Thanks for sharing this with all of us.

I truly appreciated Steve Moddle's contribution on Mr. Galloway, who stuck by us through thick and thin as our principal during the late '50's and '60's. I had the pleasure of keeping in touch with Mr. Galloway for many years after I left HHS and, along with my parents, he truly helped keep me to stay on course to reach my goals. He was a prince of a man who helped many HHS students in many ways that you wouldn't normally hear about. He was a teacher first, an administrator second and a wonderful human being above all.

I'd also like to report that contrary to some rumors I received, I found the administrators at good old HHS to be very helpful when I phoned to request they allow me to give them information on my class' upcoming 50th Reunion on October 6th. A Ms. DeMarco in the Guidance Office was glad to take the information and assured me she would make certain it was given to any classmate who contacted the school asking about the reunion. At the request of our committee chair, I am now trying to line up a school tour for Friday afternoon, October 5th, as part of the reunion weekend. Ms. DeMarco was very helpful here again and I should have confirmation on whether or not a guided tour can be conducted that afternoon by the end of this week. So, once again, MUCH THANKS on behalf of The Class of 1962 Reunion Committee to Peggy Moldovak Gill, '67, for the valuable advice to contact the school.

Given the closeness of our class' 50th Reunion, I keep finding classmates who have still yet to read an issue of HixNews. Most of them can't thank me enough for letting them know that this special, one-of-a-kind, newsletter exists. I'll continue to keep spreading the good word whenever and wherever I can!

All the best,

Joe Carfora, '62

Letters



My son has a small architecture design firm in Seattle. He did his Masters in Design at Washington University and liked Seattle so stayed there. We (Janet and I) along with my son and his girlfriend went up to Victoria BC. Had a great time. It is beautiful there. See pictures; there was an old classic wooden boat show at the time.

I also spent quite a bit of time in Pasadena CA; my Avon office was there for a while.

Janet and I have been to San Francisco a couple of times on vacation and thoroughly enjoyed it. Loved buying fresh, still warm sour dough bread, crab and a bottle of wine for a picnic lunch on the lawn area overlooking the bay. One time went there then drove down the coastal highway to San Diego to visit Bill Dylewski; another great trip.

Bill will be at Class of 62 50th reunion and I am trying to get Walter Pollack and Hank Cierski together for lunch on the Friday before. The four of us, along with Kenny March-neck were all buds during HHS years. Looking forward to the Class of 1962 Fifty Year October Reunion.

Harry Butcher 1962



Updates



This is to inform classmates that I'm alive and well.
Charles Triolo Class of 1964



Good Morning

As of 9/20 my new address will be (concealed).

Leisuretowne is a 55+ community even though I'm way past 55. Want to slow down a little and enjoy some more social events.

Frank C. Tiringier SCRREA CRA

Editor Note:

Anyone wanting to get in touch with Frank, send a note to editors@hixnews.com and we will let Frank know.

Recipes & Cooking Tips

A Neat Cooking Tip from Kathy Koziuk Hannaman

How to separate the egg white from the yellow egg yolk

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B4E_9iAU3RI





Thanks

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Marcella Yenick 1953

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Bob McWilliams 1955

Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was much appreciated. We really appreciate all you and the HixNews staff do.
Rudy (1954) and Dolores (Etzel) Frey 1956

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Dave Baldwin 1956

“It was much appreciated”

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Noel (Horowitz) and Greg Heinz 1958

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Pat (Meehan [Kelly]) Welles 1958

More Thanks!

Bob & HixNews Gang:

Jack joins me in thanking you for our adorable Anniversary card. It was greatly appreciated.

Thanks again

Jack 1959 & Ginny Wills Wyer 1963



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

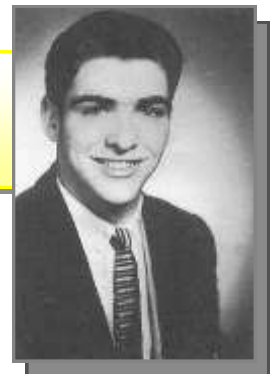
Irene (Evans) Beresford 1960



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COMETS

Thanks for remembering and regards to the gang

Harry Berkowitz 1960



Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was much appreciated.

