

# The Alumni Spectator

STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION  
SUMMER 2013 NEWSLETTER



All-Class Reunion photos. Top row: (left) Big Sibs, Rebecca Yuste-Golob and Lydia Wu, Gavin Huang '10 and Nick Nicolosi '58; (center) members of the Robotics Team displayed some of their trophies; (right) Ralph Gelper, June '49, Bob Weinberg, June '49, Addie Irizarry (Alumni Association), Michael Storch '70 and Chris Coppa '73 at the old school

on Sunday, June 23rd. Bottom row: (left) Jon Jacobs '72, who won the Chess tournament; (center) Andrew Hordes '72, Norris Nonkin '72, and Henk Rogers '72; (right) Laren Herman Lynn '72, Nat Needle '72, Abby Scheck '72 Howard Feinberg '72 and Jonathan Oatis '72 in the new building's old Stuyvesant "memorial" classroom.

## THE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION'S 2013 ALL-CLASS REUNION

Over 250 alumni and guests attended the 2013 All-Class Reunion on Saturday and Sunday, June 22nd and 23rd. The event provided alumni an opportunity to reconnect with the school and fellow Stuy graduates. Activities included student/alumni competitions (basketball, chess and math), an alumni author literary panel, a discussion on the state of public education in New York City (with mayoral candidates **Sal Albanese** and **John Liu** as speakers) and student performances/demonstrations (Robotics Team, Speech & Debate Team, Indian Dance, Cheerleaders and the Jazz Band). Current students led alumni tours of the "new" Stuyvesant; the "old" Stuy building was also open on Sunday afternoon and many alumni took the opportunity to visit and reminisce. **Henk Rogers '72** recalled: "When four students were shot and killed during a demonstration at Kent State University, Stuyvesant students demonstrated outside the old school for a week. Riot police on horseback and on foot cleared the street. We made our point and stood shoulder to shoulder with all students who have demonstrated against social injustice everywhere.

It made me proud to be a student at Stuyvesant." **Elli Barasch '73** recalled: "I was a middling English student, so was sent to a newbie's classroom. I lucked out; I was assigned to him two more times. Decades after teaching us the literature of Melville, Mishima, Beckett, and Shakespeare, this man found some success writing his own memoirs. I also had the good fortune to be the director of the Seniors in Sing I in 1973. We lost miserably to the Juniors that year, but the experience gave me the opportunity to meet a very funny guy named **Paul Reiser** and a mensch named **Albert Capsouto**." **Ralph Gelper, June '49** wrote: "It was quite an experience for me and my wife walking the halls I walked 60 odd years ago. When I closed my eyes and stopped for a moment, I felt and remembered it all." (Also see *Letters*, p. 4.) The reunion classes of '53, '58 and '72 took part, and '53 and '72 held reunion dinners Saturday evening (see *Class Notes*).

The Alumni Association would like to thank everyone who took part in the festivities. We look forward to the 2014 All-Class Reunion!

**Go Green!** The Alumni Association has launched a Go Green initiative designed to help us fulfill our environmental commitment and conserve our limited financial resources. We now offer alumni the ability to opt-out of receiving the print version of *The Alumni Spectator*. Going forward the most recent newsletter will be available on our website ([www.shsaa.org](http://www.shsaa.org)). *If you would like to Go-Green, please email us at [alumni@shsaa.org](mailto:alumni@shsaa.org).*

### MEMBERSHIP FUNDRAISING DRIVE

PLEASE SEE THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP AND FUNDRAISING APPEAL IN THIS ISSUE. FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE, A REPLY FORM AND ENVELOPE ARE ENCLOSED. OR, MAKE A DONATION ONLINE BY CREDIT CARD AT [WWW.SHSAAC.ORG](http://WWW.SHSAAC.ORG).

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## LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings Fellow Alumni!

As the new school year begins I want to thank you all for your continued interest, generosity and involvement in the Alumni Association. This academic year we hope to do even more in fulfilling our mission to support the students and alumni of Stuyvesant High School.

In May I was privileged to visit several schools in San Diego with **Principal Jie Zhang** and **Dr. Jonathan Gastel** in an effort to learn more about project-based science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. The trip was hosted by **Mr. Irwin Zahn, January '44**, a long-time supporter of the school and Alumni Association. We brought some San Diego alums together as well (picture below) and are planning to organize similar alumni networking opportunities in different regions.

In June over 250 alums, students and faculty came out for the All-Class Reunion. The event included student demonstrations and performances, student/alumni competitions in basketball, chess and math, as well as celebrations for the reunion classes '53, '58 and '72. We held an alumni author literary panel in the newly renovated Boaz Weinstein Library. Alumni and two mayoral candidates (**Sal Albanese** and **John Liu**) also participated in a discussion on the future of public education in New York City. The Alumni Association looks forward to hosting more of these events in the future. We are always looking for new ways to engage our alumni in a volunteer capacity. Come help!

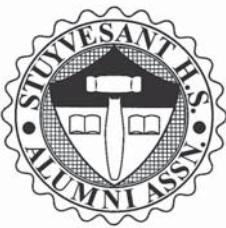
Launching this fall, our new website, [stuyalumni.org](http://stuyalumni.org), will offer features such as an alumni directory, career center, online store and lifetime email forwarding address. Efforts such as the All-Class Reunion and the new website give alumni a chance to reconnect with each other and the school that has played such a pivotal role in all of our lives. Again, thank you for your support!

Kind regards,

*Lisa*

**Lisa Cangro Tepperberg '88**

President



### STUYVESANT HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

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## LETTER FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Greetings Stuyvesant Alumni!

It has been a challenging year but I am proud to have completed my first year as the Principal of Stuyvesant and am looking forward to the upcoming academic year! Our students have accomplished so much this year—with highest honors and awards in the following areas:

- Intel Science Talent Search Contest—we had ten national semifinalists (the highest number in the nation) and one finalist, the only one from NYC.

- Siemens Science competition—two regional champions, two regional finalists.

- Six talented science researchers were selected to represent NYC in May at the Intel International Science and Engineering Fair (ISEF) in Phoenix.

- StuyPulse Team 694, the Stuyvesant Robotics team, won the First Place Award at the Northeast FIRST regional tournament.

- The prowess of our young students is in every area, including Language, the Arts, Writing, Speech & Debate...the list is very long.

As always, there have been some esteemed faculty members who have retired or moved on to other opportunities, and the Class of 2013 seats are filled by those in the incoming Class of 2017. Although the names and faces change, the basic

mission and strength of Stuyvesant stays the same—to provide the highest-quality education to the most talented youngsters in NYC. For more than a hundred years a Stuyvesant diploma has served as the path to success for striving students who may be immigrants, financially needy, or without the resources that their peers in private and suburban schools may possess. But Stuyvesantians are marked by their academic ability, hard work, diligence, and enthusiasm—likely not so different from you and your classmates, while at the school.

We take our responsibility to provide maximum support for these young scholars very seriously. Our work is enhanced by the critically important assistance of parents, the New York community, and you—our distinguished and valued alumni. The 3,200+ students of Stuyvesant welcome and depend upon your support. Help us continue this noble tradition that has paved the way for so many of our graduates to become leaders in virtually every aspect of American society.

All the best,

*Jie*

**Jie Zhang**

Principal

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## STUYVESANT MOURNS THE PASSING OF A GENEROUS ALUM

**Richard Grand, Esq., June '47** (NYU; University of Arizona College of Law), died April 7, 2013. He was a very successful plaintiff's trial lawyer (his *Arizona Daily Star* obituary headline: *Tucson Attorney's Huge Trial Awards Matched his Name*), and the founder of The Inner Circle of Advocates, an elite group of plaintiffs' attorneys (members included Johnnie Cochran and John Edwards). He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marcia, and daughter, Cindy.



Recalling his own experiences, Mr. Grand created the "Richard Grand Helping Hand Fund 1947" to help financially needy Stuyvesant students buy or do something fun or special for themselves that they would not have been able to afford otherwise. Over the past five years, more than 90 students have benefited from his generosity. And in 2013 he also donated funds for "Grand Ideas Essay Contest" winners.

Students were able to purchase: Laptops, bikes, cameras, presents for family, art supplies, contact lenses, an electronic keyboard, a digital drawing tablet, science fiction novels, fantasy novels and sports equipment. Students were also able to: Attend a writing program, take a trip, take a cooking class, take karate lessons, see a Broadway show, attend Speech & Debate camp, join a local gym, see a favorite band, take friends out to dinner, take guitar lessons, play paintball, take piano lessons, go to the opera, go to Radio City Music Hall, go skydiving, go ice skating, go rock climbing, take piano lessons, hear performances at Lincoln Center, among other things.

Grateful students wrote to Mr. Grand:

- I am planning to spend some of this money on something that I've wanted to do for a while now: go to Six Flags.
- Thanks to the funds I received, not only will I be able to afford prom, but I will be able to buy a dress and essentially give myself the once in a lifetime prom-night that I have been hoping for.
- Something special that I plan to do with the money would be to go with the rest of the Robotics Team to the tournaments out of state. I would finally be able to pay for the trips myself and join my friends and teammates while we compete.

– One thing really special that I would like to do is to throw a birthday party for my 18th birthday. I have lived in America for 14 years, but I never had a birthday party for myself.

And, students were also inspired by Mr. Grand's generosity:

- Thank you, Mr. Grand, for making it possible for me and for many other students. I sincerely wish there were more people who, following your example, lend a hand to students whose dreams are desolate due to financial restraints. And I hope that one day I will be one of these people.
- Your generosity has inspired me greatly. I hope to follow in your footsteps in the future by giving back to my school and the community. Again, thank you for your contribution.
- The motivation behind your grants is quite inspirational, and now aware that there is such a philanthropist, I hope to do something of this sort in the future. Hopefully, one day I will have the ability.

