

# HixNews

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

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## A Special Announcement

**Due to the large volume of returned mail** after the January announcement, it is impossible to tell which mail was actually returned because of an inactive address. It appears that AOL, NETSCAPE and OPTONLINE still have HixNews blocked from their subscribers. If you use any of these ISP's, **PLEASE** get in touch with them and tell them you want to receive e-mails from us!!

If you did not receive a recent announcement regarding a benefit for the Hicksville Athletic Booster Club, please be assured that your name was not removed from our mailing list. (See Above). Please keep us up-to-date on any changes if you wish to continue to receive the monthly announcement and any special bulletins that may be sent in the future.

Please check our Website at <http://hixnews.com> after the first of each month for the latest issue of HixNews. We're starting to get very popular with the rest of the world because we received almost 20,000 hits on our Website just on January 4th alone.

If you'd like to have your birthday and/or anniversary listed, please send your info to:  
[editors@hixnews.com](mailto:editors@hixnews.com).

**Thank You - Your Editors**

## A Reminder To All Our Readers

We no longer use the [hixnews@hotmail.com](mailto:hixnews@hotmail.com) address for receiving articles, personal info or inquiries of any kind.

**We will not respond to emails sent to that address**  
(Which includes replying to the monthly publication notice you receive)

**PLEASE send ALL emails to:**  
[Editors@HixNews.Com](mailto:Editors@HixNews.Com)  
Thanks for making the change in your Address Book



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**A Surprise!!!** - Once again, thank you for the terrific job you're doing with HixNews. The research is great as is the articles. I didn't know we could contribute to the effort, so please let me know how to make a contribution and the check will be in the mail.

My 'surprise' is that I catch myself skimming through HixNews, looking for further mention of the Class of '55 Reunion. Then I catch myself and smile. It was a big event to be sure, but it was two and a half months ago after all. The lesson is that the reunion was surely one of the big events of my life, and I guess for me it's still current and vivid.

While we were together at the reunion, several classmates commented that the half-century which had passed was meaningless to us as we bonded, laughed, and came together. So . . . a mere two months or so means nothing at all. My regards to any '55 folks who are still around. - Frank Scarangella '55

*Well Frank, you, and anyone else can make a check payable to Robert Casale, and send your contribution to:*

**Robert Casale**  
**195 Lauman Lane**  
**Hicksville, NY 11801-6522**

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**Hello All - You are doing a great job . . .** and keep up the good work. I look forward to receiving HixNews as many other people do. My brother is new to computers and I tried forwarding the newsletter to him, but it didn't work. So, I'm requesting that you please add my brother (Rudy Rybak '66) to the growing list of people who would love being reminded that the new issue of HixNews is online. - Felicia (Rybak) Adorno '72

*(We sent Rudy an e-mail with the URL, and encouraged him to add it to his 'Favorites' folder for easy reference).*

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**Hi Folks - It was nice to see** a few names from the Class of '64 that have donated to HixNews, and thanks for adding my name to the list. Also, I want to say that I have a significant birthday coming up this month on the 29th. I guess I'm one of the first waves of the 'Baby-Boomers' to reach 60. Maybe that's why no one from '64 writes in to HixNews - they can't take it that they're turning 60 this year. Hahahahaha. I love the monthly news, and keep up the good work. - Judy (Marcus) Shivers '64

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**Fantastic job by all!!** I look forward to each new edition of HixNews. I'm also wondering if there are any plans for a reunion for the Class of '66. Can you imagine, it's already been 40 years. *W O W, that's a l-o-n-g time.* How about a gathering at Wickers some night??? - Marilyn (Bowles) Nejman '66

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**Hi - I'm Lorraine (Kirwan) Cheeseman '64.** I thought I'd write a little something to HixNews about what's been going on in Cheeseman family. I'm married to Bob Cheeseman, and you may remember him since he attended Hicksville High until our Junior year. He moved that year to Lindenhurst and graduated from Lindenhurst High in 1964. We celebrated our 39th wedding anniversary on January 14th. Bob spent almost thirty years in the Air Force, and he retired in 1996. He is now a Colonel in the Texas State Guard serving in the Adjutant General's Department.

We have two beautiful daughters that have grown up and they both live in the San Antonio area. We also have two loveable grandchildren that live nearby. I've recently retired from County Government here in Texas, and we just built our retirement home in the beautiful Texas Hill Country.

We really enjoy reading HixNews each month because it brings back so many fond memories. My thanks to the staff for all their efforts.

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**Hi All - My husbands name is Walter Reichel**, and our anniversary is on February 1st. We'll be married 37 years and have a wonderful son named Brad. We live in Brooklyn and also on Long Island. I just want to add that HixNews is a great newsletter, and it really puts me back to the great times living in Hicksville. - Priscilla (Tedesco) Reichel

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**Dear Editors - This note is to inform you** that [Classmates.Com](#) shows no reunion planned for the Class of 1956. You may want to contact them and let them know that we have one planned. Perhaps the person setting up the reunion can contact them and have it published on their site. - Richard G. Kletecka '56

*Dear Rich - Your message was received by the editors, but we're not the ones who post the announcements on Classmates.Com. Someone from the reunion committee that holds a 'Gold Membership' with Classmates will have to do it. Here's hoping they read this.*

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**Hi Everyone** - An exciting thing has happened to me in the last third of my life. I've become an actor!!! Those of you that knew me in High School or college may remember that I loved theater. Well now that I'm semi-retired, I'm finally able to pursue it and am amazed that as a Senior Citizen, I'm getting calls!! Evidently, there's not many seniors who are able/available/want to do this kind of work . . . long hours, not great pay, but lots and lots of fun and satisfaction.

