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A Message From The FHHSAA President

Dear Alumni Association Members:

How many of us on New Year's Eve faked our way through some version of what we assumed were the correct lyrics to the eighteenth century Scottish ditty that asks, "Should old acquaintance be forgot and never brought to mind?" Let's admit it, hardly anyone knows all the words to *Auld Lang Syne*, but we know the gist of it is about remembering times gone by and friendships that we treasure. And that's all that really matters, isn't it?

As I reflect on the past year, a highlight was my class's 45th reunion. In 2018, scores of FHHS alumni attended reunions and likewise took that proverbial "cup o' kindness yet, for auld lang syne."

I hope your year was also filled with happy memories and wish you all the best in 2019.

Regards,

Valerie Hodgson '73

President, FHHSAA



Tidbits from TIGERVILLE

Let's hear from our members! Send your news to FHHS1973@earthlink.net

The PTA's 12th Annual Fashion Show Fundraiser will be held on Friday, March 29 at Dyker Beach Golf Course.

For more information, contact PTA gala coordinator Angela Matteucci at (917) 696-7659 or matteucci@gmail.com.

The Fort Shadowing Program is looking for employers willing to help FHHS seniors experience potential careers.

Email Assistant Principal Gregory Abood at gabood@schools.nyc.gov for details about this valuable program. (*You can change a life!*)

Dr. Alice Farkouh '57 welcomed her first great-grandchild, Angelina Rose on Oct. 10. Proud parents are Tyler and Terri Abbott.

Generally Speaking

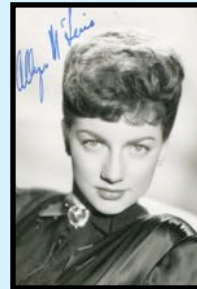
BY TED GENERAL



Letitia "Tish" James '76, has been elected New York State attorney general, historically the first woman to do so. She formerly served as a public defender, an assistant attorney general, was elected as a member of the New York City Council and then to the citywide post of public advocate. A 2005 FHHS Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, Tish is a graduate of CUNY's Lehman College, the Howard University School of Law and holds a master's degree in public administration from Columbia University's Graduate School of International and Public Affairs.



Andrew Gounardes '03, was recently elected to his first term as a New York State senator, representing the 22nd senate district which includes the Bay Ridge area where Fort Hamilton High School is situated. He started his public service career as an aide to fellow FHHS graduate and former state senator and then city councilman Vincent Gentile. While a student at Fort Hamilton, he was selected to serve on the Chancellor's Student Advisory Council. He has been serving as the general counsel to the Brooklyn borough president and is one of the founders of the community group Bay Ridge Cares. Gounardes is a graduate of CUNY's Hunter College and the George Washington University Law School.



Allyn Ann McLerie '44, died on May 21, at the age of 91. She was a world-famous Hollywood, TV and Broadway actress, singer and dancer. Canadian-born, she was brought to Brooklyn at the age of one. At 16, she danced on Broadway in *One Touch of Venus*. Best known for *Where's Charley?*, other Broadway credits included *On the Town* and the revival of *West Side Story* (as Anita.) IMDB.com lists 79 roles. Among the movies she appeared in were *Calamity Jane*, *The Way We Were*, *All the President's Men*, *The Cowboys* and *Cinderella Liberty*. *WKRP In Cincinnati*, *The Days and Nights of Molly Dodd*, *The Tony Randall Show*, *St. Elsewhere*, *Barney Miller*, *The Love Boat*, and *Dynasty* are a few of her TV shows. Her last credited television appearance was in *Brooklyn Bridge*. Allyn Ann was a member of the famed Actors Studio. In 1991, the talented star was inducted into the FHHS Alumni Hall of Fame.

