THE CLASS OF 1952

Who's Who & Where
The scholastic year that led to the graduation of 1952 resonated with the presence of Harry Noble Wright, the sixth president of City College. It was to this man, whose hand clasps theirs in halting reluctant departure, that they, the graduation seniors, dedicated their yearbook. In the dark, somber war days, when some were still in junior high schools throughout the city, he was made president of the college. And, through the decade there after has been indelibly marked by international strife and restless peace, by student unrest, by days of glory and hours of defeat, through all Harry Noble Wright firmly led their college, the City College.

The Centennial Fund Drive came to a temporary halt, and already the College was reaping some of the fruits of its endeavors, for examples, “History of City College”, became the first book to be published by the City College Press. Another Centennial Project, a revamped Publicity Department, announced that since its creation the College had become one of the nation’s five most publicized schools, appearing from twenty to twenty-two thousand times a year in American newspapers. It boasted that “twenty million more people are cognizant of the fact that there is a City College.”

On the field of sports contending, it was during this year that it finally looked as if the College was going to have a winning football team; at least judging from the 59-0 win against Susquehana University in the season’s opener. Rave notices began to appear, and a new gridiron star was born in the person of Johnny Lasak, whose three touchdowns, one on a 102 yard dash, made Lavender history. However, by an odd twist of fate, Mr. Lasak passed away the following Monday and the rejoicing quickly ended. With the end of November, the college returned to the Garden with great hopes for its basketball squad. “We were a sure thing for the 1952 Olympics,” is what was on everyone’s mind. Unfortunately, the team lost its share of games, but managed to get a bid to the National Invitations. In the quarter finals, much to everyone’s surprise, City gave Kentucky, the then court idol, the worst beating of its life. The sporting world was so amazed at the upset, that even the Kentucky Legislature actually considered a measure to lower its flags at half mast.

The February term began. For a time it seemed that the Knickerbocker-Davis affair – an investigation into the unequal treatment of Jewish students – would quietly pass. One bright and sunny April morning CCNY students were welcomed with the first day of a strike and found the campus swarming with what seemed to be half of New York’s Police force. The first pickets took their position at 8 A.M. in front of the Main Building and began shouting “Jim Crow Must go!”, “Wright is Wrong!”, “Down with the Knickerbockers!”, and “How Do You Spell Scab? R-A-T!” The police, hoping to break up the demonstration before it got out of hand, decided to stop the picket lines from organizing, by ordering the marchers to go back to class. When the group refused, the police captain ordered the random arrest of twenty picketers. This only heightened the explosive situation. Three thousand students were out of class by either joining in the marching or just lounging around the flag pole.

With the coming of a warm breeze on a certain June evening and an hour or two in an open convertible parked on the Palisades overlooking the Hudson, City College Seniors donned their overcoats and shawls, called for their dates, and made their way through the frigid streets of New York to the Belvedere Roof of the Fashionable Hotel Astor. Contrary to the popular tradition of holding the Senior Prom on a warm evening in the month of
June, the Class of 1952 staged its great event in December of 1951. The band called themselves the Ionians. To the eye, they were nothing more than a group of fellows with the usual woodwind, stirring, brass or percussion instruments; but to the ear, the music they made was as pleasing as the tune of a Straight A average. The Astor’s banquet staff whipped up a fine menu for the occasion. To the prom-goer, it seemed as if the chef, the band and their own Prom committee had conspired to make the evening most entertaining. But to the trite, all good things must come to an end. The dream was over…Once again they stepped into the streets of the city. Yet to many who were in midtown Manhattan that morning, there was no sound other than the closing strains of Lavender fading off into the echo chamber of a cold, cold night.

Into the limited confines of 1400 memorable days were packed all the joy and despair, the hope and disillusionment, the struggle and compromise—the “stuff” of which life is made. Few, perhaps, may again live so much of a life in so short a time. And none will ever forget the years that are now behind. Years in which they became men and women.

---Ronnel Berry, Class of 2012
Norman Abramowitz, B.A., M.A.: I graduated from CCNY in 1952 with a B.A. in Liberal Arts and a major in History and a Phi Beta Kappa award. I was born in the Bronx and came to CCNY from De Witt Clinton H.S. as poor as a temple mouse. At Clinton, I was Secretary of the Frederick Douglas Society and a member of the Government-Law Society. CCNY was a free college then, and it was the best luck and decision to attend that I have made in my entire life.

Professors were superb, subjects were generally fascinating, and I was even required to pass a swimming test and a test in speaking English without a NYC accent (then called “foreignism”) in order to graduate. Drowning was a risk worth taking for the great education I received and the friends I made, and I even got $100 in my senior year for food and clothing from the College Fund. I was a member of the NAACP.

I then received an assistantship award from the University of Tennessee (possibly the first Bronxite to that date to attend) and graduated with an M.A. in American History and Political Science. I served two years in the U.S. Army Signal Corps (Korea). I started teaching at Stuyvesant H.S., then William Cullen Bryant H.S., then WNYE, the NYC Board of Education radio station. I was one of the first high school teachers in New York City, and possibly the first in NYC, to teach an Advanced Placement course in American History. I was also the 2nd in the school to join a teachers union, later becoming an elected 11-year member of the Executive Board of the United Federation of Teachers (AFL-CIO) and a friend of Al Shanker, who was its president at the time.

I left for a job at the NYS Education Department at the Center for Foreign Area Studies in Albany in 1965, where I helped develop a curriculum for the Regents exams, in service courses in Asian and African cultures and religions, and in time, became the Bureau Chief of Social Studies. After retirement, my wife and I moved to Illinois, where I now live. We have two grown children and three grandkids.

My interest in politics remains strong and I remain active in helping the good people in my town to keep it honest and fair to all, and to elect officials in Illinois, my town and county, who support the working class, the poor and indigent and those who define good government as a vehicle to benefit the nation and not merely themselves and the wealthy.