I'm now working on an episode of the new TV show, "Love Monkey" airing on CBS. The premiere episode was on January 17th, but the episode I'm in will probably air on Tuesday, February 14th (Valentine's Day). That episode is called "Opportunity Knocks". Look for me (the short blonde) in the scene at Grimaldi's Pizzeria, in the church, and as a background person throughout the episode. No lines, but I should be right up front.

I started working in November and may also be seen in the feature film "Across The Universe"; an historical Beatles musical coming out sometime this year. I was a protestor in a march against the war in Vietnam (not a stretch for me)! Additionally, I did a small comedic film called "Grannies Little Helper", in which, as a nosy neighbor, I had three - *count 'em*, three lines. Life is amazing. Just when you think the door has closed, it opens a window. Best wishes to all. Harri Molese '56

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**Well, being a true Baby-Boomer**, I'm celebrating my 60th birthday with full gusto on Feb. 26th. I've planned a party, plus a cruise to South America in March. Thirty years of nursing have not been filled with excitement, so now is the time for me to experience and do everything I've ever wanted to do. And cruising around the Cape and the Magellan Straights is going to be a thrill.

I don't get sea-sick, but I'll bring plenty of Dramamine for my husband, Rich. I'd love to hear stories from some of the other Baby-Boomers and how they are planning to celebrate the beginning of 'old-age.' (*The four of us editors take umbrage to that remark - hahahahahahahahaha*). I know how we're going to celebrate the end of old age, so let's see some good stories on how to celebrate the beginning of it!! Keep up the great work on HixNews. - Judy (Marcus) Shivers '64

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**Sometimes, when I look at my children**, I say to myself, "Lillian, you should have remained a virgin." - Lillian Carter (mother of Jimmy Carter)

**I had a rose named after me** and I was very flattered. But I was not pleased to read the description in the catalog: "No good in a bed, but fine against a wall." - Eleanor Roosevelt

**Last week, I stated this woman** was the ugliest woman I had ever seen. I have since been visited by her sister, and now wish to withdraw that statement. - Mark Twain

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**Dear Folks - I've just finished reading January's HixNews** and I'm always happy when I read it. Again, I thank you for providing so many of us with news and tidbits. I have two questions that maybe you have time to answer.

1. In the January issue, Linda (Piccerelli) Hayden made reference to a "Sparta, NJ Reunion." We have a daughter who has lived in Sparta for about eleven years, and we have just returned to Florida after spending the holidays with her and her family. We'll probably be back there this Fall, and would love to see you if you're still in the area.

2. Also, an article was written in the December issue by a Bob Gillette. Would this Bob G. have two brothers; Peter and Russell - Russell being a Catholic priest? If so, I would like to be in touch with him. We were friends a long time ago. - Barbara (DiBella) Dowd '62 (FL)

*We received a nice e-mail from Barbara a few days ago thanking us for pointing her in the right direction for her two questions. Her daughter, Chris, knows exactly where Linda lives in Sparta so they can finally meet after all these years.*

*We weren't sure about the second question, but we dropped an e-mail to Bob Gillette and perhaps she got her answer about Russell. - The Editors*

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**I've been reading and enjoying HixNews** for several months, but missed out on the December issue. That's when I realized it's about time I had you add me to your mailing list. I've been away from Hicksville for most of my adult life, and HixNews keeps me in touch with my early years. Thanks for all the work you put into this effort!!

There's one thing I was telling my kids about just recently, and I don't know if anyone has touched on this in earlier issues. Do you remember when we used to make each other "birthday corsages"? We'd hang sugar cubes, bubble gum, dog biscuits and some other stuff from them. Does anyone remember what the year/item sequence was???? I remember that Arlene Anderson and Julia Dimmick (and possibly others), had the same birthday. We'd all be walking around weighed down by a slew of these huge corsages!!! If you remember them, how about writing in. - Jeanne (Dethlefsen) Cornelsen '63

**For those of you that didn't get the special mailing because of the problem we're having with AOL, here it is once again.**

The Milleridge Inn is hosting a fund raiser that will benefit the Hicksville Athletic Booster Club. The date is Friday, February 10th, 2006, from 8 'til midnight. You can dance to the wonderful sounds of Anton Mure and his Mid-Life Crisis Band. Anton and his group of fine musicians are continuing the tradition of helping our community by supporting fund raisers.

The evening will start with Hors d'oeuvres followed by a buffet style dinner. There will be an open bar for 4 hours that will provide top-shelf liquor, beer, wine and soda. The cost per person is \$55.00 and the dress code is casual.