Angel (Anselmo) & Ed Giannelli 1961

Grazi, Gracias, Danke, Merci

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

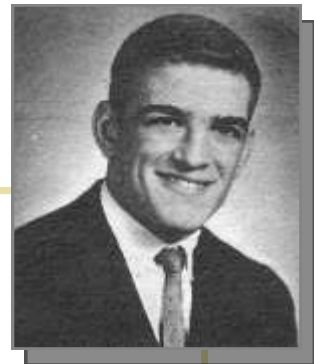
Bonnie (Scharr) Papes 1961



Thank you from Janet (McMenamin) and me for our birthday cards. We just got back from a short vacation trip to the West coast; our youngest son has a small architectural design firm there so we have a good excuse to go west at least once year. Our daughter lives in the Netherlands so we usually go to Europe once a year as well. Now that we are both retired, travel is our biggest enjoyment. Looking forward to the 50th Reunion next month.

Thanks again to you and the HixNews Team.

Janet McMenamin & Harry Butcher 1962



Buff and the gang at HixNews,

Great card! Thanks for always remembering our birthdays....you're just terrific at that!! The truth is I've finally reached the age where I'd rather forget them!!

All the best,

Joe Carfora 1962



You guys are full of Thanks!



Hi Bob and gang:

Thank you for the very lovely Birthday Card! Perfect for Florida....When we go down to Flagler Beach, we will occasionally see dolphins going by...one Feb. during whale watching time, we had a great show of whales off the beach between Flagler and Ormond Beach. This is an interesting place to live.

I appreciate this card and of course, the greeting in the Newsletter...it is a shame that each birthday makes us a year older! Hope you and your family are well.

Take care,

Barbara DiBella Dowd 1962



Dear Bob and the gang at HixNews

Thank-you so much for the great Anniversary Card and Birthday Card! I can't believe with all you do, you have the time to keep up with all of the rest of us.

Love you dearly

Karen Hubner Jenkins 1962

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Alice Freeman-Prota 1983

Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Frank Sprufera 1983



It is our pleasure!



Thank you for the fun card and for thinking of me. It was fun to be remembered by my friends at HHS. And thank you for all the work you do on our monthly Newsletter.

Gail (Fraser) Hagstrom 1963



Hi Bob,

Once again, thank you for the Birthday Card. It really is nice being remembered by old friends. You folks do such a great job with the newsletter...I look forward to it every month. And I especially enjoy reading about and seeing faces of people from school that I haven't seen in 49 years! OMG, can it really be that long!!!!

Best regards,

Helen (Luna) Carr 1963



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. Also, it is nice to know someone other than my wife is letting me know how old I'm getting every year.

John D'Antonio 1964

Editor Note:

It's our job to remind you. One consolation is you're younger than me!!!

Bob must send out a LOT of e-cards, eh?



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated. And thank you all for the great job you do with the newsletter. Tom (Skelly '64 HHS) and I look forward to it every month.

Oh, those were the days!!

Joanne (Picari) Skelly 1964



Thanks for the Anniversary Greetings. My wife and I appreciated the card and the warm wishes. You folks do a great job, please keep it up.

Charlie and Charla Henningsen 1964



happy anniversary



Thank You for the birthday card...moreover thank you for the great job that the hix news staff does in producing this great newsletter. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

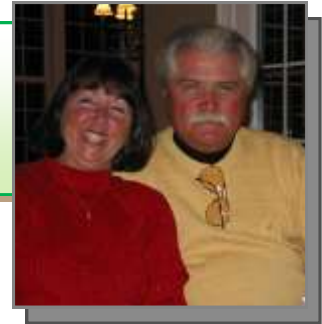
Larry Senn '64'

Thanks again!



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Victor (1965) and Joyce Olsen



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Maureen (Carey) Ostroski 1965



Thanks for the card and for thinking of us. It was very thoughtful of all of you.

Cheryl (Canfield) (Bay Shore HS 1966) and Bob Ward (HHS 1966)



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.

Jerry Fischer 1967



Lots of Thanks this month!



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Carol Walker & Charlie Alesi 1968

Hey Bob, thanks so much. It's great to receive
a card from you every year. You're the best.

Howie Bell 1968



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It
was much appreciated.