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Upon entering the Army in 1952, I was assigned to Walter Reed Army Hospital in medical research and served in Korea and Japan as part of the Hemorrhagic Fever research project; during this period, I published technical articles on health-related subjects, such as determining protein bound iodine in blood. In 1954, I was discharged and entered Columbia University.

In 1955, I joined Dorr-Oliver in Westport, Connecticut in the R&D section, doing process development for the mining and sugar industries. In 1963, I joined Nichols Engineering in New York City as Senior Project Manager, handling multi-million dollar contracts for PVC, Sugar & Sewage Sludge plants. In 1968, I joined Fertilizers & Chemicals, Ltd in Israel as Technical Advisor on investment opportunities and new processes. In this capacity, I was responsible for the largest single sale of phosphate rock (500,000 tons) from Israel to Mexico.

I joined WITCO, a specialty chemical company, in 1970 as Technical Coordinator in their international division headquarters in Belgium. In 1971, I transferred to corporate headquarters in New York. In 1973, I became Vice President of the international division with responsibility for managing the flow of technical information between international and domestic operations. In 1983, I became Vice President/Technical Director of the Corporate Chemical Group, where I was responsible for the patent committee, the transfer of know-how, and licensing of technology, which resulted in multi-million dollar royalties. I handled special assignments for the Chairman of the Board regarding investment opportunities in Australia and Malaysia; I also organized exhibits at international trade fairs in Russia, Italy, and Romania.

I helped in the technical development of firefighting foams for both the Israeli and French markets, and worked on MAP for use in fighting forest fires. I have lived and worked in Puerto Rico, Mexico, Japan, Belgium, and Israel. I was a partner in Cintas Elasticas de Guadalajara, a manufacturer that makes elastic products for the textile industry with a staff of 40 people. I also consulted for India Glycols, Ltd, headquartered in New Delhi.

I am a consultant to and director of Acotech Services, a consulting firm advising the building industry on code compliance for fire safety and protection. Clients include engineering and architectural firms as well as property owners.
In 1993, I became a director of Vulcan International, which processes rubber and other polymers into industrial products. Vulcan is a publicly traded company (symbol VULC). I am a member of AIChE, NYSA, NSPE, NYSPE, ABET (Cert.), and NYFA.

I am married to Susan J. Berne of Nyack, New York; we reside in New York City. Fond memories of CCNY include learning to play lacrosse and summer session team projects in chemical engineering. Another fond memory is listening to music at Lewisohn Stadium.

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Anna Alterman, B.S.Ed.: was an education major, as well as a member of the Education Society and the Philosophy Society. She married David Alterman in December of 1950. They have a daughter, Ava, who is a judge, and two sons—Daniel, who is a doctor, and Harvey, an engineer. Anna retired in 1990 from her career as a teacher in New York City’s public schools. She currently enjoys mentoring high school students.

Memories: “Dissecting specimens in biology with Professor Asher Treat. Singing in the City College Chorus, conducted by Professor Fritz Jahoda. Playing ping pong in Army Hall.”

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From 1950-1966, he was Chief Chemist of the Hotel Corp. America Food Lab. From 1979-1981, he was Strategic Planning Manager of the Corporate Division of General Foods. He was Technical Development Director of the Development Division of General Foods from 1981-1986. For the next five years (1986-1991), Earl was Center Manager of Product Development for General Foods. He retired in 1993.

Earl is a former member of the American Chemical Society, the Institute of Food Technologists (Executive Board 1978-1986), and the American Frozen Food Research Council (1973-1976). He was a member of the board of the Science and Technology and Entry Program from 1988-1991. This was followed by service as a Director of the Higher Education Extension Service followed Science and Technology. He is also a former member of the New Rochelle Hospital Medical Center (Board of Governors 1993-2003), the United Way of Westchester (he served as the President of the New Rochelle branch from 1985-2004), and the Westchester Planning Board (2000-2004). He is an emeritus member of both Sigma Pi Phi (1983) and Kappa Alpha Psi. In addition, he is a recent member of the Army-Navy Club (1999).

Earl is the owner of several patents, including Frozen Dough Rising, Lo Calorie Bread Shrimp, and Aerosol Pancakes.

Memories: “ROTC training and the camaraderie we shared as ROTC students.”

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Lila Krieger Breslow, B.B.A.: Upon graduation, I worked for about 4 to 5 years in the dress and bridal markets of the New York Garment Center.

I met my husband and married in 1954 and continued to work until my first child, Stuart, was born in 1956. Then came Adam (1961) and Jill (1962). I was a stay-at-home mom until 1974, when I was offered a position at a special education site. I furthered my education in education and worked until retirement in 1996.

Although I never pursued a business career after my children’s births, I never forgot the wonderful education and friendships I made at CCNY downtown.

Today, I am a widow for several years. I am the proud parent of a lawyer, a doctor, and a business executive. Also, I’m the proud grandparent of 6 grandchildren.

When I look back, I see that I had many good things to be thankful for.

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Dr. Jerry Cassuto, B.S., M.D.: was born in November, 1931 in New York City and received his premedical training at the City College of New York, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree, cum laude, in 1952. He earned a medical degree from State University of New York College of Medicine in 1956, where he was elected to Alpha Omega Alpha (Medical Honor Society). Following two more years’ active duty as a lieutenant in the U.S. Navy Medical Corps, he entered an occupational medicine residency program at the University of Rochester, receiving an Atomic Energy Commission Fellowship. In 1960, he was awarded a Master of Science degree in Occupational Medicine. He has also taken many post-graduate courses, including Occupational Psychiatry and a course at the Columbia University School of Public Health.

From 1961-1964, he was Medical Director of Aerojet General Corporation. From 1964-1965, he was its Northeastern Region Medical Director. From 1965-1969, he was Staff Medical Director of Western Electric, Co. He became the company’s General Medical Director in 1969 and held the position till 1984. From 1984-1987, he was Corporate Medical Director of AT & T.