UPCOMING FHHS CLASS REUNIONS

Class of 1953

Luncheon club
meets twice a year
Chadwick's 8822 3rd Ave., B'klyn
Contact Bob Casale for details:
RobertFCasale@aol.com
(516) 759-0939

Class of 1964 55th reunion

In the early planning stage
Tentatively to be held in the spring
Your input is appreciated! Contact:
Linda Francis: grammmlin@aol.com (954) 515-2456
Joan Dacken: joandacken@aol.com (917) 822-4578

Class of 1969 50th reunion

Dinner-Dance Saturday, May 4
Rex Manor, 1100 60th St., B'klyn
Informal gathering Friday, May 3
Best Western Gregory Hotel 8315 4th Ave., B'klyn
Contact: Ruth Ettenberg Freeman
positiveparent@gmail.com
(860) 933-1371
Facebook: "FHHS class of '69"

Class of 1979 40th reunion

Sunday, October 13, 6:00 - 10:00 PM
Dyker Beach Golf Course, 86th St. & 7th Ave., B'klyn
\$135 per person includes cocktail hour, dinner buffet,
open bar with premium liquor and DJ
Space is limited - RSVP ASAP!
Contact: Ann Ward
fhhs1979reunion@gmail.com
Join the group on Facebook:
facebook.com/groups/FHHS1979/

Remembering A Friend And Some Reflections On The Past 52 Years

By David Whitebook

I joined the faculty of Fort Hamilton H.S. in September 1966 as a young and enthusiastic math teacher. My first impression of the school was, "Wow! This looks like an upscale country club." The campus was beautiful, students were allowed out for lunch, and classes were held in a single session with annual organization (where students have the same classes throughout the entire school year, as in elementary school.) Another unique aspect of the school was that the general turmoil which existed in America in the '60s seemed to have bypassed Fort Hamilton. Yes, there were differences of opinions about the Vietnam War and other hot-button issues, but there was no bitterness between those who held different opinions. Fort Hamilton's students were special: they were really nice kids and they genuinely liked each other. The teachers liked each other as well. While I'd heard accounts of conflicts between parents and faculty at other schools, we all worked together amicably at Fort Hamilton. There was a camaraderie that I see in existence to this day.

What stirred these recollections of my early years at the Fort was the recent passing of a dear friend. **(Louise) Anne Calder** was the mother of several FHHS students and she served as president of the PTA for the 1977 – 1978 academic year. Under Anne's leadership, the PTA worked hand-in-hand with the school chapter of the United Federation of Teachers, student leaders and community leaders to deal with and ultimately obtain a satisfactory solution to a problem that challenged school unity. She set a sterling example that was emulated by succeeding PTA leaders.

I am saddened by Anne's passing; however, I am comforted by that old saying, "The more things change, the more they stay the same." Fort Hamilton still has a beautiful campus (despite the module classrooms and the ongoing building renovations.) Demographics have changed, yet the students are as nice today as they were 50 years ago. I am optimistic that the future will make us proud not only of new and innovative programs at the school, but of the fact that in its core values the school is the same wonderful place we always loved.

THEATER NIGHT Friday, May 10

\$44 per person includes dinner at Chadwick's
8822 Third Avenue, Brooklyn

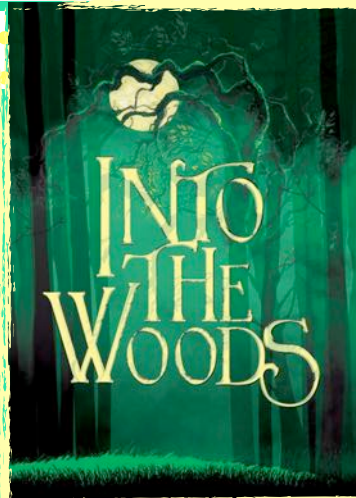
& **INTO THE WOODS**, at the school

Dinner is at 4:30 Curtain time is 7:00 PM

to RSVP, call David Whitebook: (609) 655-9108
or email Dr Alice Farkouh: abf718@aol.com

Send payment to:

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INTO THE WOODS

opens at FHHS on May 8
and runs through May 11 :

May 8 @ 4pm

May 9-11 @ 7pm

May 11 @ 2pm

Also at FHHS:

SPRING CONCERTS

May 22 & 23 @ 7pm

There will be a dance concert
and other performance groups
in May and June, too!