### Alumni Association's 2013 College Scholarship & Grant Award Competitions

*Thanks to the generosity of alumni donors and other members of the Stuyvesant community, the Alumni Association awarded almost \$90,000 in college scholarships and grants to the deserving graduating seniors listed below:*

Alumni Association Awards: **Jacqueline Chou & Xiao Bin Pan**

Daniel Bergstein '80 Memorial Scholarship: **Alfred Tsai**

Albert Capsouto '73 Memorial Scholarship: **Mauricio Moreyra**

Chemistry Prize in Memory of Jacob Lieberman: **Jacqueline Chou**  
Aileen Chen '13 Memorial Award: **Jason Tu**

Class of 1957 Scholarship: **Shuo Chen**

Class of 1982 Scholarship: **Norine Wendlyn Chan**

Class of 1991 Debra Schmitt Memorial Scholarship:  
**Batya Zamansky**

Marc Connolly '92 Memorial Scholarship: **Samuel Lijin**

The Carol and Marvin Eiger (1947) Scholarships:

**Bobo Chiu & Maxwell Liebeskind**

The Eiger Family Grants in the Arts:

Art - **Margot Yale**, Dance - **David Kheyman**

Music - **Aglaia Ashley Ho**

Ralph Ferrara Memorial Scholarship: **Jiali Wu**

Gong Family Scholarships: **Danielle Freeman, Kayla Halvey, Aleks Merkovich, Andrew Xie & Willie Xu**

Roberto Gonzalez '95 – Haverford College Scholarship:

**Margaret Mary Palmer**

Sari Halper Dickson '87 Memorial Scholarship: **Darien Lam**

Hanna Schweizer Hechinger Memorial Scholarship:

**Tasnim Ahmed**

Ava Hecht '09 Safety Pin Earring Award Recognizing Creativity and Generosity of Spirit: **Eugenie Thompson**

Neil and Barbara Holbert Prize: **Noah Hellermann**

Murray Kahn Award: **Crystal C. Lee**

Wen Cheng Liao '84 Memorial Award: **Ava Myo Myint**

Timothy Mapes '86 Memorial Awards (for travel abroad):

**Maxwell Liebeskind, Aniqa Tahsin & Audrey McCarthy**  
Conor M. Moran '03 Memorial Scholarship: **Yee Gee Cheng**

Service Award: **Nicholas Fung**

Adolph Surtshin '32 Memorial Scholarship: **Ying Xue Xie**

Marjorie Tallman Awards:

**Sadakat Chowdhury, Noah Hellermann,**

**Yasiru Jayakody, Yun Shi Liang, & Daniel Lin**

Karen Von Damm, PhD '73 Memorial Scholarship:

**Jacqueline Chou**

George J. Weinstock Memorial Scholarships (World Languages):

**Jasmine Low & Isabella Zelichenko**

Joel R. Weisberg (1973 Valedictorian) Memorial Scholarship:

**Windy Feng Han**



*Scholarship photos, from left: Gong Family Scholarship winners with Maley Gong Ong '88; Andrew Xie, Kayla Halvey, Danielle Freeman, Maley Ong, Aleks Merkovich, Willie Xu; Ava Hecht '09 Award winner, Eugenie Thompson, with the award certificate; Eiger winner, Max Liebeskind, with Daniel Egers '03 (Director and Scholarship Committee member); Eiger winner Bobo Chiu with Serf Maltese '51 and Harry Malakoff '62 (Directors and Scholarship Committee members); Class of 1982 Scholarship winner, Norine Wendlyn Chan, with Tara Allmen '82, MD.*

# LETTERS

## Music & Art or Stuyvesant

When faced with the choice in 1969, I struggled for about a half hour. Music was my life, passion and innate skill. Yet its basis is wrapped up in mathematical formulae! Now, to be truthful, I couldn't have told you that at the ripe age of 14, but I knew that (as a street-smart kid from The Bronx) a Stuyvesant HS education would prepare me for life in ways not imaginable to most. Critical thinking skills, rich cultural and social experiences, political activism of all sorts (era of Vietnam, social unrest, Soviet Jewry movement...) and friends from all over the city who had one thing in common – a love of and aptitude for math and science, now known as STEM education. The 41 year journey since graduation has taken me millions of air miles on four continents. Everywhere I've lived or traveled, the fraternity of Stuyvesant students I've met has always proven to be a very warm, close knit family. A special bond with a special cadre of people. Many of "our strong band" have profoundly impacted the world in science, education, theater, music, etc. I'm humbled and proud to have been the recipient of a Stuyvesant education and undoubtedly made the right choice! Best wishes to all who will follow us as Stuyvesant graduates.

**Howard Feinberg '72**

## All-Class Reunion

I want to commend the Stuyvesant High School Alumni Association for organizing the All-Class Reunion which I attended on both days. Both the current Stuyvesant High School building and the students who performed in the various events were impressive. As for the East 15th Street building, visiting it 47 years after having graduated was a worthwhile experience. The building is old and worn, but has character and a history that deserves to be remembered and honored.

**Phillip W. Weiss '66**

## El Señor Kissane

The remembrances of Ed Rudetsky in the winter 2012-2013 *Alumni Spectator* issue about Mr. Kissane brought back my own memories of this formidable teacher. But in my three years of Spanish with him, he was never Mr. Kissane. It was always, in his booming voice, "El Señor Kissane."

**Alvin Wald, PhD, June '51**

*See the appeal letter enclosed with this newsletter for the following:*

- Thanks from the Caliper*
- Thanks from the Chess Club*
- Thanks from Genetics Research*
- Thanks from TEDxStuyvesantHS*

## Mathematics Department

Dear Class of 1967,

Thank you for your generous Class Gift donation to the Stuyvesant High School Mathematics Department. In an age of budget cuts, we rely on donations from alumni to supplement our programs. Your donation made it possible for us to register and pay for 1,000 plus students to take the AMC-A exam, a prestigious national competition. We will use the rest of the donation to purchase new mathematics books for our research library. Your donation is an outward sign of the strong, positive feelings the class of 1967 has for Stuyvesant. I only hope that today we are instilling in our current students the same love and respect you have for your alma mater. On behalf of the mathematics teachers and the Stuyvesant students, I want to thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,

**Maryann Ferrara**

Assistant Principal

Mathematics & Computer Science

## Computer Science

Dear Class of 2007,

Thank you for your generous Class Gift donation to the Computer Science program at Stuyvesant. We appreciate your dedication to the current students. In a time of budget cuts, your donation helps fund the many special programs we offer at Stuyvesant. These special programs help Stuyvesant uphold its reputation for excellence. Our Computer Science program has grown over the years and we now offer courses that were not available when you were students here. On behalf of the teachers in the department and the students, I want to thank you again for your generosity

Sincerely,

**Maryann Ferrara**

Assistant Principal

Mathematics & Computer Science

## Cross Country and Track & Field

Dear Alumni Association,

Thank you. Your generous donation will help to defray the expenses necessary to continue our tradition of excellence in both Cross Country and Track & Field. Listed below are just a few of the highlights of the last year: The boys XC team finished 2nd in the PSAL Championships; and the Frosh also finished 2nd at the city frosh championships. Over the past 9 years we were 1st four times, and 2nd three times. **Jack Stevenson '13** has the Van Cortlandt park school record for 5000M (16:13) and 2.5 miles (12:49). Last year **Konrad Surkont '12** set a PSAL Bowdoin Park record of 16:09 at the NY State Federation Championships. Last May our team completed its 12th consecutive

Manhattan Triple Crown by winning the Cross Country, Indoor Track and Outdoor Track Championships. Our distance medley relay finished 4th in the nation at the indoor National Championships last March. Their time of 10:12.2 is a PSAL indoor record. Konrad Surkont set a PSAL indoor record for 3200M (2 miles) of 9:13.5 at the Eastern States Championship.

Again, thank you,

**Coach Mark Mendez**

## DONATIONS

For the third year, **Jonathan Farber** has generously funded Gene Farber '55 Football Camp in memory of his father, **Gene Farber '55**, who was a member of the 1954 championship team. The camp, which takes place in August, allows the team to train before the season starts and has improved results (see p. 11). The Peglegs made the playoffs last season for the first time in 17 years. **Joanna Farber**, Jonathan's mother, who suggested the donations, cheers at games and was named the official "Stuyvesant Football Team Mom" by grateful team members.

**Michelle Ng '97** generously donated the Aileen Chen '13 Memorial Award in memory of **Aileen Chen** who died in an accident in June 2011. The Award was presented to **Jason Tu '13** at the graduation ceremonies in June.

**Oona Frawley, PhD '90** made a donation to the Alumni Association for the benefit of the Speech and Debate Team in memory of classmate **Mark Tuminaro '90** (see p. 15).

**Stephen Schoen, PhD '53** made a donation to the Alumni Association in memory of his brother **Laurence (Larry) Schoen '57** who died in 2008.

The Alumni Association is honored and touched to have recently received bequests from the estates of two alumni:

- **Daniel Lieberman '77** who died in October 2012 (see p. 14).
- **Gerhard Kurt Paschke, June '43**, an engineer, who died in November 2009.

### Note About This Issue:

The latest Class Notes, and In Memoriam entries in this issue were received prior to late-June 2013. We reserve the right to excerpt and/or edit all submissions. **Thank you** for your submissions!

# ALUMNI NEWS



"First Girls" on June 25th: Abby Scheck '72, Laren Herman Lynn '72, Alice DeRivera Haines, and Evelyn Horn '72.

**"First Girls" Honored: Alice DeRivera Haines, MD** was a Guest Speaker at the Class of 2013 graduation ceremonies on June 25th at The Palace Theater. She received an honorary Stuyvesant Diploma. Her lawsuit against the NYC Board of Education in 1969 opened the specialized high schools to girls. She said she didn't get to attend Stuyvesant after winning because her family moved away from the city. While the lawsuit was going on, some boys from Stuyvesant told her they had renamed the cafeteria Alice's Restaurant. Three additional "first girls" were also saluted during the ceremony (see photo above).

See *Graduation Speakers, Ben Fried '84 and Mike Zamansky '84, in Class Notes on p. 9.*

## Alumni Volunteer Mentors Needed

- Science Research:** Experienced doctors, scientists or engineers who are interested in mentoring 11th and 12th graders, please contact Research Coordinator **Rebecca Gorla** ([stuyresearch@gmail.com](mailto:stuyresearch@gmail.com))
- Careers:** Alums who would like to provide career guidance to 11th and 12th graders, please contact Parent Coordinator **Harvey Blumm, P '04**, (212-312-4926, or [HBlumm@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:HBlumm@schools.nyc.gov)).
- Robotics Team:** Alums with expertise in engineering, marketing or computer programming, contact coaches **Rafael Colon** ([rcolon6@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:rcolon6@schools.nyc.gov)) or **James Lonardo** ([jlonard@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:jlonard@schools.nyc.gov)).
- Social Science Research:** Alums with expertise in the social sciences, please contact **Ellen Schweitzer** ([eschweitzer@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:eschweitzer@schools.nyc.gov)).

- Law Classes/Moot Court:** Linda Weissman ([lweissm@schools.nyc.gov](mailto:lweissm@schools.nyc.gov)) is seeking alums who are attorneys to be guest speakers in law classes, as well as advisors to Moot Court and Mock Trial teams.

(Please contact faculty during the school year, September through June.)

## Stuyvesant High School Black Alumni Diversity Initiative

On May 18th, the Stuyvesant High School Black Alumni Diversity Initiative sponsored its sixth "Why Stuy?" open house for prospective applicants and their parents and its second alumni forum, a panel discussion, *Promoting Excellence and Diversity: Perspectives on the Specialized High School Admissions Process*, featuring **Damon Hewitt, Esq.** of the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, **Khin Mai Aung, Esq.** of the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund, **Ainsley Rudolfo**, of the New York City Department of Education, **David Bloomfield, Esq.** of CUNY and **Daniel Tillman**, a current Stuyvesant HS teacher. Proceeds from the panel discussion were used to provide professional SHSAT prep to promising students.

The Stuyvesant High School Black Alumni Diversity Initiative was created in 2010 by a group of Black alumni who wanted to address the decline in Black enrollment at Stuyvesant from its high of over 10% during the 70s and 80s to less than 1% today. Since its inception, the Stuyvesant High School Black Alumni Diversity Initiative has engaged in outreach and fundraising to increase the number of Black and Latino students who attend Stuyvesant and the city's other specialized high schools.

The Diversity Initiative welcomes partnerships with groups and individuals who support our goals and who are willing to work cooperatively with us. To join one of our committees (Middle School Outreach, Fundraising or Mentorship) please send an email with your name and Stuy class to: [StuyBlackAlumniDiversity-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com](mailto:StuyBlackAlumniDiversity-Subscribe@yahoogroups.com) indicating which committee you'd like to join.

It is now standard for most successful applicants to Stuyvesant and the city's other specialized high schools to engage in some sort of test prep. High quality test prep is expensive, however. To support our efforts to provide professional SHSAT prep to promising students who may not otherwise be able to afford it, please visit the Diversity page at [www.shsaa.org](http://www.shsaa.org), to make a tax deductible contribution.