Dr. Cassuto has been an Assistant Clinical Professor of Community and Family Medicine since 1981. In 1973, he was elected Vice President of the College of Preventive Medicine. He was President of the American Academy of Occupational Medicine in 1979. He was also elected to the Ramazzini Society (named after the “Father of Occupational Medicine”, with membership limited to 30 leaders in the field.)

In addition to numerous committee affiliations, Dr. Cassuto has also been published in many trade publications, and given many presentations. Among them are “Prevention of the Coronary Disease” (American Heart Association Conference, 1967); “The Female in the Workplace” (13th Annual Institute of Occupational Medicine, 1978); and “Health Care Cost Containment” (Annual American Occupational Health Conference, 1985).

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Vera Irene Greenidge Clarke, M.S.Ed.: I grew up in Harlem on 122nd Street, and graduated from Walton High School (all girls). I chose CCNY because it was known for excellence, and was located at 137th Street in Harlem.

I played on the Women’s Varsity Basketball Team. I remember Mrs. Marguerite Wulfers and Professor Hendel with pleasure. I remember when Eleanor Roosevelt spoke to the Christian Association. She looked younger in person than she did in the papers, and was impressive.

The Campus newspaper said that you had to go down to the printer and put the paper to bed. My father required all of his children to be home after dark. Therefore, I was never a real Campus member.

My happiest memory is of the CCNY team winning the NIT and NCAA Championships in 1950. My saddest memory is of the arrest of the players for cheating, in 1951.

When I entered CCNY, I was told that the Black students occupied two tables in the cafeteria “day and night”. I went to check and it was true. That was the place to make friends. I wore bobby sox, as I had in high school. Bob Clarke and Vince Harding thought that was funny, and called me the “sox girl”. Years later, I married Bob Clarke.

Marvin Kalb advised me to study Russian. He said his older brother had told him to do that. My answer was “No!” When I saw him years later on TV, as Marvin Kalb, reporter, I was sorry that I had refused.

Professor Berger said that I had a Southern/West Indian accent. I took his class for one term to lose the accent. I still don’t hear any difference in my speech.

When I was ready to graduate, I was required to take a test or write a paper. A friend recommended that I take a course with a teacher who taught at Columbia as well as at CCNY: “If you can’t get him for the writing course, wait until next year. He makes everything so clear”. When our teacher explained the same idea later, it was crystal clear.

Two of my sisters followed me into CCNY. Elissa dropped out of school to marry. Yvonne, the baby of the family, won a scholarship to Howard University. There, she “had a great time” and lost the scholarship. She then enrolled at CCNY, and also earned an M.S.Ed.

I met my husband in the cafeteria during my first year at CCNY. He was a veteran who had returned to college to complete his last year. He was bright, smart, and funny. Robert Llewellyn Clarke became a chemist, and taught at Bronx Community College. In 1966, with a team from Cornell University, we went to Liberia, where he taught at a college for three years. While there, I ran a nursery school. During this period, we visited Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal, Sierra Leone, and Dakar. It was a wonderful experience.

My husband died in 2007. I now take gym classes, and work on my gait and balance. I taught in the
public school system in New York for my entire career. I began at P.S. 186 (now closed), where I was a student teacher, requested by the principal, Mr. Casper, to stay and teach there. At IS 144 I was elected teacher mentor by my fellow English teachers. I was a member and once President of the Bronx Reading Council. I am a member of the NY State Reading Council, and the International Reading Association. I belong to the NAACP and support the Southern Poverty Law Center.

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He has worked for several consulting engineering firms on highway construction projects and for several NYC Departments. Through the years, he has made proposals for, among other things: a Second Avenue subway line in New York City (1968); the installation of a tape for the Monroe calculator (1966); and, in a letter to General Motors, flashing lights to warn of slow moving vehicles (1966).

Memories: “My mother being at the commencement ceremonies. The basketball team winning both the NCAA and NIT tournaments in 1951.”

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From 1957-59, he served as a Captain in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. He was a primary care physician in Rego Park, Queens from 1960-1998, when he retired. He is a current member of the Queens County Medical Society, A.M.A., and B’nai Brith.

Bernard has been married for 56 years to Barbara Landesman, a graduate of Queens College. They have four daughters, who were all accepted to Ivy League schools; one daughter went on to attend Harvard Medical College.

Memories: “I thoroughly enjoyed my 4 years at CCNY. It was the only college I could afford to attend. I remember watching and cheering the basketball team as they won the 1950 NCAA & NIT championships. I also fondly recall the wonderful biology courses at CCNY, and getting accepted to medical school.”

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Henry Robert Fleck, B.C.E.: I grew up in Queens, New York. I graduated from Haaren High School. I chose CCNY because of the location, and its standing in the field of engineering. I was a member of ASCE and Sigma Phi Omega while at CCNY. My hobbies are skiing and travel.

Highlights of my career: I was a member of the technical staff at Rockwell International from 1952-1987, where I worked on fighter aircraft and the F1 main stage rocket engine for the Apollo space craft. I then worked as a consultant to the Nuclear Regulator Commission.

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Dr. Joseph Frank, B.E.E., M.S.E.E., Ph.D.: I graduated from Brooklyn Technical High School in January, 1948 with the intention of studying to be an electrical engineer. Since my father died when I was twelve years old, and my mother was supporting the two of us on a very modest bookkeepers’ salary, my only option was to attend City College. I got a job as a lab technician and started to attend City College at night. I spent a lot of time calculating how long it would take me to complete the 140 credits required for the B.E.E. degree in those days. No matter how hard I tried, I could not get the time down to less than nine years.

Fortunately, during that first semester, I received the good news that I had won a New York State scholarship, which paid the grand sum of $250 per semester. However, that was enough to enable me to transfer to the day session from which I graduated four years later, while managing to hold down a few part-time jobs. I still remember my first day-session registration: I was sent from one end of the main building (now Shepard Hall) to the other end a seemingly endless number of times in search of my records, until a kindhearted secretary found them in the evening session office.