The Milleridge Inn is located on Broadway (Route 107), approximately ½ mile north of either the Long Island Expressway (41N) or Northern State Parkway (35N). The Milleridge can also be accessed off Jericho Turnpike in the vicinity of Jericho. Make checks payable to H.A.B.C., and send to:

12 Elwood Avenue  
Hicksville, NY 11801

There will be NO tickets available at the door, and you don't have to be a Hicksvilite to attend. Come one, come all for a great evening of dancing and camaraderie.



## Technology Is Not Her Name

by Linda (Piccerelli) Hayden '60

**Christmas has come, and my friend Louise** is almost a happy woman . . . almost. She told her sons that for Christmas she only wanted a television set with a dial that went “on & off”, 13 channels, and no clicker. Cable and Satellite Dishes with clickers were too confusing. That is a difficult thing to do up here in the mountains, but her sons did it. Some pictures are fuzzy, but she says they will clear up when she gets her cataracts taken care of.

She is “Almost a Happy Woman” because she has a few other needs that have to be met. She wants a new thermostat for her home because she doesn’t know how to turn the digital one up or down. The Security System “stinks” because she can’t remember all those damned numbers, and half the time it goes off when she leaves the house. So, she had it disconnected and bought a dog - a Shiatsu that she keeps in her pocket. She calls the dog ‘Lady’, but I call it ‘Hors d'oeuvre.

The computer is confusing and she can’t type anyway. I told her she did not need to know great typing skills. Well, she tried to use the computer once. It told her she had committed a fatal error and she thought a firing squad was going to come through the monitor screen and get her.

Louise would also like her old telephone back. The one that she had to dial around the numbers, no push buttons. Also, the car phone is a pain, as the numbers are too small to read. She says if there is an emergency, that by the time she figures out how to dial 911, she’ll be dead!!!

Another problem she has with her car is that it tells her when she’s making a wrong turn - she tells it to ‘Shut-Up’! Driving with her is a real thrill!!!

Louise ran two restaurants with over sixty employees for almost fifty years, and I really thought she would be up to anything new. The only new thing she did was to rent a bus for thirty of her dearest friends to go see the Chippendales - she loved it. I did not go!!!

I told Louise that there was no hope for her. Well, I must close now, as I have an early day tomorrow. I have to go and wind my alarm clock.

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**The ”Sound of Music” echoed through the great lawn of Central Park.** A handful of musicians had the throngs of people “Dancin’ In The Street.” The gentle voices of the vocalists belting out song after song brought back some serious memories. **“Sugar Pie Honey Bunch, you know that I love you, I can’t help myself, I love you and nobody else”, “Baby, Baby, Where Did Our Love Go”, “I Heard It Through The Grapevine”.**

On stage was America’s #1 Motown Band, Dr. K’s Motown Revue. Paul “Coney Island” Korman, AKA Dr. K, is a graduate of Hicksville High in 1969, and his band has been together for several years. They’re gaining some notoriety because of their wonderful presentation of the sounds we heard growing up.

While performing in the park, a man approached the stage and asked Paul if the band could play as a gala event in NYC. The details were discussed, and an arrangement was made for the band to appear. On Nov. 4th, 2005, Dr. K’s Motown Revue was the headliner at the 60th Anniversary celebration of the United Nations. The event was held at the UN building on the East Side of Manhattan.

This sort of opened the door a little wider for the group. They are scheduled to appear again at B. B. King’s in NYC. The biggest success, however, is the group will be performing at The Mohegan Sun in CT on five separate occasions. The HixNews Staff and all of the alumni of Hicksville send their personal congratulations to Paul and his band. *(Continued on Next Page)*

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The B.B. King engagements will be held on February 25th and March 25th, 2006. There will be a 'Motown Brunch' served at 12 noon. All you can eat for \$35, tip included. The address is:

**B.B. King's**  
**237 West 42nd Street**  
**New York, NY**  
**Tel. 212 997-4144.**

The Mohegan Sun Casino gigs will be held on February 23rd, March 30th, May 25th, and also on June 20th, 2006. Their address is:

**Wolf Den at Mohegan Sun Casino**  
**1 Mohegan Sun Blvd.**  
**Uncasville, CT**  
**Tel. 888 226-7711**

You can access Paul's Website at <http://www.drksmotownrevue.com/>. On the Home Page you'll see Paul kneeling on the left side of the picture. If you scroll down, you can open a video or music window and get some excerpts from their Motown presentations.

## Here's A Test For The Old-Timers

1. After the Lone Ranger saved the day and rode off into the sunset, grateful citizens would ask, "Who was that masked man?" Someone would answer, "I don't know, but he left this behind." What did he leave behind? \_\_\_\_\_

2. When the Beatles first came to the US in early 1964, we all watched them on The \_\_\_\_\_ Show.

3. "Get your kicks, \_\_\_\_\_".

4. The story you are about to see is true. The names have been changed \_\_\_\_\_."

5. "In the jungle, the mighty jungle, \_\_\_\_\_".