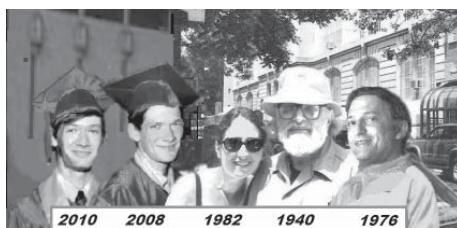


"Why Stuy?" Panelists:  
Romeo Alexander '07;  
Diana Sandy '06, Alejandro  
Torres-Hernandez '02  
MD; Cheryl-Lyn Bentley  
'02; Mauricio Moreyra  
'13; Nicholas Kaidoo '14;  
not pictured, Moderator,  
Kimberly Williams '03.



"Promoting Excellence and  
Diversity" Panelists: Ainsley  
C. Rudolfo, LCSW; David  
C. Bloomfield Esq.; Damon  
Hewitt, Esq.; Khin Mai  
Aung, Esq.; Daniel Tillman;  
not pictured, Moderator,  
Leonard Noisette '75.

The **South Florida Alumni Association of Stuyvesant High School** welcomes residents and snowbirds. Contact President **George Zombeck '81** at [FLAStuy@gmail.com](mailto:FLAStuy@gmail.com).



## A Three-Generation Stuyvesant Family

From left: Grandsons Ian Armstrong '10 and Angus Armstrong '08 (whose mother, Jody, attended Hunter College High School); daughter Jennifer Hochberg Berg '82; grandfather Julian Hochberg, January '40; and son Jonathan Hochberg '76.



## Parents' Association's Spring Feast

Alumni Association directors, guests and staff attended the Parents' Association's Spring Feast fundraising dinner in April. Photo: Executive Director Reed Kennedy; Bernard Braun '00; Director Richard Braun '72; Riva Margalit; Directors, Harry Malakoff '62 and Christina Alfonso '01; Jon Jacobs '72; Recording Secretary Evelyn Krejci '76.

# CLASS NOTES

**1940 (January)** Julian Hochberg (see photo and caption on p. 5).

**1942 (January)** Robert Basch (SUNY, Cortland; SUNY Brockport, MSEd) celebrated his 90th birthday in March. He served in the US Coast Guard during WWII. He earned his degrees through the GI Bill, and worked as Director of Health, Physical Education and Recreation for 43 years at six different Jewish Community Centers around the US. He wrote, "I still have fond memories of the old SHS building on 15th Street in Lower Manhattan. Best of all, though, I often recall the two seasons I played right end on the varsity football team under Coach Joe Monahan. We went from a losing team in 1940 to the Bronx-Manhattan champions in 1941. That season we beat Clinton HS, our arch rival, and we won a close game (7-0) against Monroe HS for the championship. A visit to the new SHS is on my bucket list." He now lives in West Bloomfield, MI near his son, daughter-in-law and two grandchildren.

**1943 (January)** Robert Cohen donated his January 1943 graduation list to the Alumni Association's archives. He said he feels very proud of Stuyvesant.

**1945 (January)** William Freund retired as chief economist of the New York Stock Exchange and later Professor of Economics at Pace University. He recently published two children's books, both based on family experiences. The first, *The Cookie That Saved My Family*, was a finalist in the USA Best

Book Awards for children's books. His most recent book is *The Towel That Saved Elizabeth*. One critic commented that these books are for children aged 4-94!

**1945 (June)** Carl Gersuny wrote: "I was reminded by Boaz Weinstein's generosity that I was on the library squad 1943-1945, because I was a fat kid who got out of going to gym by shelving books. The librarian was a good boss. I learned a lot at Stuyvesant but I don't remember what it was."

**1946 (January)** Arnold Rothstein wrote: "Retired in 2000 and now living with my wife of 60 years in a wonderful place called La Posada in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Come visit and say 'Hello.'"

**1947 (January)** Marvin (Kosofsky) King, DDS, Associate Clinical Professor at Columbia Dental School for over 25 years, reports he has moved to California, become an ardent bike rider, and rides 125 miles a week, at age 84. He, his father (Myman Kosofsky, SHS in the 1920s) and his two brothers are all dentists. One of Marvin's three children is also a dentist (another is an MD and another is an artist).

**1947 (June)** Raymond Zapata and his wife, Trudy, recently celebrated 60 years of marriage. He collects antique music boxes and clocks. He and his son Rich also collect classic cars, which were featured in *The Villages Daily Sun*, 6/14/13.

**1948 (January)** Edwin Spivak reported that, because of economic pressures, he earned his degree from Brooklyn College at night in 8 years. "At times it was real rough going since my job took me around the country and often I had to fly back for exams only to go out that same night without seeing my family. I married the girl of my dreams in 1953 – unfortunately she passed away February 1, 2009, exactly 60 years to the day that I met her." **George Weiss, PhD** wrote: "I retired from the government in 2010 after working in several branches for approximately 55 years. Most of my research was devoted to the application of random walk theory to biomedical optical optics as a physicist at NIH. I've published hundreds of research papers either jointly or alone and earned several awards including a gold medal from a Mexican Physical Society which gives such awards every three years for work done in statistical physics. In addition, I've authored or co-authored four books, and spent a Fulbright year in London. I still work at research at home, but at a much slower pace than I'd like to admit to."

**1949 (January)** Sheldon Winkler, DDS has written a book, *The Music of World War II: War Songs and Their Stories*, about the origins of many musical compositions, some of which are still popular today. He retired from Temple University School of Dentistry in 2006, where he was Dean of Advanced Education, Research, and Continuing Education, and Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Prosthodontics. He is President of the American Academy of Implant Prosthodontics and lives in Scottsdale, AZ.

**1949 (June)** Martin Harris said he has never been back to Stuyvesant in the 64 years since he graduated. "Being in the Air Force and then living in Florida made it difficult."

**1950 (January)** Alan Bergstein donated his letter swim team sweater jacket to the SHS archive. He wrote: "It's been 63 years since I walked off the stage of Carnegie Hall with the Stuyvesant diploma in my hands. I owe much to the school and it's a living thing to me...a friend....something I treasure on a daily basis. (All alums will) see what I mean as the years go by. My love is extended to every single one of its graduates. We are all 'Pegleg Children.' Am living in Boca Raton where I've been politically involved in creating a very active Boca Raton Jewish Republican Outreach. Would love to hear from some of the guys, liberal or otherwise, from the teams or classrooms (petfa4@aol.com)."

**1944 (January)** Irwin Zahn, an engineer and entrepreneur, supports many high school and college programs in engineering. In May, **Principal Jie Zhang**, Stuyvesant Research Coordinator **Jonathan Gastel, PhD**, and Alumni Association President **Lisa Tepperberg '88** traveled to San Diego to research how engineering could be integrated into the current Stuyvesant environment in an innovative and creative manner. Schools visited included High Tech High and Santana High School. They also visited the Moxie Center in the Jacobs Center of Engineering at the University of California at San Diego, where Mr. Zahn was the honored commencement speaker. The trip was made possible by the generosity of Mr. Zahn. In NYC, Dr. Gastel, research class students, and video students visited the Irwin Zahn Center at City College's Grove School of Engineering. The video students filmed an interview with Mr. Zahn about his experiences at Stuyvesant, his career, and his desire to support young people with an interest in engineering (see [moxiefoundation.org](http://moxiefoundation.org)).



Mr. Zahn and Stuyvesant Alums in San Diego in May: Standing, Arnold Singer '65, MD, Alan Levine '62, Howard Somers '65, MD, Alumni Association President Lisa Tepperberg; seated, Lisa Jones '86, Jonathan Gastel, Irwin Zahn, January '44 and Principal Jie Zhang.

**1953 60th Reunion June 22-23rd** During the day on Saturday and Sunday alumni and guests visited the new and old Stuyvesant buildings and attended the Alumni Association's All-Class Reunion events. On Saturday evening, almost 60 alumni and guests attended a reunion party hosted by classmate **Aron Katz** at his midtown Manhattan apartment. **Basil Apostle** was the Reunion Organizer. Proceeds of over \$1,000 will benefit the Physics Department.



*1953 classmates and wives sitting at the old Stuyvesant "memorial" desks in the new Stuyvesant building, from left: Judy Salzer, Phil Moseley, Peter Salzer, Carol Moss, Steve Fybish, Jack Moss, Don Burd and Maurice Pollock.*

**1950 (June) Simmons Lessell, MD**, Professor of Ophthalmology, Harvard Medical School, was honored with a "Festschrift" at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary in May. The event, held on his 80th birthday, brought together physicians whom he has trained in the highly specialized field of Neuro-Ophthalmology. Each of the returning "fellows" gave a lecture that provided an overview of their own work in the field, with emphasis on insights and motivation received from Dr. Lessell that helped them launch their careers.

**1951 (June) Alvin Wald, PhD** (see Letters, p. 4).

**1952 (January) Arvin Grabel**, who has donated to the Sara Baron Fund, wrote: "She was a great English teacher who taught me how to listen to dialog in the theater, movies and radio and TV." **Lester Paldy** is Distinguished Service Professor and Faculty Director of the Undergraduate Leadership and Service College at Stony Brook University where he has taught for 46 years.

**1954 George Jochnowitz, PhD** wrote: "I occasionally write articles for algemeiner.com. My website is www.jochnowitz.net. I also write about Jewish languages, especially Judeo-Italian."

**1956 Leon Hoffman, PhD** enjoys writing articles, commentaries, and letters (both scientific and lay) in national and local newspapers and journals (see chicagotribune.com or chicagosuntimes.com). The opinions frequently complement his work in the practice of psychology in Chicago. He welcomes comments. He said: "Thank you, and keep up the fine work, please. We need the nexus our newsletter provides."

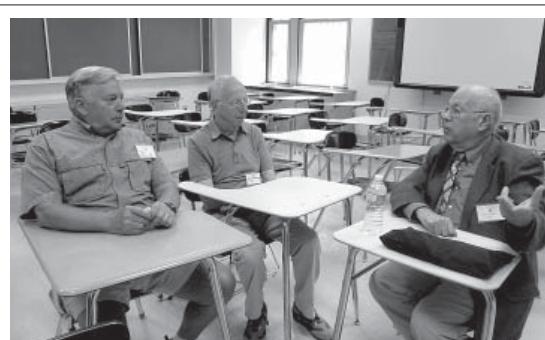
really don't have any memorable Stuyvesant experiences since I wasn't a participant on any teams and didn't partake in extra curricular activities. But that's just me. The best part of attending Stuyvesant was the ride on the 3rd Avenue elevated, and when that came down, the Woodlawn IRT from the Bronx to 14th Street, getting into mischief with a few other Stuy students on a few occasions. Came to school, attended classes, went home, basically describes my Stuy experience."

**1959 Stephen Morris, DDS**, who writes a weekly news column for a Long Island paper, submitted a memoir about growing up in the 40s and 50s, baseball, his Russian immigrant grandparents, about why students chose Stuyvesant in the 50s, and his daily commute to Stuyvesant (see the Archive section, [www.shsaa.org](http://www.shsaa.org), for the text).

**Jonathan Sondow, PhD** gave a talk titled *Ramanujan, Robin, the Riemann Hypothesis, and Recent Results* at a University of Florida, Gainesville, conference commemorating the 125th anniversary of the birth of the famous Indian mathematician Ramanujan. He was happy to see his friend **Jim Lepowsky, SHS '60**, who also spoke at the conference.