SPOTLIGHT on Very Reverend Father John E. Hamatie '64

Fr. John E. Hamatie has been blessed

with a loving family that includes five children and two grandsons plus
a vocation that he relishes as pastor at St. George Antiochian Orthodox Church of Orlando, FL.

In 1991, Fr. John was inducted into the FHHS Alumni Hall of Fame. The good work he was doing which

warranted his induction continues as he's been serving his parish and community for 45 years now. That work includes running a homeless feeding center in downtown Orlando which provides meals (and other assistance) to hundreds of people in need six days a week. He also created CIAO, the Christian Islamic Alliance of Orlando. A staunch opponent of xenophobia, his mission is not to convert people, but to create a synergistic atmosphere that encourages the two religions' leaders to hold their members accountable when members' actions do not reflect upon, for Christians, actions of love, or for Moslems, actions of peace.

In another part of Orlando, one message is clear: "It's a Small World." Fr. Hamatie knows that's true and his dream is to see the fruition of a Multi-Ethnic Cultural Center which would build bridges, uniting people of different ethnic backgrounds and cultures.

Fr. John has been back to Bay Ridge for high school reunions and may be here in 2019 for his class's 55th.

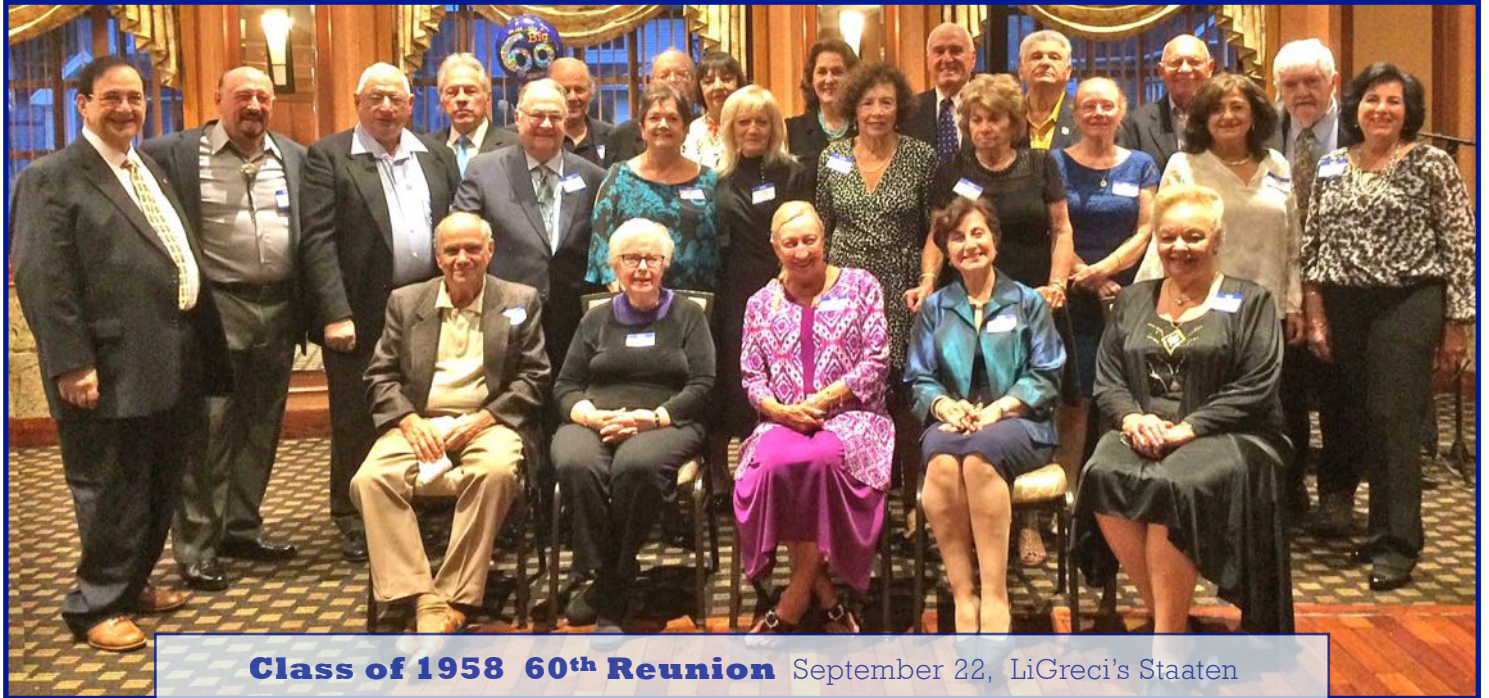
There are other sites to see in Orlando besides Disney World, and alumni are welcome to call him
at (321) 663-4003 or visit at St. George's, 24 North Rosalind Avenue, Orlando, FL 32801.