6. After the Twist, the Mashed Potato and the Watusi, we danced under a stick that was lowered as low as we could go. The dance was called "\_\_\_\_\_".

7. "N-E-S-T-L-E-S", Nestle's makes the very best, \_\_\_\_\_".

8. Satchmo was America's "Ambassador of Goodwill." What was his name \_\_\_\_\_.

9. What takes a licking and keeps on ticking? \_\_\_\_\_.

10. Red Skelton's hobo character was named \_\_\_\_\_, and Red always ended his show by saying, "Good Night, and \_\_\_\_\_".

11. Some Americans who protested the Vietnam War did so by burning their \_\_\_\_\_.

12. In 1971, singer Don McLean sang a song about "the day the music died." This was a tribute to \_\_\_\_\_.

13. Can you remember the very first satellite placed into orbit. It was Russian, and was called \_\_\_\_\_.

14. One of the big fads of the 50's and 60's was a large, plastic ring that we twirled around our waist. What was it called \_\_\_\_\_?

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## Donations From Hicksville Alumni

Reunion Committee '48 - '52 (Grace Way) Chet Nichols '58	Madeline (Bianco) DeLouisa '60 Robert & Dorothy Klewicki '54 Janet (Luna) Marcus '59
Ed '56 & Mary (Fuller) Osborne '57 Joe & Sharon Carfora '62 Judy (Marcus) Shivers '64	Bonnie (Scharr) Papes '61 Harvey & Shirley Weiss '47 Nancy (North) Park '61
Bob & Lorraine Briell Steve & Diane Baum Stephen & Marilyn Dunefsky '58	Tom & Eileen (Greenberg) Ingala '61 Michael & Sharon Rozos '68 Art Lembke & Irene Hall '49
Jeanette (Martello) Lupis '59 Jerome & Liz (Munkel) Lester '57 Anton Muré '68	Steve & Carmen Moddle '53 Ed Osborne '56 Elaine (Grecz) Libert '62
Lou & Grace Zabbia '61 Loretta (Lorenzo) Siebert '56 Pete Foster '57	Lorraine (Kalen) Lowen '66 Sue (Jonsson) Postel '66 Michael & Lora Cava '66
Carol (Bachman) Katz '60 Janet Luna Norm Nichols '52	Pat (Koziuk) Driscoll '56 Rudolf & Dolores (Etzell) Frey '54 Cecelia M. Horn '49
James & Dianne Rubins '67 Chris Andersen '67 Christine (Heidt) Beasey '59	Minerva Kassinger '54 Ed & Valerie (Palmer) Towsley '60 John Turi '61
Helen (Mangialomini) Coulmas '60 Carolyn (Wood) Imbrie '63	Donald & Alice Huffstutler Anonymous

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**Here's an interesting question . . .** How well would you do if you took a citizenship test? Give this a try - it's fun and educational. You must score 24 correct answers to get a passing grade. 96% of all high schoolers FAILED this test, and if that's not bad enough, 50% of folks over 50 years old also failed!!! Click on the link below and see how you make out. Good Luck!!!

<http://www.toast.net/games/Independence/page1.asp>

**When was the last time** you heard the quaint phrase "in a family way?" It's hard to imagine that the word "pregnant" was once considered a little too graphic - a little too clinical for use in polite company. So we had all that talk about "stork visits" and "being in a family way", or simply "expecting."

**And how about "wall-to-wall?"** That was once a magical term in our homes. In the 50's, everyone covered his/her hardwood floors with, WOW, wall-to-wall carpeting!!! Today, everyone replaces their wall-to-wall carpeting with hardwood floors. Go and figure!

## Answers To The Quiz on Page 6

1. A Silver Bullet
2. The Ed Sullivan Show
3. On Route 66
4. To protect the innocent
5. The lion sleeps tonight
6. The Limbo
7. Chocolate
8. Louis Armstrong
9. The Timex watch
10. Freedy the Freeloader & May God Bless
11. Draft Cards (Bras also)
12. Buddy Holly
13. Sputnik
14. Hoola-Hoop



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## **Hicksville Tidbits**

### **Dwyer and Manson to Vie for Fire Commissioner Seat, Again**

**Lifelong Hicksville resident Robert Dwyer** has been a volunteer in the Hicksville Fire Department for 33 years and has served as Fire Commissioner for 20 years. Since 1973, Dwyer has been employed by the Town of Oyster Bay and currently serves as supervisor of the parks department. He has been an active member of the community and athletic organizations, and is also active with the New York State and International Fire Chiefs, the Fire Department Safety Officers, and the National Fire Protection Associations.

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### **Ex-Chief Runs Into Burning Home, Rescues Elderly Man**

**On Friday, January 13th** at approximately 7:08 p.m., the Hicksville Fire Department received a call for a house fire at Boulevard Drive with persons trapped. Ex-Chief Pat Scanlon, on his way home from an earlier house fire on Dean Street, was the first firefighter on the scene. Upon arrival at the split-level home, Scanlon found fire venting out of a second floor window and was told by neighbors that a person was trapped in an upstairs room.