**1960 Richard Lewis** retired from BAE Systems in Los Angeles after 40 years in Aerospace. He is now serving on the board of directors of the San Fernando Valley Symphony Orchestra. **Robert Ira Lewy, MD** wrote: "I've been back in NY for four years and am now a grandfather to Ziva Esfira. I'm still getting treated for myeloma and doing OK. Started working with The Leo Baeck Institute and traced my family back to 1810. I'm proud to have endowed the Robert Ira Lewy German-American Science and Medicine Collection at Leo Baeck to allow them to fulfill their role as an internationally known repository of research in this field." **Stephen Rosenthal** recalled: "Our Graduation the Didn't Happen: Dr. Flea cancelled ceremonies and we returned the following day to receive our diplomas. The event made the TV news and all NYC newspapers. Fifty years later, in 2010, **Principal Stan Teitel** presented us with our 1960 duplicate diplomas and declared 'by the power vested in me by the City of

**1958 Dominic (Nick) Nicolosi** wrote: "I initially went to Pratt Institute to study Architecture, but got my first degree from the University of Texas (Civil Engineering). I was commissioned in the Marine Corps and served as a company commander in Vietnam, 1969-1970. Got a Master of Science in Systems Technology at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. After 21 years in the Marine Corps, I worked in the defense IT industry with Lockheed Martin, Northrop Grumman, BAE Systems, retiring in 2010. I left New York in 1961 and have never returned, except for short family visits, and as a result I have completely lost touch with my Stuyvesant HS classmates (nick.nicolosi@yahoo.com)." **Tiido Tennelo** wrote (after reading "Stuy grads continue to make incredible contributions to society" in the March newsletter, *excerpted*): "Well then, I must be a 'black sheep' alumnus of the Class of '58. I think I'm the only student to graduate Stuyvesant without credit for a foreign language. Took Latin (now that's about as 'foreign' as a language can get) for four years and still didn't pass. Had to make up the missing credits with other subjects in summer school, getting my diploma in 1959. I then attended two year CCNY for three years. Never graduated. Definitely not your typical Stuy graduate, eh?..Admittedly, I didn't take high school seriously and



**1958 Reunion June 22-23rd**

Alumni from the Class of 1958 gathered at the Alumni Association's All-Class Reunion events which took place at the new and old school buildings.

*Photo: Nick Nicolosi, Richard Fleischmann and Seth Hawkins met in a new school classroom.*

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New York and the Board of Education, I now pronounce you official graduates of Stuyvesant High School, Class of 1960." **Franklin Tall, PhD** wrote: "I recently retired after 43 years as a mathematics professor at the University of Toronto. I am still actively researching set-theoretic topology."

**1961 Elliott Naishat, Esq.**, State Representative, of Austin, TX, recently received the Texas Access to Justice Foundation's Legislator of the year award. He wrote: "keep up the great work."

**1963 Eric Maisel, PhD** has written 40 books on a wide variety of subjects. His most recent books are *Natural Psychology: The New Psychology of Meaning, Making Your Creative Mark and Why Smart People Hurt* (see [www.ericmaisel.com](http://www.ericmaisel.com)).

**1964 Jonathan Marsh** wrote: "Retired in 2007 and started Burnt Ridge Farm, in western Washington. I grow what alumni found common in NYC but can't find in western Washington – horseradish, strong garlic, and more. In frequent contact with **Elihu Druckman, SHS '42** who is quite active."

**1966 Aaron Elson** wrote *The Armored Fist: The 712th Tank Battalion in the Second World War*, a book about his father's WWII tank battalion, an "independent" battalion spread throughout a whole infantry division (the 90th). By the end of the war, the Germans thought the 90th was an armored division, which would have had three times as many tanks. So they were called the "armored fist" of the 90th Division. See an excerpt at <http://oralhistoryaudiobooks.blogspot.com>. **Phillip Weiss** (see Letters, p. 4).

**1967 Mark Bittman's** latest book is *How to Cook Everything, the Basics*. **Michael Stallman** wrote: "I'm in my 27th year as a judge – I'm sitting as a Supreme Court Justice in the Civil Team in Manhattan."

**1968 Stephen Franciosa, CPA** wrote: "Effective August 1, 2011, became a Senior Clinical Professor in the Accounting Department at Iona College." **Ruby Huttnner, MD**, an obstetrician, recently spoke with Jessica Quenzer's 9th grade research class about recent progress in technology in the field of maternal and fetal health. He also visited Linda Weissman's law class and spoke on the relationship with torts in the medical field and the use of medical experts as witnesses in malpractice suits.

**1969 Peter Brynildsen, MD** "happily announces that third daughter Kimberly

was recently wed in NYC on January 26th, 2013. Current grandchild count up to four boys with one girl and two not knowns yet to be born." **Carlton Chen, Esq.** (Columbia, NYU Law) formed SinApac Group LLC, a Connecticut-based business development firm assisting companies, particularly in pharmaceuticals, chemicals, IT and precision manufacturing, to do business in the Greater China Region. He recently completed 16 years of service as VP, General Counsel & Secretary of Colt's Mfg. Co. in West Hartford, CT. He serves as 1st Vice Chairman of the West Hartford Chamber of Commerce. **George Orio** recalls fall 1968 when Coach Thrush scheduled football games during the

teachers' strike and "Stuyvesant went 8-0, beating Clinton 14-0 in the final game."

**1972 Howard Feinberg** (see Letters, p. 4). **Stuart Hershkowitz** wrote: "Retired after 26 years working in the trenches in low income housing in Brooklyn, Bronx and Manhattan. Umpired baseball at levels as high as Division One college and was the director of the Parade Grounds Umpires Association. Currently retired and working as a personal vacation planner for my wife and myself." **Jon Jacobs** (see p. 1).

**1973 Jon Bauer** (Harvard Business School), co-founder, chief executive operating officer



Above, at Old Stuyvesant on Sunday, June 23rd: Bert Black, Eliot Ostrow, Michael Harrison, Robert Chin and Steven Kirschner '74. Right, the Reunion Committee at Slate Restaurant, Saturday, June 22nd: Richard Braun, Abby Scheck, Paul Geoghan, Robert Chin and Henk Rogers.

**1972 Reunion, June 22-23rd** On the evening of Saturday, June 22nd, more than 80 classmates and guests, from all over the US, gathered at Slate Restaurant, NYC, for a slightly belated reunion. In no way had time diminished the affection and pure joy of reconnecting with friends from the past. Dining on *hors d'oeuvres* and a tasty buffet, years melted away as familiar faces reappeared. **Howard Feinberg** was motivated to comment, "...for me it is how impressive (and a bit precocious) a group we must have been as teens given the accomplishments of so many of our classmates. It seems that no matter where our journeys have taken us, we have made an impact in the world." Old friendships were further solidified; new connections happily forged. The evening ended much too soon.

Sunday brought additional opportunity to gather at the new building; attending various Alumni Association sponsored All-Class Reunion activities and meeting for lunch. Following a tour that included the old Stuy "memorial" classroom, we headed uptown to where it all began: 15th Street. After walking the familiar halls past the gym, the chemistry labs and other memorable areas, we headed back out to 15th Street and back into 2013.

It was a glorious weekend; lots of new memories, tons of pictures, miles of smiles! The very next day, the "Stuyvesant '72 Alums" Facebook page posted the inevitable question: "When again?" **By Abby Scheck '72** (Proceeds of almost \$2,000 were donated to fund Stuyvesant High School programs.)

and chief investment officer of Contrarian Capital Management, was featured in an article, *Noteworthy Graduates: Jon Bauer, Founder, Investment Management Firm*, in the New York Teacher issue of United Federation of Teachers recently. He said he told his economics teacher at Stuyvesant that he was “blown away” by the subject. **Ira “Ike” Levine**, an entrepreneur and Professor of Natural/Applied Sciences at Southern Maine, spoke to the integrated biology research classes in April about his work with algae and its economic potential to help the developing world. The students learned how algae can provide substantial food, energy, profits, and environmental benefits. **Robert Wright, Jr., PhD** is a graduate of the doctoral program in Transformative Studies at the California Institute of Integral Studies. His dissertation was titled *The Role of Endogenous Cyclic Nitric Oxide Spiking in Motherloss and Existential Grief: A Modified Neuropsychological and Psychophysiological Heuristic Self-Search Inquiry Approach to Stress Reduction, Homeostasis, and Healing*. (See [www.StressFreeNow.info](http://www.StressFreeNow.info).) He wrote: “For the first time, the study demonstrates that the same physiological mechanism needed to induce relaxation also helps us dissolve pain and grief. The study bolsters the linkage between the physiological mechanisms underlying the Relaxation Response and any method which causes a Relaxation Response to occur. A key finding was that any method which engenders a Relaxation Response may spike endogenous cyclic nitric oxide. Since the health benefits of nitric oxide spiking are widely known and have been documented in thousands of studies, there is a health policy implication, which, if implemented, can result in significant improvements to the health of Americans. The study’s results confirm that a shift to a wellness paradigm means that prevention is now more profitable than pathology.”

**1974 Andrea Abushady Garvey**, a Young Living Essential Oils executive and educator, a Certified Holistic Health Counselor, and a yoga practitioner and teacher, uses oils for healing, health and well-being. She teaches at Inner Spirit Yoga in East Northport, NY. She and her husband Neil publish *Creations Magazine*. Her article *Aromatherapy & Breast Health* is at [breastcancerayogablog.com/category/aromatherapy](http://breastcancerayogablog.com/category/aromatherapy). Contact her at [andrea@creationsmagazine.com](mailto:andrea@creationsmagazine.com). **Eric Lander, PhD**, a leader of the Human Genome Project and director of the Broad Institute of Harvard and MIT, was recently named one of the eleven worldwide winners of the new Breakthrough Prize in Life Sciences, which includes a \$3 million stipend.

**1975 Thomas Chan** (St. Johns) is now Chief of Community Affairs Bureau, Lower East Side, NYPD. He has served in the 5th, 7th and 26th precincts, as well as with highway units, the School Safety Division and Detective Operations. He is the highest-ranking Asian American in the NYPD. Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said Chan’s work as commanding officer of Brooklyn South last year was instrumental in reducing violent crime, and also praised Chan’s efforts as head of the School Safety Division. “Over the course of his 31 years in the police department, Chief Chan has proven his ability to forge effective partnerships with the diverse communities of New York,” Kelly said. Chan, a Lower East Side native, said the strength of the city is determined by the partnership between cops and the community.

**1978 Lilian Hsu** gave a talk about careers in chemical engineering to Stuy research students in February. **Joseph (Joe) Paul, MBA**, was just appointed to the newly created position of Manager of IT Governance, Risk and Compliance for General Cable Corporation. Prior to General Cable, he spent seven years with Motorola serving as their Manager of Network Security and Disaster Recovery Planning. **Dr. Joseph Taddeo** returned safely from his deployment to Afghanistan as a trauma surgeon with the Navy.

**1980 Irene Chang-Cimino, Esq.** recently joined the President’s Hurricane Sandy Rebuilding Task Force as Senior Counsel, which requires regular travel to Washington, DC from her office in Lower Manhattan. **Ronit Eisenbach** wrote: “Artist and Architect, Assoc. Prof. at University of Maryland. Two sons, Jonah and Adam. Live in Takoma Park, MD ([www.roniteisenbach.com](http://www.roniteisenbach.com)).”

**1981 Achilles Sakis (Tsakeredes)** is a Major in the US Air Force, a graduate of the USAF Test Pilot School and a flight test engineer at Eglin AFB in Florida. He flies in both F-16 and F-15 aircraft and just recently got his name on F-16 tail # 2173.