Frances Kosinski 1969

Gracias
MERC
ARIGATO
thank you



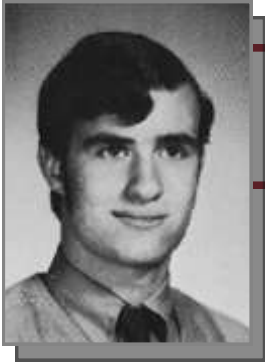
Thanks so much for the birthday greetings. Going up
to NY for a family wedding so it will be a great way
to spend the day!! Thanks again.

Tina Gardner Kwiatkowski 1969

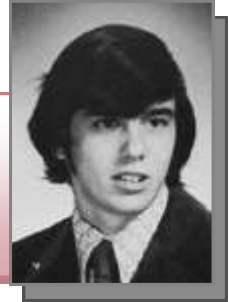


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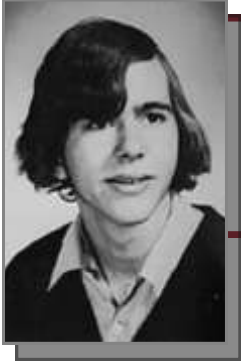
Danny and Kathy Mangialomini 1972



Thanks for the card!
Phil Servedio 1972



Dear HixNews
Thank you for the anniversary card!
Sandy & Tom Reilly 1972



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Sorry so late to acknowledge, but we had moved and I haven't been online much.
Thanks so much for remembering me.
Michael Endsley 1972

Lots of birthdays and anniversaries in October too, eh?



Thanks for the card and for thinking of me. It was much appreciated.
Jan Bartlett 1973 and Arthur "Woody" Wood



Hi Bob,
Thank you for the birthday card. It's always nice to get an ecard from the Hicksville Alumni Newsletter. Don't know how you find the time to do all this.
Much thanks and appreciation.
Eileen Maldener Lazarus 1977



New Readers

Welcome



Barbara Mappus Schmittzeh 1963



Peter F. Dizinno 1966



Joan (Hasbrouck) Boris 1969



Helen Polak 1970



Tom Meyer 1971



Tom Lawlor 1972

Michael Cava 1966

Editor note: Mike has a new email address. Anyone wanting to contact Mike send a note to editors@hixnews.com.

Similarly, Roger Taylor from the class of 1959 has a new email.



Marie Topka Sausele 1977

Looking for



Dear HixNews:

Just saw that Vernon Ritter was looking for Bill Reilly. Vernon was a childhood friend of mine and I haven't heard from him in years. Occasionally, when I was still living in Hicksville, I would run into his sister Millie. Is there any way of contacting him?

Don Otten 1962

p.s. Disregard my previous email. I thought Vernon Ritter was looking for Bill Reilly but I realized it was the other way around. Although I have many fond memories of the three of us making many a trip to Point Lookout in Bill's pick-up truck.

Editor Note:

BTW, I hope you weren't driving when you ran into Vernon's sister.

Best

 H. Lichtenstein
HixNews Systems



Ann Scala


I'm from the class of 1962 looking for
Ann Scala, also from the class of 62
Lorraine Albrecht (Rochler)



Lorraine Albrecht (Rochler)

Added to "Looking for People" list.

Best, Henry

 H. Lichtenstein

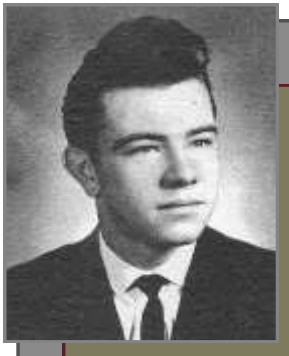
Looking for



Dick Muller and Ed Osborne are looking for Pat Sarle (all 1956).



Ed Osborne



Editors HHS,
Lost tract of Richard Meyers class of 62'. He attended
the 25th Reunion.
Thank you,
Anthony Furio (Tony) 1962
Attending 50th Reunion.



Passages



I saw in the June issue that Pennie Wilbur passed away in 2005. I just wanted to pass along to her sister, Bonnie, my very belated condolences. I have fond memories of Pennie and have often thought of her and wondered about what life brought her. Pennie and I dated when I was in 8th grade and she in 9th grade- my first romance- a wonderful person with great dimples.