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### **Bringing Flowers to Life With the Stroke of a Brush**

**When Linda Carpenter's flowers in her back yard** won't grow, she is still able to bring them to life with the help of her paintbrush. "Some things don't grow the way I want them to, so I paint them," said Carpenter, a long time resident of Hicksville whose work was displayed at the Bethpage Public Library throughout January. "My morning glories don't grow because of their spot, but they grow in my paintings,"

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### **Hicksville Fire District Vehicle Off To Louisiana**

**The Hicksville Fire District** issued a public referendum this past September to allow it to donate a 1999 Chevy Suburban on behalf of the entire Hicksville community to the Hurricane Katrina emergency relief effort. Soon after, officials were pleased to learn that its insurance company, VFIS representative Hubbinette-Cowell Associates, Inc., would pick up the cost of transporting the vehicle.

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### **Hicksville's Liz Flahaven Scores in 2005 Ho Ho Ho Holiday 5K Run**

**The 18th Annual Carter, DeLuca, Farrell & Schmidt Ho Ho Ho Holiday Run**, held on the roads of Bethpage on December 17th, was a tremendous success, and was a big score for Hicksville's "First Lady of Running", Liz Flahaven. Flahaven's time was 20 minutes, 43 seconds - a 6:41 per mile pace that brought her to the finish line at Bethpage High School in 3rd place in the highly competitive woman's 40-44 age group.

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### **A Note From Gerry Dizinno '64**

**Hi All - I read HixNews online all the time**, but haven't officially corresponded. I graduated Hicksville High in '64, my brother Pete (President of his class) graduated in '66, my brother Bob graduated in '67, and my sister Mary graduated - I think - in '80. Bob and I now live in San Antonio, TX, with our families, Peter lives in Commack with his family, and Mary (Seco) lives in Washington, D.C. I truly enjoy the 'news', and I just read the note from Maureen Kilkenny who graduated with me - ***I Remember You, Maureen!!***



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Here are some interesting and informative sites that we thought you'd be interested in. Some of the sites are from HHS Alumni, so check them out if you'd like. If you know of an interesting site you'd like to add to the list, just send it to [editors@hixnews.com](mailto:editors@hixnews.com) and we'll add it to the list.

## Check Out That Rumor Before You Forward The Mail

<http://www.truthorfiction.com/>

<http://www.snopes.com>

<http://www.datafellows.com/news/hoax.htm>

<http://hoaxbusters.ciac.org/>

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## Photos

<http://photos.yahoo.com/buffalobob11801> (Bob Casale '61)

*(Plenty to see, and always looking for more. Scan us your favorites)*

<http://www.classmates.com/user/index.tf>

*(Click on Hicksville - scroll down & click on Photos - then select Albums)*

[http://group.classmates.com/user/photoalbum/album.tf?album\\_id=128029](http://group.classmates.com/user/photoalbum/album.tf?album_id=128029)

*(This link displays HHS Misc. Faces - How many can you name?)*

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## Alumni Sites

<http://www.truenorthpress.com> - (Robin Jacobsen '71)

*(Info about current and upcoming publications and literary competitions)*

<http://www.dropdeadcomedy.com/index.html> - (Tony Walker '88)

<http://www.rwhit.com> - (Vicky Penner '58 & Roger Whitaker)

<http://www.adogshome.com> - (Sue Manning Gray '63)

*(Gebirghaus Kennel)*

<http://forums.delphiforums.com/HicksvilleNY/start/> - (Frank DiGiorgio)

*(Frank has brought back the old 'Message Board' format)*

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## Historical & Informative Sites

<http://Gradfinders.com>

*(A new site like Classmates, but they're free)*

<http://antonnews.com>

*(A local L.I. newspaper)*

<http://www.lihistory.com>

<http://www.cradleofaviation.org/history/airfields/index.html>

<http://www.nassaucountyhistoricalsociety.org/>

<http://www.mynassauproperty.com>

*(If you know the address, you can find out about a particular property)*

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  - 7 - Pat (Lenzner) Caruso '53
  - 8 - Diane (Burke) McGinn '60 (L.I.)
  - 9 - Michael Perduto '66
  - 9 - Steve Riscica '70
  - 10 - Dick Henningsen '60 (NY)
  - 11 - Dorothea (Keegan) Mollberg '60
  - 11 - Martha (Gross) Parent '60 (DE)
  - 11 - Mike Soblick '74
  - 12 - Susan (Ambrico) Smith '68 (CA)
  - 12 - Ronnie (Wells) Brigandi '65
  - 14 - Tom Manaskie '60 (HX)
  - 14 - (Armand Sepanski '65 (AZ)
  - 16 - Robert Bialick '70 (L.I.)
  - 16 - Denis Rossi '53
  - 20 - Bruce Goldmacher '67 (FL)
  - 24 - Suzanne (Garrett) Cullen '56 (L.I.)
  - 25 - Henry Lichtenstein '59 (NM)
  - 26 - Judy (Marcus) Shivers '64
  - 27 - Joe Bausk '50
  - 28 - Ed Osborne '56 (CO)
- Jan. 4th - Belated wishes to Judy Pugliese '70 (NY)*



## Anniversaries In February

- 2/1/1969 - Walter & Priscilla (Tedesco) Reichel (L.I.)
- 2/5/???? - Robert & Margarita (Cardwell) Chernok (FL)
- 2/14/1969 - Fred & Joan (Siegl) Rudolph (FL)
- 1/14 - Belated wishes to Bob & Lorraine (Kirwan) Cheeseman



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*And don't forget to include your maiden name, year of graduation and the state you live in. - THANKS*

**I came across this phrase** in a book the other day - "FENDER SKIRTS." A term I haven't heard in a long time, and thinking about "fender skirts" started me thinking about other words that quietly disappeared from our language with hardly a notice.