**1982 Mark Berman, Esq.** visited Stuy in March and spoke to Linda Weissman’s law class about Civil Law and Torts. **George Gacser** retired from the US Navy in September 2012 following 25 years of service in the Navy and Navy Reserve. At a ceremony in Philadelphia which included family and friends, he was awarded the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal for duties performed during his final assignment as a Commanding Officer of a unit based at Andrews Air Force Base, MD. **Brian Palmer**,



Reunion Organizers: Karyn Seroussi, Tim Fang, Tommy Leonardi and Tom Berton.

**1983 Reunion, April 27-28th** On Saturday, April 27th, more than 150 alums and guests gathered at Pacific Grill in South Street Seaport for a reunion dinner. On Sunday, classmates and guests enjoyed a harbor cruise on the Clipper City Tall Ship arranged by Tom Berton’s Manhattan by Sail. Reunion Organizers (*see photo above*) announced recently that their \$4,500 Class Gift will be donated to support the new Urban Ecology classes taught by Biology teacher, Marissa Maggio. Urban Ecology is the study of how people in suburbs and cities interact with their environment. Because these interactions take many different forms, the discipline blends content from a variety of traditionally distinct disciplines such as economics, psychology, biology, sociology, geography, and public policy.

**PhD** (Harvard, AB, AM, PhD) initiated and co-authored the Raoul Wallenberg Calendar, a collection of 365 accounts of civic courage in the defense of human rights. 105,000 copies were distributed in English, Swedish and Korean editions, and the content was serialized on Swedish radio. Brian teaches at Uppsala University in Sweden; his website is [brianpalmer.org](http://brianpalmer.org).

**1983 Aaron Morse** joined Scopia Fund Management LLC as its Chief Operation Officer in June 2012. He was formerly Partner and COO at ADAR Investment Management LLC.

**1984 Benjamin Fried** (Columbia), Chief Information Officer at Google, was the Keynote Speaker at the 2013 graduation ceremony in June. He worked for Columbia for many years, then worked in the technology department at Morgan Stanley for over 13 years before joining Google in 2008. He spoke about his Stuyvesant years, and also encouraged the graduates to learn from their failures. **Michael Zamansky**, Stuyvesant alum, parent and Computer Science Coordinator, was the Faculty Speaker at the 2013 graduation ceremony in June (while one of his children was a graduating

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senior). He was also recently featured in two articles: *Teacher's Vision, but Done New York City's Way* (in *The New York Times*), about his work on starting the Academy for Software Engineering, a new NYC high school; and *How to Close the Tech Industry's Gender Gap* (in the *New Republic*) about his computer science program at Stuyvesant (a quote from the article about the gender gap: "There is a solution, and it's already working. At the elite public Stuyvesant High School just north of the financial district in Manhattan, girls don't have a choice: They all must take a year-long introductory computer science class to graduate").

**1985 Howard Berman** wrote in March: "I've been admitted into the MFA program at SUNY Stony Brook, commencing this summer. Currently I am employed as a librarian at Brooklyn Public Library. This comes, not too much unlike Isaac for Sarah and Abraham, at an advanced age, that is for me, in middle age, as I graduated in 1985. English at Stuy may have been my worst class; so go figure." **Brenda Ling** is state public affairs specialist for Wyoming for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service. She and her husband Chuck Kimmerle, a photographer, live in Casper with their three dogs. In September she met up with childhood friend **Lily Liy '85** during a visit to NYC to visit family. Brenda and Lily had a blast reminiscing their days at Stuy.

**1986 Zorikh Lequidre** competed as a Knight (the only one from Brooklyn on Team USA) in the Battle of the Nations, the world championship of medieval armored combat, in Aigues Mortes, France in May. He said, "My knighthood and a MetroCard will get me on the subway." **Navin Singh, MD** lost his wife Dr. Anu Singh in a tragic accident in March 2013. Navin and his three children are grateful for the support from their friends and family. He can be reached at drnavinsingh@yahoo.com.

**1987 David Brill, Esq.** lives in Manhattan and is Executive Vice President and General Counsel at American Stock Transfer in NYC. He is also currently President of the Association of Corporate Counsel Greater New York Chapter. He was recently profiled in the New York Law Journal and writes and speaks frequently about management and securities law issues.

**1988 Subhasish Chandra, CFA**, Jefferies & Company Managing Director, visited Social Studies teacher George Kennedy's Wall Street class to discuss the impact of shale-based oil on economics, foreign policy, and global political trends.



**1995 Nicole Davidson and Allen Goodman** married in October 2010 in Cragsmoor, NY overlooking the Shawangunk and Catskill Mountains. They welcomed their first child, a daughter, in November 2012. *Photo (all Stuy '95 unless noted): Back row, Rob Harris, Brittany Boyd '97, Peter Serating, Carl Mills '94, Liz Lasorte Yampolsky '96, Jesse Cutler, Ilya Yampolsky, Hana Nakamura '96, James Mennella, Mike Moussourakis, Josh Segal, Danny Marques, and Alumni Association Director Roberto Gonzalez; front row, Eugene Yampolsky, Kathy Gross Compitus, Cagla Ozden, the bride and groom, and George Gorayeb.*

**1990 Riley Ray Robbins** wrote: "After 10 years producing unscripted television in Los Angeles, in October 2012, I was appointed Deputy Director of Communications for the California Governor's Office of Business and Economic Development in Sacramento. So far I have noticed a remarkable number of similarities between the first position and the second one."

**1994 Billie Gastic, PhD** wrote *The Education of the Hispanic Population*, a book discussing the work of more than a dozen Latino scholars, both early-career and established, who are investigating the educational experiences of Latinos in the United States. **Michael Schechter, Esq.** (University of Washington, BA, Geography, and Political Science; Harvard Law School) has been promoted to partner in the Seattle office of the law firm Foster Pepper. He focuses on municipal governance, open government, eminent domain, land use, and the environment. He is also a lecturer on land use and zoning law at the University of Washington, College of Built Environments.

**1998 Drew Levy** recently won a Drama Desk Award for the Sound Design of the Broadway musical *Chaplin*. **Charles Wang, MD** is currently training as a Brown School of Medicine, Rhode Island Hospital Gastroenterology Fellow in the mentorship of **Harlan Rich, MD, SHS '78**, who is the current Director of Endoscopy at Rhode Island Hospital.

**1999 David Pereplyotchik** received a PhD in Philosophy and Cognitive Science from the CUNY Graduate Center in 2012. He was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Hamilton

College for a year and has accepted a tenure-track position in philosophy at Kent State University. In February, after getting married in City Hall, he visited Stuy to show the school to his new wife, "the lovely Aoife Mooney, a talented type designer from Dublin, Ireland."

**Stefanie Weisman** (Columbia, BA, History and BS, Computer Science; NYU, MA, Art History) wrote *The Secrets of Top Students: A Guide for the High School and College Set on How to Achieve Academic Success*. The book, based on her experience as valedictorian at Stuyvesant and recipient of the Albert Asher Green prize for the highest GPA in her class at Columbia, also includes insights from other outstanding students (see [www.valedictoriansguide.com](http://www.valedictoriansguide.com)).

**2000 Emily Chan** started a Facebook group, Stuy Alums Mastering Parenthood, a forum for alums about parenting. She "would love to get the word out to other alums – young parents who could use a community like this and older parents who may have advice to give!"

**2001 Sara Naomi Lewkowicz's** photo essay, *Photographer as Witness: A Portrait of Domestic Violence*, in *Time Magazine*, and can be viewed at the Time LightBox website. **Johnny Wu**, the actor, had a guest star role on USA's *Covert Affairs* recently, and he has a role in *Tracers*, a film to be released in 2014. He visited Stuyvesant in May to narrate the humorous Ogden Nash verses for the musical performance of *Carnival of the Animals* by Saint-Saëns at the Spring Concert. His younger brother sang in the chorus during the concert.

**2002 Peter Christodoulou** married Anna Bezevegki in August 2012 in Porto

Heli, Greece. Stuyvesant classmates **Amit Friedlander, Daniel Khasidy, and Michael Regan** attended. Peter and Anna live in New York where Peter works at Credit Suisse Asset Management and Anna is a school psychologist working at a New York City private school.

**2003 Oliver Horovitz** (Harvard), a writer and filmmaker, spoke about his book, *An American Caddie in St. Andrews*, at Stuyvesant in April. He was caddie on the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland. He has written for *Sports Illustrated*, *GolfWorld*, *Golf Digest*, and *New England Golfer*. At Stuy, he was captain of the championship golf team. He also wrote, produced and directed *The Caddies of St. Andrew*, a 2007 documentary about caddying.

**2005 David Ferguson and Grace Pang Fried** were married in May at the Bronx Zoo. They met on the Stuyvesant fencing team, which they co-captained as seniors to a city championship. **Alexander Pinhas** visited a Stuyvesant research class in February with a team of ophthalmology researchers to introduce students to the field and possible research topics. He plans to help mentor students in the lab of Richard Rosen at the Eye and Ear Infirmary with the help of new optical technology they developed. **Avery Kusmierski Singer** (Cooper Union, BFA), an artist, recently had a solo exhibition in Berlin, Germany and has been accepted to the residency program at Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture in Maine.

**2006 Becky Cooper** (Harvard) visited Stuyvesant in April to speak about her book, *Mapping Manhattan: A Love (and Sometimes Hate) Story in Maps by 75 New Yorkers*.

**2008 Isamu Fukui**, a science fiction/fantasy author who published his first novel, *Truancy*, while he was a senior at Stuy, visited Stuyvesant in June and read from his three published novels.

**2010 Julia Landauer**, the racecar driver, has been driving racecars every other weekend, while attending college at Stanford. In June she won two races in her Semi-Pro division at Sonoma Raceway. She then raced at the INEX Legend Cars Invitational at Sonoma Raceway, a support race for NASCAR. She wrote: "The cream of the crop were there, and it was an honor to be invited." She plans to be on the East Coast racing Legends cars every weekend in the NY/NJ area.

**2012 Jamie Oliver** (Princeton) was featured in an article in the *News at Princeton* about Princeton's popular course: The Mathematics of Magic Tricks and Games.

## STUY NEWS

• **EconChallenge:** A team of four students won the NY State EconChallenge Online Competition, dealing with economics and current events. Over 30 NYS teams competed (coach: Social Studies teacher & Social Science Research Coordinator, **Ellen Schweitzer**).

• **Environmental Club:** The club won Honorable Mention (and \$1,250) from the NYC Golden Apple Award Program for their recycling program, and a Notable Student Effort distinction in another category (faculty adviser: Biology teacher **Marissa Maggio**).

• **Mathematics:** Recent accomplishments: Seven students were invited to take the USAMO exam and three to take the USAJMO exam, based on their AMC and AIME scores (Stuy tied for USA 1st place for the number of students invited); 17 students

won medals at the Greater Metropolitan Math Fair; out of 233 worldwide in their division; the senior team came in 10th place in the Purple Comet Math Meet, an online, international annual competition; a Stuy freshman finished 16th (out of 240 9th and 10th graders) in the USA Junior Math Olympiad; the NYC Math Team (with 40 Stuy students out of 90) won 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 9th, 10th and 12th place in Division A at the NY State Math League (NYSML) competition in April; the Freshman Math Team placed 1st regionally in the Continental Mathematics League Pythagorean Division. (Faculty math coaches: **Glen Chew, Jim Cocos, Debbie Goldberg, Ashvin Jaishankar, Aziz Jumash, Oana Pascu, Gary Rubenstein, and Sebastian Stoenescu**.)