My years at City College were wonderful. I enjoyed the material: I especially remember my classes with Professors Brenner, Taub, and Froelich. Professor Froelich, perhaps the only female member of the engineering faculty, was kind enough to arrange an interview for me through which I secured my first job after graduation. In addition, I made many friends and joined a House Plan, which opened up the world of girls and dating to me.
Our House Plan, which remained together for a few years after graduation, had many Friday night parties with girls from House Plans from Brooklyn College and Hunter College. It was at one of these parties I met the girl who has been my wife for almost 57 years. The House Plan was very successful in this regard as about eight of my friends also married girls they met at these parties.

During these years, I was an officer in the student chapter of the I.R.E. and was elected to the honorary fraternities Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu. After graduation, I worked for two years at the ITT laboratories in New Jersey, working on guided missile circuitry. Then I was drafted into the Army, where I worked as an engineer at the Aberdeen Proving Grounds. After being discharged from the Army, I worked for four years at Columbia University’s Electronics Research Laboratory, and for four years at RCA’s developmental laboratory working on radar and communication systems.

During this time, I had done some part-time teaching at City College in the electrical engineering department in the evening session, but I was surprised when I got a call from the chairperson of the department, offering me a full-time teaching job as a special lecturer. It involved taking a cut in pay, but it was something I really wanted and my wife encouraged me to take it. After four years at City, I obtained a tenure-track position at Newark College of Engineering (now called the New Jersey Institute of Technology), where I remained for 33 years, until I retired.

I found college teaching to be a very satisfying career choice since it forced me to continue learning. For example, I developed a course in digital signal processing and a graduate course in detection theory, both topics I never studied formally, but learned on my own. During my working years, I was attending graduate school at night and obtained my M.S.E.E. from Columbia and a Ph.D. in electrical engineering from Polytechnic University. Writing a thesis while working full-time was not an easy task for me, but I managed to get it done. My wife was also into graduate education, and, despite raising three wonderful children, she was also going to graduate school at night. We took turns being at home with the children.

It was a very special year for us when we both received our Ph.D. degrees. We celebrated by taking our family on a five-week trip to Israel and Europe. Our three children also seem to have caught the education bug, as each has earned three degrees.

My wife was the Chief of Epidemiology at the New York State Office of Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services. For more than twenty years, she also represented NYC twice a year at national and international meetings held in various places around the world. I was able to join her after the meetings and thus we were able to visit many wonderful places. We still enjoy travelling and since we have retired, we spend about six weeks each winter in Palm Springs, California.

We still live in the same house in Brooklyn that we purchased more than 52 years ago, not far from Sheepshead Bay, where we sailed a small boat for many years. Now that I am retired, I spend quite a bit of time in the public libraries where I pursue my interest in the history of science and mathematics. I also spend time riding my bicycle when the weather is nice. We have three grandchildren whom we are extremely fond of, and we try to see them whenever possible, which means driving to Connecticut or Massachusetts.

In conclusion, I would like to say that both my wife and I are extremely grateful to the City University
for the opportunities it gave us. (My wife’s three degrees are all from the City University.) Neither of us
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Solomon is currently a member of the American Bar Association, the New York State Bar Association, the Association of the Bar of the City of New York, and the Paramount Country Club (formerly known as the Dellwood Country Club.) He has also published several law review articles.

He was married to his wife Priscilla for 43 years; she passed away on July 9, 2009. They had five children together: June (who passed away on June 11, 1952), Carrie, Stephen, Jordan, and Jill. He has six grandchildren.

Memories: “I chose City College because it was free. Otherwise, I might not have been able to attend college. I remember John Bauer (Psychology), who was one of my most significant professors and a great influence upon me.”

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Except for a stint as a stock broker from 1960-1962, Leonard has been a professor in the CUNY system since 1955, as well as a union leader-delegate. He is a former member of the Disabled Veterans of America Veterans of Foreign War (he served as a sergeant in Korea from 1952-54). He is a current member of the New York Historical Society and the Lincoln Society.

Ira counts serving in the Korean War and earning his Ph.D. at Yeshiva University through the G.I. Bill as major turning points in his life.

He has received three Awards from the National Endowment for Humanity for his published work on: The U.S. Constitution (UCLA Berkeley, 1987); Moby Dick (San Bernardine, 1988); and American and Latin American Literature (1990). Ira has also won sixteen gold medals in senior tennis tournaments, including two gold medals and three silver medals from tournaments in California. In addition to tennis, Ira also enjoys gardening. He is also still active as a teacher; although he officially retired in 1991, he is currently teaching a history class at Queens College.

Ira is the proud father of five children: a doctor, a biology teacher, an entrepreneur, an elementary school teacher, and a singer.

Memories: “The Horn and Hardet restaurant. On 23rd Street, winning the National Basketball Championship. I can still sing all the words to Lavender.”

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Clifford is a life member of ASCE, AWWA, and BAANNJ. He is also a Diplomate of the Academy of Environmental Engineers; a member of CEAG at CCNY, EWB at CCNY, EWB at NYC, and secretary of the 200 Club. He has published several articles and given lectures on engineers in construction, and ethics in engineering. He is the recipient of awards and honors such as the Builders Association Award.

He and his wife have been married for 61 years; they have four children.

Memories: “CCNY provided an excellent grounding. But by working days and studying nights, the education was enhanced. Daylight during the final year—the prior years were in night school.”

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Ira Goldstein, B.A.: I graduated from CUNY and went on to NYU Law School. Before I finished law school, the Army grabbed me and I ended up at Fort Ben Harrison in 1955, being trained to be secretary. I went to Germany and was stationed in Augsburg from 1955-56. In college, I got a Masonic Award and was Phi Beta Kappa. In law school, I was on the editorial board of the Law Review.