**Like "curb feelers" and "steering knobs."** Since I'd been thinking of cars, my mind naturally went that direction first. Any kids will probably have to find some person over 50 to explain some of these terms.

**Remember "Continental Kits?"** They were rear bumper extenders and spare tire covers that were supposed to make any car as cool as a Lincoln Continental.

**When did we quit calling them "emergency brakes?"** At some point "parking brake" became the proper term. But I miss the hint of drama that went with "emergency brake."

**Here's a phrase I heard** all the time in my youth, but never anymore - "store-bought." Of course just about everything is store-bought these days, but once it was braggin' material to have a store-bought dress or some store-bought candy



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### **New Readers This Month**

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

If you are a new member (or know of one), please send the name, year of graduation, date of birth, anniversary date, name of spouse, and the state where you live. Send it to:

**[gocomets@nac.net](mailto:gocomets@nac.net)**

- Rich Kletecka '56**
- Penny (Creegan) Lomas '60 (FL)**
- Arleen M. Brigandi '61 (VA)**
- Rudy Rybek '66**
- Beverly (Fetz) White '67 (NC)**
- Jeanne (Dethlefsen) Cornelsen '63**
- Gerard (Gerry) Dizinno '64**

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### **New Names From Classmates.Com**

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

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Sandra Kroner '57</b>           | <b>Anne Carboni '62</b>               |
| <b>Richard Blassberg '58</b>       | <b>Cheryl (Newton) Dethlefsen '62</b> |
| <b>Diane (Crothers) Harmon '60</b> | <b>Robert Heppner '64</b>             |
| <b>Fred Serrell '60</b>            | <b>Loan (Emmett) Starr '65</b>        |
| <b>Loretta (Flood) Jones '61</b>   | <b>Lynda (Abramowicz) Ordon '67</b>   |
| <b>Michael Barnett '62</b>         |                                       |

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### **Returned Newsletters for January, 2006**

Returned Newsletters for the month of January totaled 4. The list follows, and the Editors ask that you look it over to see if you're in contact with any of them. Have them drop us an e-mail with the correct information to: **[Editors@HixNews.Com](mailto:Editors@HixNews.Com)**.

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

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## Tomb of the Unknown Soldier



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**1956 Hicksville High School 50th Class Reunion**

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

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

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

**TO SEE THE TOP 100 SONGS FOR 1965 - CLICK HERE**

**To The Entire Editorial Staff**

**We can't thank you enough for HixNews** and the wonderful job you're doing. Thanks particularly for running announcements and including our application for attending the 50th Hicksville High School Reunion for the Class of '56 that will be held in June.

As our lives are often busy and filled with family and the demands of everyday living, we easily overlook how fast the days are passing. For that reason, we'd like to remind all those classmates and friends planning to attend who haven't yet notified us. **PLEASE do so ASAP** by printing and filling in the application in the above article, and return it to us with your check or money order.

We are delighted to be able to share this once-in-a-lifetime event with you. Space and tables remain, but the time is flying. So, if you're still planning on coming, **don't put it off any longer**. Especially you folks that live on Long Island and only live minutes away. Reserve your places for Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

**If you require info regarding accommodations in the area, you may contact:**  
**Richard Gallagher [Dorig01@aol.com](mailto:Dorig01@aol.com)**  
**John Sherin [Jmsherin@optonline.net](mailto:Jmsherin@optonline.net)**  
**J. J. DeVaul [jjdevaul@optonline.net](mailto:jjdevaul@optonline.net)**

**Thanks again from the Reunion Committee - Class of 1956**

**Check Out the Photos of the August 2005 Reunion**

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

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

To see the specific photo album of the August 2005 Reunion  
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**Leon J. Galloway**  
(As told by Buffalo Bob Casale)

**This month, we've chosen to acknowledge Leon J. Galloway**, former principal of Hicksville High School during the 50's and 60's. Mr. Galloway was a friend to many of us as well as an excellent administrator.

He attended many of the 'after hours' functions and offered encouragement to all participants. This included theater productions, sports activities, and basically anything that his students organized.

He liked to refer to us as 'his students', even though he was never in the classroom to the best of my knowledge. He never wanted to be in the limelight, but just his being there was an inspiration to us all.

I can remember several chats we had over the years. After every track meet, he would somehow find me to offer congratulations for a victory. I can remember a special victory in the Port Washington Invitation in 1960. I won the 100 yard dash and placed 2nd in the 220. The following Monday morning, there was an announcement over the PA to the entire student body about my accomplishment.