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### PSAL—PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETIC LEAGUE



Far left, Girls Swimming and Diving, and Boys Fencing Championship banners on display on the 5th floor at Stuyvesant; right, the winning Boys Golf Team with coach Emilio Nieves at far right.

#### City Championship:

**Boys' Golf Team** (coach, English teacher **Emilio Nieves**) won the City Championship and **Nail Vyas**, a freshman, won the NYC Boys Individual Golf Tournament; **Boys Fencing Team** won the PSAL City Championship (coach, Photography teacher **Joel Winston**); **Girls Swimming Team** won the PSAL City Championship (coach, PhysEd teacher **Anna Markova, PhD**).

#### Manhattan Championships:

**Boys' Handball** (coach, Social Studies teacher **Robert Sandler**); **Girls' Handball** (coach, Social Studies teacher **Eric Wisotsky**); • **Boys' Indoor Track** (coach, **Mark Mendes**); **Girls' Indoor Track** (coach, PhysEd teacher **Anna Markova, PhD**); **Boys' Outdoor Track** (coach, **Mark Mendes**); **Boys' Volleyball** (coach, PhysEd teacher **Vasken Choubaralian**)

**Football:** The Peglegs made the championship game for the first time in 17 years and players have received numerous citywide honors including three who won division leader awards, five named to the City All-Academic team, a scholar-athlete award based on overall athletic and academic performance, and, for the first time, two were selected for the Elite Eleven Team of the National Football Foundation's NYC Chapter, which includes a \$1,000 college scholarship. Varsity Coach **Mark Strasser** received an honorable mention in the *New York Daily News* as Coach of the Year!

**Lacrosse:** **Noah Kramer '14**, has been selected as a High School All-American.

**Wingate Awards:** Wingate Awards are given to the top senior in a PSAL sport each year. Two Stuyvesant students won this year:

**David Jiang '13** for Boys' Swimming  
**Jack Stevenson '13** for Boys' Cross-Country.

**Larry Barth**, Assistant Principal of Health, and Physical Education, is the Athletic Director. For more information, see the Public School Athletic League website: [www.psal.org](http://www.psal.org).

## STUY NEWS CONTINUED

• **Model UN:** The Stuy team won Best Delegation (out of 96 teams) at the North American Invitational Model UN Conference tournament, Washington, DC. One student won Best Delegate, and four won Outstanding Delegate (faculty adviser: Social Studies teacher **Kerry Trainor**).

• **Music/Art/Technology:** The Stuyvesant student Chamber Music ensemble was named one of the winners of the prestigious Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center's Young Musicians' Program.

• **National Achievement Loews Scholastic: Menna-Allah Elaskandrany '13** won the 2013 National Achievement Loews Scholarship.

• **National Merit Finalists:** Over 100 Stuy seniors were named National Merit Finalists.

• **National Scholastic Writing Awards:** Stuy students won five gold, two silver, and one "American Voices" medals, in genres ranging from poetry to personal memoir, winning scholarships up to \$10,000.

• **New York Times Scholarship: Eugenia "Jenny" Lotova '13** won a *New York Times* Scholarship. She will receive a \$7,500 annual scholarship, a laptop computer, and a paid summer internship with the *Times*.

• **Physics Bowl:** Physics Bowl's Division Two Team placed 1st at the national competition; Division One came in 2nd place among specialized HS teams.

• **Physics Olympiad:** Eight students were selected as Semifinalists in the 2013 US Physics Olympiad.

• **Robotics Team:** The team, StuyPulse Team 694, won 1st Place at the Northeast FIRST regional tournament in March, and the team's President of Engineering also won an individual Dean's List award (faculty advisers: Technology teachers **Rafael Colon** and **James Lonardo**).

• **Social Studies Matthew (Pu Shen) Jin** won first place and \$1,000.00 in the New York State Respect for Law Alliance's 18th Annual Essay Competition (faculty adviser: Social Studies teacher **Linda Weissman**).

• **The Spectator:** Stuy reporters and editors won awards for art reviews, feature articles, editorials and photography and *The Spectator* was named top high school newspaper for overall excellence at the Harvard Crimson Journalism Conference in April.

• **Speech & Debate:** The Speech and Debate team hosted the National Catholic Forensics League Qualifying tournament at Stuyvesant and swept the event, with 19 students qualifying for the national tournament. The team performed well in the National Catholic Forensics Competition, with many students qualifying for elimination rounds (coach: English teacher **Julie Sheinman**).

• **National Spelling Bee:** The champion, **Arvind Mahankali**, an 8th-grader from Queens, will attend Stuyvesant in September. The last national champion from NYC (in 1997) also attended Stuyvesant.

• **Toshiba ExploraVision:** Stuy students **Waqrul Islam** and **Youbin Kim** were selected Regional Toshiba ExploraVision Science Competition Finalists for their research project, *Developing soft micro-stencil (SMS) lithography for the fabrication of electrodes on nano-materials*. Five Stuy research teams also won Honorable Mention Awards (faculty advisers: Chemistry teacher, **Zhen Chuan-Li, PhD** and Research Coordinator **Jonathan Gastel, PhD**).

• **World Languages:** Latin students won 36 Gold medals, 38 Silver, 31 Magnum Cum Laude, and 15 Cum Laude awards in the National Latin Exam (teacher, **Susan Brockman**). German student, **Sonia Amladi '14** won the National German Examination Grand Prize, a three week all expenses paid summer study trip to Germany. Another 25 students won medals (teacher **Gabriele Dehn-Knight**).

## FACULTY NEWS

**World Languages:** Stuyvesant French teacher, **Elsie Augustave**, recently published a novel, *The Roving Tree*, about the struggle for cultural identity of a young Haitian girl adopted in the early 1960s by a white American family.

## FACULTY RETIREMENTS

**Biology:** **Roz Bierig** retired after more than 30 years at Stuyvesant, and **Dr. John Utting** retired after almost 30 years at Stuyvesant.

**Guidance:** A farewell party for **Eleanor Archie** (Assistant Principal since 2002) was held at the Conrad Hotel in June. Many current and former faculty, staff, parents, and students attended.

**Physics:** **Honorio Esper** is retiring after 28 years of service, 19 at Stuyvesant

## FACULTY MOVING ON

**Jeremy Wang** (College); **Jonathan Weil** (English); **David Park** (Math), who will teach in New Delhi, India; **Jonathan Gastel, PhD** (Research Coordinator/Biology).

## FACULTY OBITUARIES

**World Languages:** **Jamo Blake, PhD**, who taught Latin, French, and Spanish at Stuyvesant from 1978 through 1987 died recently at the age of 85.

**English:** **Michael Marks** died in July 2012. He taught English at Stuyvesant from the early 1960s to his retirement in 1992.

## IN MEMORIAM

### Brief Notifications:

1932 Jack Pearl, 4/19/11  
1936 (June) Henry Lefer, 1/11/09  
1940 (June) Herbert Kahn, 3/11/13  
1941 (June) Alfred Kleiman, 10/13/12  
1942 (June) Harold Schechtel, 3/15/12  
1944 (Jan.) Bertram Blumberg, 8/19/12  
1944 (Jan.) Lawrence Weller, PhD, 1/7/13  
1947 (June) S. Rothenberg, MD, 6/22/12  
1948 (Jan.) Erich Bohn, 10/7/12  
1948 (Jan.) Seymour Richman, 1/13/13  
1950 (Jan.) Bernard Anzel, 11/18/12  
1951 (June) William Armstrong, 3/5/13  
1954 Thomas Illijic, 3/26/11  
1954 Maurice Kassan, 3/10/12  
1955 Alvin Melveger, PhD, 8/25/12  
1956 Steve Pukatch, 4/22/11  
1957 Leslie Bodin, 6/2/12  
1957 Herman Gelbwasser, 8/11/11  
1957 Bohdan Pasechnick, 9/4/12  
1957 Joel Schnur, 9/12/12  
1959 Ira Kasoff, 6/21/12

**1936 (January) Salvatore Frascinella** died May 12, 2013. His niece, Gracemary Hagan, wrote: "He was a lifelong lover of learning and a wonderful testament to a Stuyvesant High School education."

**1938 (June) Morris Grossman, PhD** (Columbia, BA, MA, PhD) died December 12, 2012. He was a Professor of Philosophy at Fairfield University from 1968 to 1992. He also taught at Pennsylvania State and Portland State. During his academic career, his essays on prominent philosophers appeared in major philosophical journals. He is survived by his sister, Rima Zimmerman, cousins, nieces and nephews.

**1940 (January) Richard Bader, MD** (Columbia, College of Physicians and Surgeons) died in April 2013. He and his identical twin brother Mortimer (who died in 2003) graduated first and second in their class at Stuyvesant. During WWII he served in the Army in the Arctic studying the effects of the cold on metabolism. At Mount Sinai Hospital he co-founded the pulmonary function laboratory, researched collagen vascular diseases, basic pulmonary physiology and occupational lung disease, including pioneering work on asbestos. He was in private practice with his twin brother, and also served as associate editor of the American Journal of Medicine and as a clinical professor of medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine. He received the Jacobi Medallion for distinguished achievement in the field of medicine and extraordinary service to Mount Sinai Hospital. In 1989 he became the first Horace W. Goldsmith Professor of Medicine. In 2004, the

Mortimer E. Bader and Richard A. Bader Professorship in Medicine at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine was named for them. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; two children; and two grandchildren.

**1940 (June) John Milton Simon** (CCNY) died June 27, 2013. Because his parents were destitute during the depression, he and some of his siblings were raised in the Hebrew Orphan Asylum in NYC. After briefly studying drama at UCLA, he served in the US Army Air Force during WWII in England as a gunner. He worked for several textiles firms: Gehring Textiles, where he became VP; Native Textiles, where he became president; and his own warp knit textile company, Veratex, Inc. He was a founding partner in one of NYC's first commercial coops at his company's headquarters in midtown Manhattan. He was also involved with the Glen Cove, NY Golf Course for many years, and served as Commissioner for ten years. He is survived by his wife, Vicki (Vera Claireaux) Simon (whom he met at a USO dance in England); three children; and six grandchildren.

**1941 (January) George Keleshian** died April 11, 2013. In February, he celebrated his 90th birthday with family and friends. His Armenian parents and siblings fled the genocide during WWI. During WWII, he worked at a defense plant in Bridgeport, CT. A photo engraver, he was partner and owner of Kitab Engraving and Van Allyn Graphics. As a child, he prided himself as a "two sewer" stickball champ. He loved sports and was a league championship bowler, an avid golfer, and fan of the NY Giants, and both the Mets and the Yankees. Many family and friends donated generously to the Alumni Association in his memory. His family said that he was always very proud of his Stuyvesant education, looked forward to the newsletters, and often reminisced about episodes with his teachers and classmates. In 2008, he visited the new Stuyvesant building. He was predeceased by his wife, Eleanor Blajian, whom he cared for during her long illness with Alzheimer's disease. He became a "Volunteer Extraordinaire," at her nursing home, delivering newspapers and lending a helping hand to all. He is survived by his children Donna, Gregory, and Adriane and their families.