I was married in 1954 to a wonderful College lady, Thelma Zucker. We have two great daughters and four grandchildren ranging in age from 22 to 24.

I went into private practice in 1956, and in 1959, I joined Metromedia. Metromedia transferred me to Los Angeles, California, where the family lived for about seven years. I returned to New York in 1970 and worked for Reeves for a while. Then I went into private practice and was partner at Moses & Singer. I left Moses & Singer to become General Counsel of Metromedia from 1983-1985. I joined Pryor Cashman as counsel in 1986 and remain there today. I have had great fun in my legal career; I received an award for public service and traveled the globe.

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Yvette Gralla, B.S.E.C.E.: When I arrived at City College in September 1948, I was a 17-year old high school graduate from the Bronx, from a loving and very overprotective family.

When I left City four years later, I had become an adult. I was ready to embark confidently on a teaching career. And I had met my future husband, Larry Gralla.

Together we have been involved with CCNY for 60 years, and more so than ever today.

During the past 10 years, we have started four separate scholarship funds, which bring to City College bright but needy students who simply cannot afford college educations anywhere. Even the still modest $5,000 per year tuition is beyond the resources of their families.

We have contributed what we can, and have raised money from more than 1,000 other CCNY alumni to get these youngsters through school. Many of them already have moved on to promising careers paths in science, engineering, and medicine.

We must credit the vital support provided by Elena Sturman of the City College Fund in making these scholarship funds so successful these past 10 years.

My personal history has gone smoothly. I did teach first grade for eight years, the last six in White Plains, NY, near where we live. When my girls started school, I began a second career, working for Larry’s business, Gralla Publications.

Volunteer work has kept me busy. At Woodlands Community Temple in White Plains, I’ve been a trustee, officer, and worked on ritual, program, library and education committees. Larry has been active there as well. My other volunteer work has centered around Planned Parenthood and Westchester Jewish Community Services.

I’m also on the Board of LILITH magazine, a journal whose tag line is independent, Jewish, and frankly feminist.

And finally, there is our wonderful family. We have two daughters, two great sons-in-law, and six grandchildren, all twelve of us living here in central Westchester. Who would have thought of any of this sixty years ago, when I met Larry in the City College cafeteria?
Robert Gumerove, B.A., M.A.: My parents left Czarist Russia more than a hundred years ago. I was the youngest of three children born into a loving immigrant family. The 1930s were difficult years for us. My father’s heart condition limited his ability to work.

After my brother, Richard, returned from military service, and my sister, Ruth, was fully employed, finances at home were much improved. I did not have to work during my high school and college years.

For extra spending money, I found summer employment in a variety of children’s camps. In 1947, I worked with refugee youngsters who had just left war-torn Europe. In my last camping experience, I worked with “socially maladjusted” children.

At Taft High School, I was active in student government. In my seventh term, I was elected G.O. President. In my last semester, I was President of my senior class.

In college, I continued to be active in extracurricular activities while keeping up my grades. I was an Arista member in high school and I graduated CCNY cum laude.

Apart from student government, I wrote for the Observation Post. In my senior year, I was elected President of the 1,500 member House Plan Association.

Working with Professor Max Weinreich, I established a Yiddish Cultural Club on campus. Dr. Weinreich was the world’s leading Yiddish linguist and the founder of YIVO. He never felt it beneath him to teach elementary courses. This was a lesson that would resonate with me throughout my teaching career.

Following graduation, I was awarded a Fellowship in our College’s Department of Student Life. This paid for my M.A. in American History from Graduate Facilities, Columbia University.

I was drafted into the Army in 1954. Because of my educational background, I was attached to the Historical Division in Karlsruhe, Germany. While there, I wrote two monographs. One was on the Integration of Afro-Americans in the European Command. The other was concerned with the way troops were rotated. Under “Operation Gyroscope”, soldiers came into the Command in units rather than as individuals.

In 1957, I became a licensed teacher of Social Studies at my alma mater, Taft High School. My wife-to-be, Lillian Gendler, taught in the English Department. We were married in June, 1959.

Using the G.I. Bill, I completed the course work for the Ph.D. program at Columbia Graduate Facilities. Once I had decided to remain with the Board of Education, I switched direction and transferred to Teachers College at Columbia. While there, I completed the course work required for licenses in Counseling and in Administration and in Supervision.

In short order, I became a counselor at De Witt Clinton High School, and I worked in Guidance at Bronx Community College at night. In 1967, I was appointed Assistant Principal (Administration) at Junior High School 120 (Bronx).
During these years, my daughter Sharon and my son Ira were born. I now have twin grandsons, Hunter and Matthew.

In 1970, I topped the list of some 400 teachers who took the A.P. (Supervision) in Social Studies exam. I spent the rest of my career at the High School of Fashion Industries.

While at Fashion, I helped write the system-wide Handbook in Social Studies. In addition to various curriculum guides, I have published and lectured on teaching reading skills.

I spent the rest of my career at Fashion. In varying degrees, I touched the lives of more than 10,000 students during my 35 years with the Board of Education.

My retirement has made it possible to spend more needed time with my family. I could now further my interests in travel, theatre, art and music.

For more than 35 years, my wife and I have been members at the Metropolitan Museum and subscribers to the Metropolitan Opera.

We have visited Europe some twenty times, and have toured through most of the States and countries of North America. We also have fond memories of Turkey, Morocco, and Israel.

Thanks to the miracle of modern medicine, I made it into my eighties. For me, this was no mean achievement.

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Arnold Halpern, B.B.A.: studied accounting at the College; he was also a member of Hillel. He received a letter from the football team in 1945, before entering the Army. He attended the Advanced Accounting (Taxation) program at Florida Atlantic University in 1985.

Arnold retired in 1981 from his position at Partner in a Dress Manufacturing, Co. In 1985, he served as a consultant to the City of Pompano Beach. He is a former president and treasurer of his condo association.