Several weeks later, he went to bat for me. I missed a practice session at the track because I went for special tutoring after school. The teacher couldn't make the session, so I went home. Mr. Bowers found out about it and kicked me off the team. Mind you - this was two days before I was going to compete in the North Shore Track & Field Championships at Great Neck South High School. My father petitioned Mr. Galloway to intercede, and he did, I was reinstated on Friday, June 3rd, 1960 and competed the next day. I placed fourth in both the 100 yard dash and the 220, with a 10 flat and a 21.6. Both were personal bests for me, and without Mr. Galloway's help that wouldn't have happened. The only discouraging thing about the meet was that only the first three qualified for the New York State Championships. The following year, Rod Clements qualified and went to the states.

*If anyone has a special story about Mr. Galloway, please share it with our readers.*

**The editors of HixNews are encouraging the alumni to submit names of those who have distinguished themselves over the years and deserve special consideration for induction into the**

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## People Lookin' For People

Barbara (DiBella) Dowd '62 is looking for Kathleen Kennedy '62  
Karen Kelly '69 is looking for Fran Barber '69  
John Connelly is looking for Jennifer James '90  
Bob (Gleason) Wesley '61 is looking for Jeff Foster '61  
Carol (Kiever) Ohliger '57 is looking for Betty Kenny '57  
Linda (Zuckerman) Rausch '60 is looking for Richie Bizzaro '60  
Susan Spector '62 is looking for Loretta Noce '62  
David Berger '65 is looking for Susan Sitzer '65  
Ann (Krex) Friedman '65 is looking for Laura Krakoff '65 and Lynne Cohen '65  
Pete Maiorino '64 is looking for Kathleen (Jacob) Curtin-Antoniades '64  
Ed & Val (Palmer) Towsley '60 are looking for Sharon Ward '60  
Mike Linihan '65 is looking for Terry Sheehan '64 & Charles Dohrenwend '65

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

If anyone knows these folks or wants to add a name, send us an email at:  
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I'm looking for William or Billy, Class of '83. I can't remember his last name, and I was wondering if anyone can help me out. Please e-mail me at [kf@spallp.com](mailto:kf@spallp.com) if you have an idea. - Kimberly

## Yearbooks For Sale!!!!

We just received this notice that the following yearbooks are for sale

**Hicksville Junior High School and Middle School (Meteor)**

1979, 1983, 1984, 1985, 1986, 1987, 1988 and 1989

These may be purchased individually or as a lot

**Hicksville High School (Comet)**

1964, 1966, 1970, 1975, 1977, 1979, 1980, 1981, 1984, 1985, 1986 and 1989

These may also be purchased individually or as a lot

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## Joan's Thanksgiving Tradition

by Tom Pilko '59

**Several years ago after our children got married** and left the nest, life as we knew it changed in ways we did not expect. Our family gatherings for the holidays became a 'scheduling challenge', because our married children also had in-laws who invited them to be with their families. As a result, Thanksgiving dinner with our family became 'Mission Impossible'. We did join one or another in-law to participate in their Thanksgiving celebrations, and also invited them to join with us at our home. It was always difficult getting our family together.

My wife Joan decided that to avoid the inevitable conflicts and disappointments, and to keep all our children, spouses, and grandchildren together, we would schedule our Thanksgiving celebration on the following day; Friday. And since everyone would have had turkey and all the trimmings the day before, we would prepare an Italian Feast on Friday.

The Italian Feast was learned from my Grandmother and Grandfather who lived in the Bronx on Arthur Avenue near the Italian Market. When Joan and I would visit them after we were married, my Grandfather would go to the market to get the freshest and most wonderful ingredients. There would be round and long loaves from the bread store, fresh mozzarella and ricotta from the cheese store, and the best steak was ground for meatballs from the butcher shop. My Grandmother would cook her sauce from scratch, and we would spend all day around the table talking and eating until it was impossible to even move.

We've been living in the Philadelphia suburbs since 1978, and we're lucky to have a beautiful Italian Market in South Philly. So, Friday morning right after breakfast, we drove the 15 minutes to my son Chris' home in Broomall and met him, his wife Bretany, and their 22 month old son Peter. Then we traveled in their van to the market, parked the van in a parking lot whose owner was quite hard of hearing, gave him a dollar and headed to the market.

We braved the nineteen degree morning cold and walked up Ninth Street past the outdoor vegetable stands with their fires burning old vegetable crates, and the assorted variety and notions stores to the Pasta store. There they offer fresh, homemade pasta cut to order. It was a good thing we arrived early, because as we were paying for our order, a large crowd came into the tiny store. It was impossible to move without bumping into someone. Chris was holding Peter, and he was fascinated by the sights and sounds of the city.

Next, a few doors down, was DiBruno Brothers' Cheese Store, ([www.dibruno.com](http://www.dibruno.com)) and it was stacked from floor to ceiling with the most aromatic and wonderful cheeses to sample. Even if a sample was not already prepared, they'd shave off a slice for you to try before you bought it. There was so much cheese in the store, there was hardly enough room for all the customers that were sampling and buying their wares. After sampling many varieties, we chose four to purchase and headed back out into the fresh air and off to the spice store. The spice store was another small shop, but the crowd was thin from lack of sampling, so we were in and out in a flash.