**1941 (June) Charles Gilvarg, PhD** (Cooper Union; U. of Chicago, PhD) Princeton Professor Emeritus, died January 6, 2013. He received the American Chemical Society's Paul Lewis Award for outstanding researchers under 40. In 1964, he became a professor at Princeton where he was the first chair of the Biochemical Sciences (which

became Molecular Biology). He worked on amino-acid biosynthesis and transport, and was part of the biochemical-research renaissance during the 1960s and 1970s. At the time of his death, he was working on a biological indicator of early-stage pancreatic cancer. He is survived by his wife, Frieda (who said, "Science was his absolute focus...I was resigned to the fact that he would never be totally retired, even though he pretended to be."); four children; and eight grandchildren.

**1942 (June) Yenwith Whitney** (MIT; Columbia, Doctorate in Education) died April 12, 2011. He served as a fighter pilot in Europe as a member of the elite Tuskegee Airmen, in the Army Air Corps during WWII. After the war, he graduated from MIT on the GI Bill and worked in aeronautical engineering. He joined the Board of Foreign Missions of the Presbyterian Church, and served in Cameroon, West Africa as a teacher of math and physics for ten years. After returning to the USA, he became a lay church executive for the Presbyterian Church. He briefly served as principal of Boggs Academy in Keysville, Ga. He continued his church service as Liaison with Africa and later as Associate for Southern Africa. He was a member of the Boule. He worked with MIT in their recruitment efforts. He also worked with the Tuskegee Airmen Association, giving talks about his wartime experiences. During retirement he served as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church of Sarasota, FL. His first wife, Muriel Johnson, and his second wife, Lorenza Washington, predeceased him. He is survived by two daughters, a step-son, and a grandson.

**1943 (June) Harry Evans** (Queens College) died May 3, 2013. He served in the US Army (1945 to 1947). He was an executive at Ford Motor Company and later Ford Motor Credit Company until retirement in 1984. His wife, Anita Evans, of 63 years donated his June 1943 *Indicator* to the Alumni Office. **Selig (Zel) Wiener** died April 30, 2013. He was a proud Stuyvesant alumnus. He was predeceased by two children. He is survived by his wife of almost 60 years, Rita; and two grandchildren.

**1944 (June) Robert Fogel, PhD** (Cornell; Columbia, MA; Johns Hopkins, PhD), Charles R. Walgreen Distinguished Service Professor of American Institutions, and director of the Center for Population Economics, University of Chicago, Booth School of Business, died June 11, 2013. He won the Nobel Prize in Economics Sciences in 1993 for his work using quantitative methods in economic history (known as cliometrics or econometric history) of

the US railroads, and the economics of slavery in America. His book, *Railroads and American Economic Growth: Essays in Econometric History*, was published in 1964, and his controversial book, co-authored with Stanley Engerman, *Time on the Cross: The Economics of American Negro Slavery*, was published in 1974. Before joining the faculty at the University of Chicago in 1964, he taught at Johns Hopkins, the University of Rochester, and Harvard. His 2002 book, *The Fourth Great Awakening and the Future of Egalitarianism*, deals with the history of American religion and social reform. His wife, Enid Cassandra Morgan, whom he called "his tireless, unpaid research assistant" died in 2007. He is survived by two sons, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. **Robert Marks** died January 3, 2013. He was a veteran of WWII and fought in Combat Infantry in the Okinawa invasion. He was decorated with a combat infantry badge. He worked in the banking field. He was the brother of William Marks, SHS '47. **Richard Stern** (U. of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Harvard, MA; U. of Iowa, PhD) died January 24, 2013. He wrote novels, short stories and essays, and taught literature and creative writing at the University of Chicago from 1955 until he retired in 2001. In 1985, he received the Medal of Merit for the Novel, awarded every six years by the Academy of Arts and Letters. His novels include *Other Men's Daughters* (1973), and *A Father's Words* (1986). An early short story, *The Sorrows of Captain Schreiber*, won an O. Henry award as one of the best short stories of 1954. His first marriage, to Gay Clark, ended in divorce. He is survived by his second wife, Alane Rollings, a poet; four children from his first marriage; and five grandchildren.

**1946 (January) Seymour Lederberg, PhD** (Cornell; U. of Illinois, Urbana, PhD), Professor Emeritus, Brown University, died February 1, 2013. His daughter, Sarah Lederberg Stone, wrote: "My dad was so very proud of his Stuyvesant history." He served in the US Navy during WWII. For over 50 years he was on the faculty at Brown where he served as the Chairman for the Section of Microbiology and Molecular Biology; was a founding member of the Department of Molecular Microbiology and Immunology; was the first Associate Dean for Graduate Studies in Biology and Medicine; and the author of over 30 scientific publications. He was a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). He was also Adjunct Professor of Law and Genetics at Boston University for over 30 years. His research interests included the host-modification system in bacteria; microtubules and the mitotic spindle function; recombinant DNA; and genetics

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and law. Emeritus since 2001, he continued to attend research seminars. He was married to the late Justice Victoria (Santopietro) Lederberg. One of his brothers was Nobel Laureate, Joshua Lederberg, SHS, January '41. He is survived by two children, and six grandchildren.

**1947 (June) Richard Grand, Esq.** (see p. 3).

**1948 (January) Stephen Glaser** (CCNY, Polymer Chemistry) died November 25, 2012. He served in the Army Chemical Corp. on chemical warfare research. He then worked for several companies, including Pratt & Whitney, where he researched the feasibility of nuclear aircraft engines; John L. Dore Co. as sales manager; and EPSCO as president. He later created a holding company which owned interests in many companies in different industries. He and his son then began a business serving polymer production industry. He was also involved in community activities in Houston as a board member of KPFT Pacifica Radio; President of the River Oaks Little League; and involved with the local Democratic Party, ACLU, and other organizations. He was predeceased by his wife, Margaret Doyle Glaser. He is survived by his children, Robert, Barbara Glaser Fryer; and three grandchildren. He was the brother of Josh Glaser, SHS '45, and Jerry Glaser, SHS '48. His son, Robert Glaser, wrote: "He was proud to have been a Stuyvesant graduate, and always conveyed to folks the benefits he received as a student and graduate of the school."

**1948 (June) Edgar "Buddy" Freitag** (Baruch College) died May 30, 2012. He served in the US Army for two years and then worked in advertising for 17 years, becoming the VP of Grey Advertising. He then co-founded United Financial of America, a brokerage and commercial mortgage firm, which he later sold. Between 2007 and 2012, he and his wife, Barbara Freitag, produced on and Off Broadway theater plays and musicals, including many Tony nominated and winning shows. Among others, they were involved with: *The Drowsy Chaperone*; *Memphis*; *The Goat, Or Who is Sylvia*; *Porgy and Bess*; *Nice Work If You Can Get It*; *End of the Rainbow*; *The Homecoming*; *Passing Strange*; *The Miracle Worker*; *Catch Me If You Can*; *West Side Story*; *Legally Blonde*; *In the Heights*; and *All My Sons*. In addition to his wife, he is survived by their four children, and seven grandchildren. **Fred Vidro** (CCNY, Economics/Sociology) died March 26, 2013. He served in the US Army during the Korean War. He worked on online computer systems for the financial industry

for Underwood Corporation and Olivetti Corporation. After his retirement in 1980, he was involved with SCORE (Senior Core of Retired Executives) where he mentored many in business and entrepreneurship. He loved music, especially jazz and Latin music. He and his wife won a bottle of Champagne in a mambo competition on their honeymoon at The Nevele Resort in the Catskills, NY. They traveled through Europe, Asia, and the US. His classmate, Jack Mutoran, said Fred "often spoke fondly of the years he spent at Stuyvesant." He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Florence; two children; and four grandchildren.

**1949 (June) George Juergens, PhD** (Columbia; Oxford, MA; Columbia, PhD, History), Professor Emeritus, History, Indiana University, died February 3, 2013. He served in the US Army from 1956 to 1958 as public relations specialist and as a stringer for local newspapers. After teaching at Dartmouth and Amherst, he joined the faculty of Indiana University in 1967 where he taught the first African American history course. He was the author of *Joseph Pulitzer and the New York World and News From the White House: The Presidential Press Relationship in the Progressive Era*. He won the Amoco Foundation Distinguished Teaching Award, the Student Choice Award, the Student Alumni Council Distinguished Teaching Award and the Brown Derby, twice. He was the recipient of a number of grants for his research, including a Fulbright, a Ford Foundation Fellowship and a National Endowment for the Humanities Senior Faculty Fellowship. George is survived by his wife, Bonnie J. Brownlee; and two sons.

**1950 (January) Morton Lewin** (Princeton, BS, MS, PhD, Electrical Engineering) died February 20, 2013. As a child he played stickball with the "Hawks," and also developed a lifelong passion for music, as both performer and arranger. During the Korean War, he enlisted in the Army Band. He worked at RCA for 14 years, and was awarded more than ten patents and received the "Outstanding Young Electrical Engineer" award from the National Electrical Engineering Society in 1966. In 1972, he became a professor at Rutgers University, where he remained until retirement in 1999. He published *Logic Design and Computer Organization* and *Elements of C*. He played saxophone, piano and jazz flute. He is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Suki; four children; and eight grandchildren.

**1951 (January) Richard Petty** (CCNY) died February 21, 2013. He worked for his family's dry cleaning business while

attending Stuyvesant (where he was one of only a few Black students). After Stuyvesant he served in the US Air Force from 1952 through 1956. During his career at the Naval Ocean Systems Center (NOSC), in San Diego, CA, he received over 20 awards and accommodations for his contributions to satellite design and exemplary management style. He was an avid reader and enjoyed all things mathematical and technological. He prided himself on solving complex math problems, and he never met a gadget he didn't like. He also had an extensive collection of various kinds of music, mostly jazz. He is survived by his wife, Tabor Knight; three daughters; eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

**1951 (June) Jerome Goodman** died August 8, 2012. His daughter, Ariel Bizon, wrote: "He enjoyed his visit back to the school and proudly wore his Stuyvesant T-shirt."

**1952 (January) John Herbst** (Baruch College) died January 10, 2011. He worked as an accountant for more than 40 years, first at various firms in NYC, then self-employed starting in 2000. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Evelyn Gold; four children; and one grandchild.

**1952 (June) George Lee** (CCNY, Civil Engineering) died December 7, 2012. At Stuyvesant he was on the JV track team, baseball and basketball teams. He served as class president; he was also a member of the Winged Foot Society. He was awarded the Bronze Scholarship Certificate and the Silver PSAL Award. He served in the US Marine Corps in Korea and Japan. As an engineer, he specialized in structural engineering, was a lifetime member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and worked on many projects including the Guggenheim Museum and the Jacob Javitz Center. He was Facility Manager for the Tri-Borough Bridge and Tunnel Authority, City Engineer and Deputy Commission of the Department of Public Works (DPW) for the City of Mount Vernon, and was the first African American Commissioner of DPW in the city of New Rochelle. He was predeceased by his first wife, Ernestine Green. He is survived by his second wife, Dallas Berry; two children; and one grandchild.

**1953 Emanuel "Manny" Gold** (Cornell, BA; Cornell Law School) former Democratic NY State Senator from Forest Hills, died January 24, 2013. He was elected to the Assembly in 1970 and in 1971 to the Senate, where he served until 1998. He was the Senate Deputy Minority Leader from 1978 to 1994. In 1996, he was named the Ranking

Member on the Senate Finance Committee. He also served on the Senate's Rules and Judiciary Committees. He sponsored more than 80 laws, included the 1977 "Son of Sam" law, which prevented notorious criminals such as serial killer David Berkowitz from making money by writing their stories. After the Supreme Court overturned the law in 1991, Mr. Gold sponsored a broader statute to assist victims of all crimes. In 1994, he sponsored a law which required that NY State's educational curriculum be expanded so that children are taught about human rights violations, including the Holocaust and slavery. His interests included photography, music and sports. His sons Jeffrey and Adam predeceased him. He is survived by his wife, Judith (Silberfein) Gold; daughter, Sue Gold and son Steve Gold, SHS '78; and two granddaughters.