I also saw the notice that Carol Gwiazda passed away last year. I recently became aware of this and wanted to send my thoughts to all of her friends and family. Carol also was a wonderful person whose family treated me well and I will always remember.

Lew Furman 1967

It is extremely sad that I announce that Pete Swedalla, from the class of 1969, and his wife, Kathy lost their 26 year old daughter, Kelly recently. No parent should have to see their children die before they do.

Kelly was a gifted soccer player who had attended SUNY Maritime College near the Throgs Neck Bridge in Queens at Fort Schuyler. Kelly held various records that heralded her stalwart skills playing soccer.

Pete and Kathy recently attended a home soccer game that was dedicated to the memory of Kelly Swedalla.

Our most sincere condolences to you Pete and Kathy. We all said a little prayer.

Buffalo Bob Casale



Passages



Wanted to let you know about

Patricia Farnan ('67) who died from a staph infection

in 1975. She was a good friend and she introduced me to my first husband (not from

Hicksville). Her nickname was Spodie and she was a major kick in the pants. I still miss her.

Marianne Carine Hoerner '68 - Founding Member - Plain Clothes Nuns



Patricia Farnan



Marianne Carine
Hoerner

It is with sadness that I report the passing of my brother, James William Bowra on August 20, 2012 (Woodinville WA) following an almost two year battle with AML (acute myeloid leukemia). Jim is survived by his wife, Patrice Ziegler Bowra (HHS-1967) and married adult children Todd and Kelly.

Rich Bowra (HHS 1968)



James William Bowra



Patrice Ziegler Bowra



Rich Bowra

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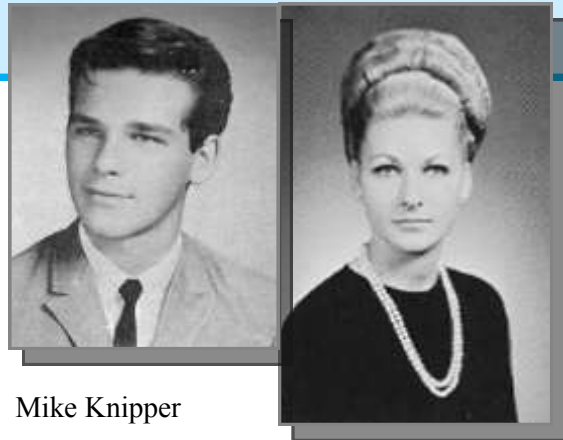
Dear Buffalo Bob

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

A conversation with Linda

I was going through the death notices and was wondering why my brother Mike Knipper isn't on the list. He graduated in 1966. He was killed in a car accident at college in Rome, Georgia on May 7th 1970. Could you please add him? Thanks

Linda Knipper DeLaura



Mike Knipper

Linda Knipper
DeLaura


Dear Linda,

The only reason that someone is not on our list would be that nobody informed us.

Our lists are all passive, in the sense that we ordinarily do not research who should or shouldn't be included. We include what has been reported to us, if we feel the information is reliable.

Our list will be updated with the information you provided us about your brother.

Best

 H. Lichtenstein

HixNews Systems

Henry

Thanks, I know I talked to Teddy who was my neighbor in Hicksville and played ball with my brother. I thought he was still on the committee for the newsletter. He knew about Mike and I was surprised he didn't have them add it but thanks I am glad you did.

Linda

Buff

Who is Teddy?

Thanks

Henry

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Dear Buffalo Bob

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Linda:

Henry will add your brothers' name to the In Memoriam List.

Just curious about your last note about "Teddy".
Teddy who?

And if you were neighbors back in the Hicksville day, where did you live? Let me know when you have a moment.

Regards

buffalo bob casale

Hi Bob

I talked to Ted Swedalla a few years ago. I knew he was going on a road trip. I lived on the corner of Myers Avenue and West John Street and Ted lived on West John right across the street. He was older than us but Mike played ball with Teddy. Pete was more our age (my brother and me). We called him Petie. I hope he is doing well. Ted said he would send some pictures of the trip but I never heard from him. He was on the news staff wasn't he? Hope you're doing well. We have lost so many this year; 2 already in the past month. Gail Goodman and Vinny Longo.

Thanks Bob. If you see Ted tell him I said hi.