We walked back to the van and took the short ride to Termini's for their wonderful pastries ([www.termini.com](http://www.termini.com)). The 80 years of tradition at Termini's is evident in their very helpful and pleasant staff, and the trophy case that's filled with autographed pictures signed by Presidents, Popes, and Celebrities attesting to their delicious pastries, and especially their cannolies. The art deco storefront, and the very attentive staff that handles all the merchandise so the customers don't touch in the atmosphere of a much earlier era. There was so much to choose from that we just knew we'd bought way too much - but, afterall, we only do this once a year.

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Once we were back in the van, we added up what we had purchased and couldn't believe in was equivalent to a car payment. Hahahahaha. But eating it all is a tough job, and someone had to do it. On the way home we stopped at the wine store for a few bottles of good, Italian red wine and our shopping was done.

Arriving home we have Chris, Bretany and Peter with us, and Carolynn, Madison (3 years), Katie (2 years), Gabriella (barely 2 months) are waiting for us to return home. John had to work at the bank to provide loans to those credit card maxed out folks who were starting their Christmas shopping on Black Friday. Arriving later was Mike, Sara and Tim.

Joan planned the event in her usual highly organized manner to turn those incredible ingredients magically into a culinary delight. First the cheese and crackers are served while the lasagna is baking - next the antipasti - then the lasagna main course, and finally coffee and those delicious Termini pastries. It's good to have everyone together as a family with fantastic food, charged-up grandchildren, and a great start to the Holiday season.

*A note from the editors - Tom submitted this article several months ago and somehow it got lost in the shuffle and never got published. Our apologies to Tom and his family for a great article for HixNews.*



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## Stephen Moddle '53 Sent This In

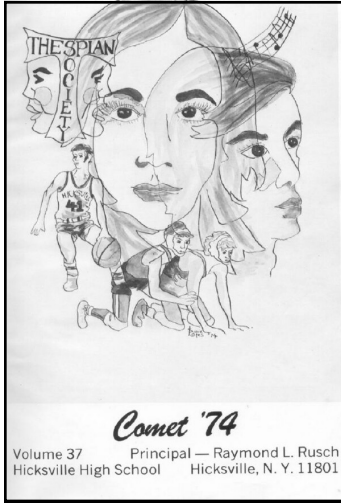
Here is a photo that I took on December of 2005 of Mr. Naso - Hicksville High teacher starting in 1949, Vice-Principal of the Jr. High, and Assistant to the Superintendent. He left the area in the middle of the 60's and moved to North Carolina. He's now 85 years old, and I've been able to visit with him for the past three years as he lives about 10 miles from my daughter. His mind is still sharp and he's a pleasure to chat with him.



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## Class of 1974 Homecoming



you win or lose . . .

The cheerleaders work to arouse school spirit.

This year's **Pep Rally** for the HHS Homecoming Day football game was held on Friday afternoon, October 12, 1973. The team was out in full force, as were the Marching Band, cheerleaders, and coquettes. Speakers included Mr. Rusch, quarterback Steve Cannone, and Coach Brown, all of whom helped spur the Comets to victory.

Our illustrious team in their stocking feet.

Mr. Rusch steps up to the microphone.

(Above) "Perennial" Provanzano, class of '73, returns to lead a cheer.  
(Left) Leo Orsino accepts the plaque for "most valuable player" in the Hicksville-Istithpage game.

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Parade to victory

Homecoming Queen, Lorraine Meddis during a per moment.

Homecoming Day '73 was held on Saturday, October 13, a beautiful day, perfect for a game and a parade. Lorraine Meddis was crowned homecoming queen, with Monica Innes, Joanne O'Connell, Laura Delapp, and Lynn Barondess as the proud runners-up. The Marching Comets' half-time show, as well as the lively spirit of the faculty, alumni, and students helped lead the football team to an astonishing 20-6 victory over Herricks.

A tired quarterback, Steve Cannone, takes a break.

(Above) Hicksville's offense in action.  
(Right) President Zed Director accepts the first prize trophy for the Junior Class foot.

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## Alice (Davidson) Foster '59

**Alice (Davidson) Foster** passed away on Wednesday, December 14th, 2005, just five days shy of her 65th birthday. She resided in Manorville, Long Island. She was the daughter of Lester and Ruth Davidson, sister of Joan and Larry, the mother of Alicia, Cheryl, and Susan, and beloved Grandmother of six grandchildren. Alice was born and raised in Hicksville, attended the West Nicholai Street Elementary School, and graduated from Hicksville High

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## Bob Steedman

**To All: Sorry to pass the news** that Bob Steedman passed away on December 31, 2005. I know he enjoyed working with you and trying to get the newsletter out. He will be sorely missed by all who really knew him. He was a fine, upstanding gentleman, and always tried to be helpful in all his endeavors.

Sincerely,  
Ann Steedman

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