Memories: “I never had the opportunity to participate in any clubs, etc. I walked every afternoon while attending night school. I did enjoy the auditing classes given by John Meyers.”

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Franklin M. Harold: A life in science, and on the road

New York City was cold, gray and bleak when my parents and I disembarked there in late November 1947. A considerable journey already lay behind us. I was born in 1929 into a solidly middle-class Jewish family in Frankfurt, Germany. My parents watched the rise of the Nazis with mounting alarm, and took action. We left Germany in 1933 and eventually landed in Palestine, then a British mandate. I grew up in a pioneer farming village which later became a successful seaside resort; a happy childhood was rounded out with books, classical music and encouragement to learn. Later on, high school in Haifa provided a secular Jewish education of European standard. The war cast a shadow, and so did the growing conflict between Arabs and Jews, but the patriotic fervor that engulfed most of my contemporaries left me unmoved. By then I had caught a greater passion: chemistry.

I never much liked New York, but it was good to me. I entered City College (aptly dubbed the Harvard of the Poor) as an evening student, studied chemistry, and graduated with a B.S. in 1952. For most of that time I also held a near-full time job, first in an industrial laboratory and later at Mount Sinai Hospital. That schedule left little time for fun and games, but I graduated with confidence that I could earn a living. The CCNY Hiking Club introduced me to the hills, the American Museum of Natural History became my comfort zone, and I came to sense the freedom of a spacious, wealthy country that offered unlimited opportunity to talent and ambition. Professor Arthur Goldberg eased me into his pipeline to graduate school at the University of California at Berkeley, and that summer I went West for good.

Graduate school was a particularly happy phase. I reveled in science as a discipline and a way of life, fell in love with the High Sierra, encountered mentors and role models and graduated in 1955 with a Ph.D. in comparative biochemistry. Early on, in the chow-line at International House, I met a fellow graduate student named Ruth. We discovered shared interests in science, the outdoors and much else; married in 1954, we are looking forward to our 60th anniversary.

There followed two years in the U.S. Army and two more as a postdoc at the California Institute of Technology. And in 1959 I landed a real job on the staff of the National Jewish Hospital in Denver, Colorado, in charge of my own laboratory and research program. This was a full-time research appointment, with an adjunct teaching position at the nearby Medical School. Ruth joined the laboratory a few years later, and somewhat to our own surprise we remained in place for thirty years. When, in 1987, an administrative earthquake made National Jewish uncongenial, I was able to arrange a move to the bio-
chemistry department at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, and remained there even past formal retirement. We moved to the Seattle area in 2000, in order to come closer to our daughter who is settled in Alaska with her own family.

My working years spanned an extraordinary era, when modern biology was taking shape and even a person of modest talent could make significant contributions. Research on ion transport in bacteria led into the thick of a scientific revolution, led by the English polymath Peter Mitchell. In effect, I became Mitchell’s apostle to the Americans. My laboratory carried out some of the fundamental experiments, and my writings helped establish his Chemiosmotic Theory as the paradigm for bioenergetics. Those were heady years, and I was quite sorry when the revolution ended in victory! I wrote a book (The Vital Force: A study of bioenergetics; Freeman 1986), and cast about for fresh wilderness to explore. That search led into another mystery, how cells shape themselves, and a second book (The Way of the Cell: molecules, organisms and the order of life; Oxford, 2001). Now retired I remain engaged with science as a scholar and philosopher without a license, and am hard at work on a book about cell evolution.

If all this sounds like plain fare, our travels added spice galore. Ruth and I began to travel seriously more than fifty years ago, and the appetite has grown with the feeding. European journeys stimulated an interest in art and architecture, in addition to archaeology and the mountains, and Asia satisfies a persistent craving for the truly exotic. We have lived abroad four times, in Iran, Australia and twice in Scotland. In 1983 we took our first Himalayan trek, and that quickly became an expensive but irresistible addiction. For us travel has been one of the chief objectives of life, and we intend to keep it up as long as our strength allows. I have been more fortunate than I deserve; no complaints, no regrets, a lot to be thankful for.

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Barbara Hochberg (nee Brand), B.B.A.: I grew up in the Bronx and graduated from Evander Child High School. City College was the best college in the city and I could major in retailing. While at College, I was a member of the Retailing Club and Post ’53. Women’s American ORT was a volunteer organization that supported schools all over the world. Its philosophy was that giving a person an education and a vocation gave them the tools to be self-sufficient. I became President of Women’s American ORT in Westchester County and then became membership Chairman of the NY State Board of WAORT. While raising my three children, I took workshops in jewelry crafting and design. I won first place in metals in a juried national show sponsored by the Mari Gallery in Mamaroneck, New York. I organized and coordinated the New York Craft Student Assistantship Program. When I moved to NYC, I opened my own business. My jewelry has been shown in galleries nationwide. My experience also includes participating in craft shows and teaching jewelry workshops. My website is BarbaraBJewels.com.

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Daniel Hritzay, B.M.E.: was a mechanical engineering major. He was a member of A.S.M.E. and graduated cum laude. He also attended MIT, Northeastern, Catholic University, and the University of Maryland. From 1955-1986, he was Senior Program Director at Avco and Textron. He designed the largest arc wind tunnel for testing reentry heatshield materials, and flew many test targets on the Pacific range to radars in the South Pacific. He has published numerous papers and is the owner of five patents. Daniel retired in 1986 and is a former member of A.S.M.E. and A.I.A.A.

Memories: “Playing pool at Army Hall. The gym in Lewisohn Stadium.”