Linda

Linda

Then you might have known Karen Wieman??!!

Karen and I were dating after her husband, Claude passed away. They lived at 5 Myers and had five children, Angela, Justine, Claude, James and John.

Ted and I were business partners. We opened Liberty Plumbing Supply in the building Ted's dad built across the street from you.

We opened in 1977 and I retired in 2008, then a year later Ted retired. He lives in Middle Island.

His road trip was a success...he pedaled his bike across country covering 4,400 miles. Ted is contemplating another trip from Maine to San Francisco.

Ted was not on the news staff ever.

And yes, Pete was quite the ballplayer...Ted was good, too!

Pete is married to Kathy and they live in Huntington Station.

They just lost their 26 year old daughter, Kelly, unexpectedly.

Pete is as good as can be expected considering his loss. He works at Ronkonkoma Plumbing Supply.

I have to find Ted's blog site. I wrote his trip every day from scraps of paper he sent me while he was traveling.

I will send you the site.

Bob

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Dear Buffalo Bob

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



Bob

Thanks for the update and pics. Ted looks more like his Dad now. That man with one arm amazed me at what he could do. Ted did tell me he passed and I think the Mom too. They were really nice people not like some of the ones now if you know what I mean. If the world had more people like them, it would be a better place to live.

I lived in Kings Park for 30 years then we moved to Greenville, SC. My husband works in Atlanta all week and comes home on the weekend. He will retire in June. How did you end up in Ga.? How did you meet Ted and wind up opening a business together? When we were kids we played behind Ted's house at the pipe factory climbing on the big pipes. Those were the days; life is passing so fast now.

I would love to see any pics you have so please forward them. The weather is great here today. Go out and do something special. The weather must be the same in Ga. Keep in touch!

Linda

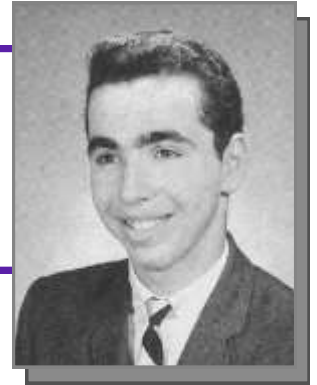
So ends another episode of "Dear Buffalo Bob"

*Take in next month for another nostalgic episode, sure to bring back
woodroad memories... we hope!*

What's with the dang Newsletter?!

I haven't received a newsletter in months. What happened? My spam problem has been taken care of.

Mike Cava



Editor Note:

Hi, mike. I'm sure Henry will be along and he's the one who manages the mailing list, but in the meantime, the current newsletter edition is on the hixnews.com web site all the time. The email you get is just letting you know that the new edition is online. All issues are archived so you can take a look at the issues you may have missed.

Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixnews.com

A note from Doris Roth...

The August issue of HixNews appears when I click on the link.

Please help!!

Doris

Editor Note:

This is a common occurrence; your computer is accessing last month's link which is stored in the computer's cache memory. You need to clear your cache memory, and then your computer will be forced to use the new (updated) link for the September issue.

If you don't know how to clear your computer's cache memory, the actual (fully expressed) link for September's issue is: <http://hixnews.com/1209/>

Best, Henry



What's with the dang Newsletter?!



Sorry to bother you, but I have been unable to open the August and September Newsletters. Help. Thank you.

Marie Vanacore 1963

Editor Note:

Here are the direct links:

August 2012: <http://hixnews.com/1208/>

September 2012: <http://hixnews.com/1209/>

The algorithm for any specific issue is simple: <http://hixnews.com/yymm/>, where yy is year and mm is month. Thus, for example, the June 2011 issue is at: <http://hixnews.com/1106/>

Best



H. Lichtenstein, HixNews Systems

Henry:

Thanks so much for your quick reply. Just read both newsletters. Perfect!

Marie



I always enjoy reading HixNews and appreciate all the hard work you put into it. However, I am curious why I was left out of the September birthdays as my birthday is September 5th. I am sure this is just an oversight and once again, want to thank you for all your hard work.

Ronnie Klein (Witlin) 1969

Editor Note:

Ronnie, our apologies... The editor who maintains the birthday and anniversary lists was not able to get the updated September list to me for putting on the web site by publication time so I used the list from last year rather than not having a list at all. I've added your entry.