**1956 Donald Keller** died November 6, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Judith Keller, of 47 years; three sons; and two granddaughters. **Frederick Sweet, PhD** (U. of Alberta, PhD) died March 7, 2013. He was a researcher at Sloan-Kettering Institute for Cancer Research, Rye, NY before joining the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at Washington University. Before he died, he and his wife, Rita Marika Csapo-Sweet, had been investigating the role medical doctors played in genocide in the 20th century, including the Nazi Holocaust and acts of mass murder in Rwanda and Bosnia. He had a Fulbright grant to conduct research in Bosnia-Herzegovina. His wife plans to continue the work. In addition to his wife, he is survived by four children, and four grandchildren.

**1957 Christ Kefalas** (U. of Washington, Seattle; San Diego State, BA, MA Social Work) died April 2, 2012. He served for four years as a medic in the Air Force before earning his degrees. He worked with at-risk youth at San Diego County Probation, Children's Therapeutic Community, and Kaiser Department of Psychiatry. He is survived by his wife, Betsy; and two children. **Ronald Myles** (Queens College) died November 20, 2010. He ran a rehabilitation facility in New York before moving to California in 1989. His wife, Lillian Garcia, died in 2002. He's survived by six children; eight grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**1958 Nunzio Pernicone, PhD** died May 30, 2013. His classmate, Karl Roth, MD, wrote (excerpted): "Nunzio and I formed a friendship as freshman in Dr. Zucker's World History class in 1954, and remained close friends ever since...We began our friendship as sons of leftist parents, mine Trotskyist socialists, his Italian anarchists. My father an immigrant from Vienna, his a Mafia escapee

from Sicily – mine a tool and die maker, his a tailor. It was an era shortly after the fall and demise of Joseph McCarthy, whom both of us knew about intimately from our home lives, and we laughed aloud at Dr. Zucker's obvious attempts to avoid any discussion of Communism in our World History class. Every Wednesday, Nunzio would arrive at Stuyvesant, dressed in a dark suit and a tie, and carrying his pencil thin umbrella, in order to attend the Metropolitan Opera matinee performances, for which he'd buy a standing room ticket on principle. Nunzio subsequently went on to become a foremost international expert on the Italian Anarchist Movement in America, authoring two monographs on the subject, with a third ready for publication shortly. Much of the research work was done in Italy, where he spent two years on two separate Fulbright fellowships. I visited with him a week before his death just after he was named Professor Emeritus at Drexel. I told him that he needed to get well soon, so we could take the trip together to Sicily which we'd talked about for years. He smiled wistfully and said softly, 'That would be nice.' He was taken much too soon, and I will miss him as my oldest and dearest friend."

**1960 Stanley Snadowsky** (Hunter College; Brooklyn Law School), a lawyer and music promoter, died February 25, 2013. While in law school, he and partner Allan Pepper, started promoting concerts in various clubs in NYC. In 1974 they opened the Bottom Line, described in his *New York Times* obituary as "a landmark Greenwich Village nightclub that for 30 years presented artists like Bruce Springsteen, Miles Davis and Billy Joel in a setting often described as one of New York City's great living rooms." *The Times* also stated: "The opening-night concert became legendary, drawing a star-studded audience that included Mick Jagger, Carly Simon and Stevie Wonder, who took to the stage for a jam session with the night's featured headliner, the New Orleans R&B artist Dr. John." Mr. Snadowsky is survived by his wife, Michelle; and two daughters.

**1965 Arthur Jay Schwartz PhD** (U. of Chicago; U. of Pittsburgh, PhD, Physics), died November 21, 2012. He taught at Pittsburgh and Carnegie Mellon before working for aerospace companies in California (as Senior Physicist with Hughes Aircraft Company; and as Technical Director with Science Applications International Corp.). He was a Principal in the business consulting firm Aries Group Ltd; and Executive VP, then Chief Technology Officer at Aura Systems, Inc. He was said to have been grateful and proud to be an alumnus of Stuyvesant. Arthur is survived by his wife of 38 years, Yolanta Schwartz; and two sons.

**1977 Daniel "Danny" Lieberman** (NYU) died October 18, 2012. The Alumni Association is very touched and grateful to have received a bequest from his estate. He worked for 30 years at JP Morgan Chase. His interests were biking and Science Fiction. He founded "ebikes," a listserv. In a Streetsblog.org article titled *Remembering Danny Lieberman, a Gentle Force for Better New York Cycling*, Charles Komanoff wrote: "Before Streetsblog, there was 'ebikes.' Since the early 1990s, this listserv has been a digital village square for New York-area bicycle riders – the place where cyclists share info on routes, gear, events and politics – and an incubator for change as well. Danny Lieberman, the listserv's beloved founder, (was) moderator and guiding spirit, and a mainstay of the 5 Borough Bike Club...Danny and ebikes were a perfect pair: unglamorous, talkative, ecumenical, workmanlike...and essential." Danny served as ride leader for the Five Borough Bicycle Club (5BBC), volunteered for Transportation Alternatives, and served as a marshal and ride organizer at the Montauk Century and Bike New York. He is survived by his mother, Leah Lieberman.

**1978 Roland Laird** (Brown University; NYIT) died February 7, 2013. He was an artist, writer, scientist, political activist, and football fan. He was a leading rusher/scorer on Stuyvesant's football team and placed regionally in track. He was a co-author of *Still I Rise: A Graphic History of African-Americans* (2009). He was CEO of My Image Studios (MIST), an entertainment complex in Harlem. He had been a panelist at the May 2012 "Why Stuy?" diversity event where he spoke about the vital need for Black students at Stuyvesant and other elite schools to have a community in which they could feel comfortable. He is survived by his wife, Taneshia Nash Laid; his daughters, Imani and Naima; family members; and a large network of friends.

**1990 Mark Tuminaro** (Cornell School of Industrial and Labor Relations) died September 20, 2012. He worked for AFL-CIO, Food and Allied Services Trades in Washington, DC. He later worked in New York for the Labor Research Association where he produced radio and TV spots and videos for unions. He was elected First VP of Local 2179 of the UAW. In 2001, he launched Firebrand Productions, continuing his work for unions. He is survived by his parents and sister, Amelia Tuminaro, SHS '93.

## STUYVESANT REUNION CALENDAR

Please see [www.shsaa.org](http://www.shsaa.org) and the class websites for the latest reunion information and online credit card payment. To make sure you're included on invites for reunions, if you haven't already done so, please provide us with your email address by emailing [alumni@shsaa.org](mailto:alumni@shsaa.org) or by filling out the Alumni Update Form at [www.shsaa.org](http://www.shsaa.org).

### 1949 65th Reunion: April 12, 2014

Venue: The Yale Club, NYC  
Contact: Bob Weinberg at (703)534-3919 (phone preferred) or at [bob.weinberg@aya.yale.edu](mailto:bob.weinberg@aya.yale.edu)

### 1954 60th Reunion: 2014

Contact: Joseph Dorinson at [JDorinson@aol.com](mailto:JDorinson@aol.com)

### 1963 50th Reunion: October 5, 2013 \*\*

Venue: Marriott Hotel at the Brooklyn Bridge  
Contacts: Ray Hodell at [rhodell165@gmail.com](mailto:rhodell165@gmail.com)  
Ed Morman at [emorman@gmail.com](mailto:emorman@gmail.com)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/339421096394/>

### 1964 50th Reunion: 2014

Contacts: Harvey Sohnen at [harvey.sohnen@gmail.com](mailto:harvey.sohnen@gmail.com)  
Bart Inkeles at [binkeles@aol.com](mailto:binkeles@aol.com)  
Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/stuyvesant1964/>  
(Please add your email address to the 1964 facebook group to receive a survey and updates. To volunteer contact Harvey or Bart.)

### 1965 50th Reunion: 2015

Contact: Alex Mogileff at [Alex.SHS.Classof65@verizon.net](mailto:Alex.SHS.Classof65@verizon.net)  
(Please contact Alex with your preference for Spring or Fall.)

### 1968 45th Reunion: Fall 2013

Contact: Bob Sherwood at [rsherwood@nj.rr.com](mailto:rsherwood@nj.rr.com)

### 1973 40th Reunion: September 21, 2013 \*\*

Venue: Moran's Restaurant, NYC  
Contact: Elli Barasch at [elli.barasch@gmail.com](mailto:elli.barasch@gmail.com)

### 1970-1980 Multi-Class Picnic: September 21, 2013

Venue: Central Park  
Contact: Hernan Hernandez at [dezcomm@gmail.com](mailto:dezcomm@gmail.com).  
All other classes are welcomed to participate.

**\*\* Online ticket purchase is available, as of this printing, by credit card at [www.shsaa.org](http://www.shsaa.org)**

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### SERVICES

- **Health Insurance:** We are pleased to extend affordable health insurance for alumni living or working in NYC through **Easy Choice Health Plan of New York**. Learn more about this program and sign up at <https://alumni.benekit.com/stuyvesant>

### 1978 35th Reunion: September 21, 2013 \*\*

Venue: S Dynasty, NYC  
Contacts: Leila Monaghan at [leila.monaghan@gmail.com](mailto:leila.monaghan@gmail.com)  
Lilian Hsu at [hsuliliany@gmail.com](mailto:hsuliliany@gmail.com)

### 1984 30th Reunion: April 26, 2014

Contact: Andrew Padaetz at [Padaetz-andrewpadaetz@gmail.com](mailto:Padaetz-andrewpadaetz@gmail.com)  
Facebook: Stuyvesant High School (NYC) - Class of 1984

### 1988 25th Reunion: November 9, 2013 \*\*

Venue: The Maritime Hotel, NYC  
Contacts: Sam Shim, Lisa Tepperberg and Michael Zigman at [stuy88reunion@gmail.com](mailto:stuy88reunion@gmail.com)

### 1993 20th Reunion: November 30, 2013

Venue: LQ, NYC  
Contacts: Matt Wang, Ronald Rapatalo, Nelson Lee & Cindy Nieves at [Stuyreunion93@gmail.com](mailto:Stuyreunion93@gmail.com)  
Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/groups/Stuyreunion93/>

### 1998 15th Reunion: November 29, 2013

Contacts: Alice Kim at [algalsc@gmail.com](mailto:algalsc@gmail.com)  
Shakil Ahmed at [shakil.nyc.ahmed@gmail.com](mailto:shakil.nyc.ahmed@gmail.com)

### 2003 10th Reunion: November 29, 2013

Contacts: Daniel Egers at [egersd@gmail.com](mailto:egersd@gmail.com)  
Alex Herman at [alexmhherman@gmail.com](mailto:alexmhherman@gmail.com)

### 2004 10th Reunion: Fall 2014

Contact: Eleanor Srugo at [eleonora.srugo@gmail.com](mailto:eleonora.srugo@gmail.com)

### 2008 5th Reunion: November 30, 2013

Venue: Tribeca Grand Hotel, NYC  
Contacts: Marta Bralic at [martabralic@gmail.com](mailto:martabralic@gmail.com)  
Gabe Paley at [gabepaley@gmail.com](mailto:gabepaley@gmail.com)  
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