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Martin Ilivicky, B.A., M.A.: Sixty years later…some random thoughts…

I graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in Brooklyn in 1948; during my senior year, I took the entrance exam for CCNY. In those days, City was the only one of the four city colleges to require an entrance exam, and it was a very much coveted prize for someone to be admitted. I remember sitting in Great Hall on tablet-type chairs, taking the entrance exam. My immigrant parents were thrilled with my choice. Thus began my four-year journey from the next to last stop on the “A” train up to the 145th station in Manhattan and the walk up Convent Avenue to the campus. At times, we would attend concerts, sitting on the stone steps in Lewisohn Stadium. But, our proudest moment came when the commencement ceremony was held in Lewisohn Stadium in June, 1952.

As a freshman, I had to learn how to master the registration process, which required constantly checking the boards for closed classes, learning how to juggle class meeting times, and remembering that Thursdays from twelve to two were club hours. Some of my other class memories include the student strike—I had both Knickerbocker (Spanish) and Davis (Economics) during my freshman year; the student newspapers—The Campus and The Observation Post, both of which were models of a free press; rooting for Coach Nat Holman and our sensational CCNY basketball team, which won both the NIT and NCAA Championships from the upper levels of the old Madison Square Garden, cheering our team with a rauccous Allegaroo…which was unfortunately marred by the later basketball scandal; going to class in the old Army Hall; and, of course, spending countless hours studying in the history library, which was located in a corner of the first floor of the main building.

During my junior and senior years, I was able to immerse myself in my major, taking history and government courses with John Cox, Edmund Rosen, Helene Wierosofski, and Dr. Brown, among others. These teachers were exciting, dramatic and stimulating. Following my graduation, I immediately enrolled in a new Master’s program in international relations at the College. I majored in Latin American history and worked full-time as a teacher and received my Master of Arts degree in 1953. With the encouragement of Oscar Janowsky and Bailey W. Diffie, I received a U.S. government grant and was an exchange student at the University of Santo Domingo in the Dominican Republic from 1954-1955. After that, while working, I attended Teachers College and completed all the courses for the Ed.D., except for the dissertation.

I enjoyed a truly magnificent career working in the New York City school system. I was a teacher and department chairperson; assistant principal; principal (William Cullen Bryant High School); and appointed by Chancellor Frank J. Macchiariola to the position of Superintendent of Brooklyn High Schools. I held that position for nine years before retiring. During my thirty-five year career, I was able to: influence the lives of students and adults; train colleagues to grow personally and professionally; work with parents to lobby and secure funds for education; design teacher training programs; recognize the necessity of creating programs for children with special needs; to help introduce the use of com-
puters and computer technology in the schools; and participate in joint study programs with local colleges. Upon retirement, I became the Chief Operating Officer of a janitorial and office cleaning company, providing cleaning services for businesses in New York City.

I have been married for over fifty-two years. My wife Frances is also a graduate of CCNY, Class of 1953. She, too, worked in the New York school system and became an elementary school principal before retiring. This year, she is completing her twentieth year as a docent for the Jewish Museum in New York. Her essay, “What City College Means to Me”, was included in the Fifty-Fifty Project, which was sponsored by her class. I have two children and five grandchildren. My daughter graduated from Cornell University and the University of Miami Law School. She is an attorney and lives in Florida; she teaches business law at St. Petersburg College. My son went to Washington University in St. Louis for his undergraduate degree and medical training. He served as a resident at Duke University and was an intern at the University of Pennsylvania. He now has a private practice as a psychiatrist in St. Louis, Missouri.

My wife and I are proud of the fact that we received an outstanding education at City College.

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Dr. Edward E. Jaffe, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.: studied chemistry at the College. He went on to receive his Master’s degree in 1954 and his Ph.D. in organic chemistry from New York University in 1957.

From 1957-1984, he worked for the Dupont Company, where he went from being a Chemist to a Senior Research Associate. From 1984-1985, he was Vice-President of Research & Development at Ciba-Geizy, as well as a consultant to the company until 2003. He retired from his career as an organic chemist and executive in 1995.

Edward has published numerous scientific articles in a variety of important journals. He also holds 67 U.S. Patents and over 250 various international patents. He is the recipient of several awards and honors, including the 1995 Armin Bruning Award for Outstanding Contributions to the Science of Color in the Field of Coatings Technology. He has been a member of the American Chemical Society for over 50 years.

Memories: “I studied for two years in night school, while working a full-time job. My required courses were forgiven because of two years of study at a German University following the end of World War II. I worked all day, then traveled to school after work for 3 to 4 hours of study, until late at night, 5 days a week.”
Renee Epstein Kahn, B.A., M.A.: In the winter of 1948, I entered the City College of New York, majoring in Art Education. At that time, the school did not offer a Bachelor of Arts degree to women, and the School of Education was the only way I could get a degree in fine arts. In return for taking half a dozen rather useless courses in Education, one could receive a City College diploma entitling you to teach in the New York City public schools. It also entitled you to a first rate education in art. Although I didn’t realize it at the time, many of my teachers were prominent artists; several were refugees from Nazi Germany and had studied or taught at the prestigious Bauhaus.

After graduating cum laude—and passing a rigorous exam—I served six years in the junior high schools of the South Bronx. During that time, I went back to City College at night for a Master’s Degree in Art (now available to women) and received my diploma in 1955.

In 1957, I married Samuel Kahn, a Doctoral student in Clinical Psychology at Columbia University. Shortly afterward, we moved to Stamford, Connecticut, where he was appointed Chief Psychologist at the Child Guidance Clinic there. I gratefully resigned from the New York City public school system, vowing to go on welfare before I could subject myself to that form of servitude again. We bought an old farmhouse in the country and proceeded to have three children (more about them later) in four and a half years.

While home raising my children, I began to seriously work as an artist, using skills I had acquired at the High School of Music and Art, and in my day courses at CCNY. To this day, I continue to paint on an almost daily basis. When my children reached high school age, I was asked to teach art history at the nearby branch of the University of Connecticut, a subject I was familiar with because of my intensive past training. In addition to the introductory courses, I was asked to teach American Art (thank you, Dr. Landy), and Early 20th Century Painting and Sculpture. My knowledge of American art led to still another career—that of an historic preservation consultant, founder of a non-profit organization, The Historic Neighborhood Preservation Program, Inc. I head the organization to this day. The high point of this latter career was the 1990 publication of my book, “Preserving Porches” (Henry Holt), which is still considered the classic text in the field; it is available on Amazon.com.