Roger Whitaker, webmaster for hixnews.com



Buff,

Hope you've had a good Labor Day Holiday.

I'm just catching up with the feedback received so far from the Memorial photo in HixNews and will forward the responses to you and the Project Team as I answer them. Thanks for devoting a section of the October newsletter to this discussion.

Best,

Joe Carfora

VIETNAM WAR ERA MEMORIAL PHOTO FEEDBACK



To All

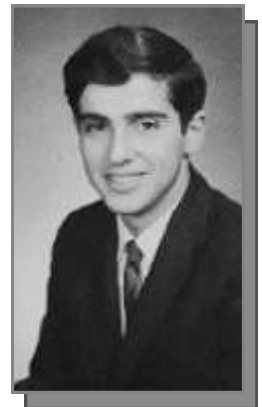
The plaque wording is great and looks great.

JOE "THE ARMY GUY"
Ingino 1967

Joe,

I think the plaque is good as is, an honor to all who served. With those corrections you mentioned it will be quite the tribute.

Mike Rozos 1968



Very emotional words.

Thanks

Bob Bittner, USN 1968

p.s. I see the listing is alphabetical...but maybe it should be alphabetical by year.

Good input, Bob and it's appreciated. However, while alphabetical by year would help our readers see if members of their class are missing, it would not help someone looking at the Memorial once it is erected to find a particular name, especially if they aren't sure of the class year and where the person went to high school. The purpose of carrying the class years on the current List of Names is to steer HixNews readers and other alumni to their class year and classes close to their year to look to see if people they know are on the current list and to provide me with names or information they find may be missing. We may not carry the high school and class year information onto the final Memorial bronze plaques as it's dependent on plaque room and cost. I'd like to carry it, if at all possible, but that is yet to be determined. Last, it would be a very cumbersome task to reorganize a spreadsheet containing 1,800 names and counting by class year when it may not have purpose for the final product.

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Joe,

Nice work on the plaque. I have some questions and suggestions and beg that you not take any offense. For years I was asked to proof engineering papers, letters and documents at work. I first elicited a promise from the requestor that he would not be offended no matter how picky I got because my job was to make him look good. I ask the same of you.

1. Regarding this section:

“Some of these people were called to duty in the United States, others in Europe, sent to sea on the world’s oceans. Many went off to combat in Southeast Asia, in a place we call Viet Nam.”

The way I read it is that the “others in Europe” were sent to sea on the world’s oceans. May I suggest the following?

“Some of these people were called to duty in the United States, some sent to Europe, others sent to sea on the world’s oceans. Many went off to combat in Southeast Asia, in a place we call Viet Nam.”

I agree with your input, even though when I first proof read the text I felt the comma that offsets “others in Europe” and “sent to sea” explained it well enough. By copy, I’m asking Ken Strafer, who is handling this part of the project work with the engraver, to agree and make the change.

2. I would also consider omitting “in a place we call Viet Nam”

- Redundant, in that the plaque is entitled VIETNAM SERVICE ERA
- Southeast Asia encompasses Viet Nam as well as Laos and Cambodia

While I see your point, you have to understand that a pedestrian looking at the finished Memorial product may not understand that SE Asia encompasses all three locations you’ve named and many more. Personally, I like the way it reads now as it places due emphasis on the place where most of the combat took place and most of the lives were lost during the Vietnam War Era.

- Everyone calls it Viet Nam, too informal. The phrase “once upon a time” came to mind

3. Should there be a space between VIET and NAM in the plaque title?

I believe there shouldn’t be a space, so thanks for catching this error that got through a number of us. By copy, I’m asking Ken Strafer to change this for the engraver as well.

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4. Finally, what is meant by “A HHS Alumni” at the bottom? Should “A” be replaced by “from” or “by”?”

I already addressed the fact that this will be changed in the caption under the picture. Please look at that and if you still have a question or suggestion, please let me know. Remember this is a first draft or mock-up attempt by the engraver from what Ken Strafer originally provided him. That’s why feedback is very important at this time as many eyes looking at a draft are better than one or a few, before it is finalized. Once again, your input is very much appreciated!

Again, nice work. Great message.