The building is listed in the National Register of Historic Places.

And the weather is nice and warm - most times!



Reunions 2018



Class of 1958 60th Reunion September 22, LiGreci's Staaten

In alphabetical order: Elizabeth Acampora Aylward, Neil Capolongo, Joseph Ferrara, Ronald Gargiulo, Andrine LaSalla Giuliano, Constance Olsen Glynn, Joseph Grancio, June Plancher Grancio, Margaret Baumann Hands, Phyllis Courtney Kaminsky, Edie Frey Kessler, Samuel Kirdahi, Robert A. Marra, Peter Mincieli, Michael Moylan, Marian Zagby Russo, Janet Orfaly Sadaka, Christina Sgarlato, Dominic Sorrentino, Theresa Grossi Sorrentino, Carl N. Swalling, Jr., Robert Tobiassen, Louise Segreto Urban, William Urban, Barbara Venito



Class of 1978 40th Reunion September 28, Dyker Beach Golf Course

In alphabetical order: Alexis Alexande, Domingo Alons, Debbie Anderson Maguire, Cecilia Ayala Seminara, Liz Azrak Warner, Laura Balukas Pfister, Frank Barbuscia, Billy Boshell, Steve Bov, Jeanne Buzzetta Sacaccio, Paula Canizio Donohue, Mary Cappabianca McCord, Jamie Checkett McLaughlin, May Chee, Eleni Coffinas, Rose Colandrea Bove, Donald Connelley, Marianne Curran Fezza, Doreen Dellis, Joann Dicolandrea Sarni, Teri Domanico Coppola, Daphne Donas Ruben, Margo Farley, Barbara Fiore, Vinny Gambino, Paulette Gasparino Sperling, Andrea Georges Stavrakas, Cesar Gonzalez, Stephanie Hennie Stephens, Debbie Jensen Russo, Agatha Karakassonis Skoufalos, Nancy Kiefer Fasano, Diana Kokeas Donnelly, Jodi Kravitz Parlato, Mary LaGray Brybag, Nicole Lanigan Muccigrosso, Vicky Lellos Dontis, Carol Lynaugh, David Maldonado, Lia Malvone Fisher, Gail Marcello Hansche, Peter McCarthy, Timmy McNellis, Arleen Meberg Holmes, Peter Michalos, Antigone Mihalis Hatzimihalis, Tricia Molloy Reyer, Helen Nicolopoulos Planzos, Margaret O'Connor Malson, Karen Pederson Mavica, Sue Piller, Howie Poret, Mary Postler Adelhelm, Joe Ramirez, Jeannette Ross Mahoney, John Serpic, Diane Simak Taub, Arnie Solomon, Alice Sorensen-Bauman, Camille Striano Contessa, Jeanie Tepedino Ford, Mark Tettonis, Joanna Tettonis Succar, Nick Theodorakis, Cindy Tjornhom Stevens, Shirley Tom Byrne, Roxanne Tsagakis Kordazakis, Franny Vellios, Guillermo Vera, Diane Villanueva, Ruth Voller, Ann Whelehan Dragon, George Xantho.