Ed Rivoire ‘66



No offense taken, Ed, so you have succeeded in eliciting my promise! I have answered your questions in red below, next to each of them. Please let me know should you have additional questions or input to provide, as feedback at this stage is tremendously important to us. I’m also only one person on the Project Team answering this, so if others have input for you, or me, I’ll be sure to hear from them and that’s why they have been copied.

P.S. TO KEN STRAFER: PLEASE NOTE THE UNDERLINED SECTIONS BELOW WHERE I AM REQUESTING CHANGES BE GIVEN TO THE ENGRAVER TO REFLECT ED RIVOIRE’S INPUTS.

Best regards,
Joe

p.s Correction, Ed. I just rechecked the plaque text and the photo in HixNews and the word Vietnam is indeed in there as one word, not two. So, Ken doesn’t need to make a change here



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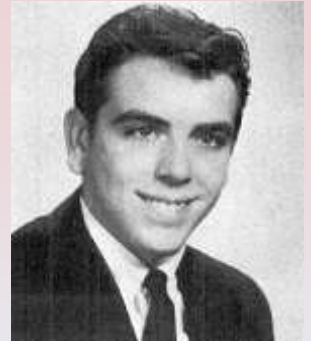
Dear Committee,

Finally getting around to catching up on all my commitments. Still behind, but plugging along. I apologize for not answering emails quicker. With the minor changes suggested, I think the plaque wording is great. I am hopeful that I can start picking up the slack on my part.

Great job by everyone.

Semper Fi

Bill Walden



Thanks for your input on the plaque wording, Bill. Ken Strafer will be in touch with you to possibly be of help in getting the site approval done and begin a funding campaign when we're in town for our 50th class reunion from Oct. 5-7. I sent a separate email to both of you on that a few minutes ago...

Joe

Dear Committee

I would delete "The politics..." I don't think any mention of politics has a place on a memorial. The memorial in D.C. does not mention politics.

Denis Rossi

Dear Denis,

Thank you very much for your input. I'm copying the rest of the Project Team in the event any of them tend to agree with you on deleting "politics" from the Memorial text. Personally, I disagree and feel this section of the text is correct as is and needs to read this way. I will also point out that I say this, not as the writer of the text itself, but only one of its editors.

Since you served during the Vietnam War Era yourself, you should well remember that it grew to become an extremely unpopular war in the eyes of the public the longer it continued and that unpopularity was unfortunately taken out on the many soldiers who fought there when they came home. While you served in the USA and I served in Europe, I well remember seeing some of my high school and college classmates after they came home from Vietnam and witnessing the trauma they faced over there due to the horrors of war. I also interviewed a number of candidates for jobs at the company I worked for who were personally traumatized by the war or who were treated with displeasure by the public for having fought in it. Fortunately, the general public learned an extremely important lesson from Vietnam and that was to never again take the unpopularity of a war out on the soldier who fights in it, but to take it out on the politicians who cause those soldiers to fight it in the first place. While the much more current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan have also become very unpopular with the general public, today we honor all soldiers who return from those theatres. Whenever I see this happen as a passenger on an airplane or inside a terminal, I join the applause and feel honored to do so knowing the soldier had his life on the line for something our leaders sent him off to do. So,

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Given this, I trust you may now agree with leaving this in the wording; however, if you still don't, perhaps others on our Project Team may see it your way also. Should you have additional comments on what I've said here, I will very much welcome them.

Regards,

Joe Carfora

Hello Joe:

If a line about the unpopularity of war is still wanted by the Project Team then I would suggest different wording. Something like they did their duty in an unpopular war and were castigated by the public for doing so. This succinctly describes what happened without mentioning politics.

Hi Denis:

Thanks again for your opinion. By copy, I'm circulating it to the rest of our Project Team for discussion. Once again, I personally see no problem with using the word "politics" on the center plaque as it is as it is the international politics of that era that kept us at war over there. It's simply calling it what it was as far as I can see. However, if the team agrees with you, we will make a change to call it a "very unpopular war" or something to that effect.

Team Members: Please give me your thoughts on this.

Regards,

Joe

You Know You're from Hicksville, NY if:



I loved hanging out on the deck drinking like a "fish." I'm lucky now if I can have 2 beers without becoming drunk! Those were the days!

Lisa Dorais Wissler