Also in attendance: Michael D'Ambrosio, Tony Liggieri, David Whitebook



Class of 1973 45th Reunion September 23, Hunter's Steak & Ale House

Seated (l-r): Gail Burwa, Jody Hedlund Campderrich, Liz Barca, Tom Marley, Mary Beth Alexander, Andrejs Krutainis
Standing: Valerie Hodgson, Denise Khoury Panella, Amelia Gilberg Sobel, Barbara Lodato Guida, Connie Li Madeo, Susan Nilsen Kupsch, Doreen Sarkis Conner, George Garwood, Jimmy Fisher, Roseann Steo Burro, Jimmy Coleman
Special guests (not in photo): Michael D'Ambrosio, Frank Carucci and David Whitebook

Front (l-r): Anna Soler, Lynn (Niven) Greer, Michael D'Ambrosio, David Whitebook, Melissa (Mazza) Abramowitz, Anthony Esposito, Andrea (Haag) Esposito.
Center: Freddy Haro, Shirley Chen, Joyce (Brady) Carney, Elaine (Brophy) Garvey, Christine (Casaretti) Brower, Rosemary Tedesco, Lisa (Mancini) Brezinski, Nicoleta (Franov) Skoljarev, Alyssa Bush, Kim Perez, Sean Long, Nicole Papamichael, Robert O'Hare.
Rear: Cristina (Castano) Cancelleri, Veronica Vega, Paul Ward, Chan Yan, Wilson Haro, Ruben Diaz, Elliot Lamboy, John Samakovoulis, Stephen Decarlo



Class of 1988 30th Reunion September 29, The Pearl Room



Class of 1998 & Friends 20th Reunion September 22, Vesuvio

Alphabetically: Marina Alekseywenko, Nando Ateho, Gabrielle Mazayer-Ateho, Leonardo Atehortua, Stacy Bliagos, Nicole (Colonna) Cilento, Desiree Dimizio-Fox, Andrew Dykes, Jose Frias, Dan Hall, Katrina Jencius, Michelle (Jehle) Klemm, Danny (Falkov) Krimgold, Leigh (Graves) Kornishev, Amy (Schneider) Lewis, Steven Kvalheim, Felicia Madimenos, Vanessa Mercurio Szajnoga, Richard Naswary, Cheryl Pawlowski, Irene Prinzi-valli-Irizarry, Stephanie (Romano) & Dave Spangler, Maria (Caraballo) & Naman Trivedi

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**A plaque has been erected outside the school library for the names of Gold and Silver Lifetime Members.*

Please check one: Renewal _____ New Member _____ Lifetime Member updating information _____

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General Membership expires on December 31, 2019

Thank you for your support!

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Year of Graduation:

Name of Business:

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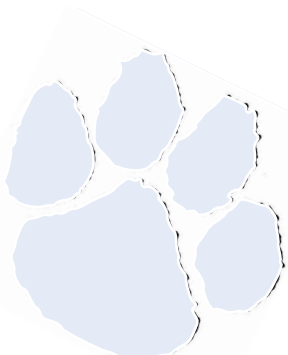
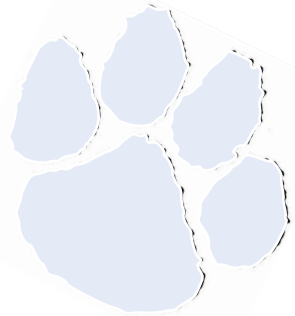
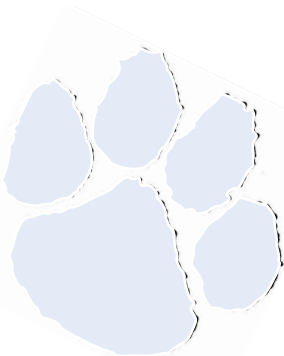


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TO RENEW**

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