I taught at U. Conn. for over twenty years, retiring over ten years ago. My artwork flourishes, and I have shown my paintings in prestigious galleries and museums throughout the Northeast. My husband died over four years ago, and my children are grown and have had numerous children of their own. They are the greatest achievement of my life, and they are successful and happy. I still live in my old farmhouse in North Stamford, with its great painters’ studio.

I often describe the superb training I received at both Music & Art High School and the City College of New York as “the best education money can’t buy.” Thank you.
Dr. James Stanley Ketchel, B.B.A., M.B.A., Ph.D.: studied production management and graduated cum laude. He was also a member of Alpha Phi Omega and the Society for Advancement of Management. He received his M.B.A. in 1953 from the University of Pennsylvania’s Wharton School. He received his Ph.D. in 1972 from the University of Washington.

From 1960-1963, James was a college president in Reno, Nevada. He retired in 2006 as a professor of manufacturing. From 1956-2009, he was President and Conference Chair of Toastmasters International. He is also a former Cub Scout Cubmaster and Boy Scout Merit Badge Counselor.

James is currently a member of the Association for Computing Machinery; and Secretary of the United States Olympic Committee of Washington State; he is also a member of ARK Masonic Lodge (past Master), and the Order of Amaranth (The Royal Patron).

Memories: “Alpha Phi Omega events.”
Mr. Harold S. Koletsky: graduated from Brooklyn Tech High Scholl in 1948 and received his BEE degree in 1952 and his MEE degree in 1955 from City College. In 1962, he also earned a MSIM degree from MIT. Harold pursued a career as an electrical engineer, retiring in 1992. The last position he held was Project Manager for TRW (1965-1992). Harold also served as VP Engineer with Avien, Inc. (1952-1964) and Engineer with Akeley Camera & Inst. Corp. (1951-1952). He has seven patents. Harold is married, and has three children and seven grandchildren. His hobbies are duplicate bridge, golf, tennis gardening and skiing.

Memories: “Passing the entrance exam. Graduating.”

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Richard G. Kregel, B.C.E., P.E.: served as a sergeant in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. He was a civil engineering major at the College, as well as a member of Chi Epsilon and Tau Beta Pi; he graduated cum laude. He became a registered Professional Engineer in the states of Texas and Missouri. From 1954-1960, he worked in the Japan and Vietnam offices of Standard-Vacuum Oil Co. He worked at Texaco from 1960-1988. He retired in 1988 from his career in engineering management.

He is a former president of the Texas Association of Environmental Professionals (1991); for six years, he was a board member of the Harris County Appraisal District. He is also a former member of the Lakewood Forest Home Owners Maintenance Fund. Throughout his career, he has published articles for the American Petroleum Institute (API).

Memories: “The beautiful campus in an urban environment. The civil engineering faculty was outstanding.”

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Shortly after graduation, I was drafted into the U.S. Army to serve during the Korean War. After spending time in Fort Dix, New Jersey, and Fort Jackson, South Carolina, I was sent to Heidelberg, Germany, where I was stationed in another city for 2 years.

After returning from a 2 year service in the U.S. Army in Germany, I began a career with Sperry Rand in New York City. This was followed by 15 years as an executive at Xerox that began in New York and ended with a marketing staff career in Rochester, New York.

After marrying my wife, Sonia, we remained in the Sheepshead Bay area of Brooklyn and later moved to Oceanside, New York. In addition to Rochester, NY, career changes required moves to Northbrook, Illinois, and Livingston, New Jersey, where I was Vice President of Ricoh. Finally, I moved to my vacation home in Tamarac, Florida for retirement. Here, I made the decision to work in commercial real estate with Prudential Realty. I recently celebrated my 80th birthday and 50th wedding anniversary. I have two adult children and 5 grandchildren, all of whom live in New Jersey.

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He presented at the Western Electric-Intra Company Tool Conference on Enabling (Color-Coded Wires) to 25 Pair Connectors. He has also been awarded and assigned to Western Electric two patents on mechanical devices.

Memories: “Alpha Phi Omega’s fraternity functions. Professor Brescia’s chemistry courses, especially on the elements of the periodic table (late 1940s), which showed that more elements were yet to be discovered. This ‘structure’ in the periodic table, where did it come from? Bell Telephone Laboratories and Western Electric performed the 20th century ‘apps’ for the telephone industry.”

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Mr. Jules Lapides: majored in chemical engineering and graduated with a BChE degree from City College. He went on to earn a MChE degree from Wayne State University in 1962. Jules retired from his career as a chemical engineer in 1995. The last professional position he held was Senior Process Engineer at Atochem, which is currently Arkema, and previously Pennwalt.

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Hans Laufer, B.S., M.S., Ph.D.: I was born in Germany and landed in New York with my family on March 3, 1939. World War II had begun in September of 1939 with the German invasion of Poland. In NYC, we lived in the West Bronx, where I attended outstanding elementary schools. In 1948, I graduated from Stuyvesant High School and entered CCNY with a major in Biology, graduating in 1952.

I have very fond memories of the concert series at Lewisohn Stadium that I attended during my summers at CCNY. There were performances by major orchestras and artists, including the New York, Philadelphia, and Cleveland Orchestras, and world-renowned performers such as Jascha Heifetz, Itzhak Perlman, Leonard Bernstein, and Yehuti Menuhin. General admission for students was 25 cents; choice reserved seats were 35 cents. I was a member of Sigma Alpha, editor of the Caduceus Bulletin, social chairman and member of the Intersociety Council and a member of House Plan, where I met my wife of 48 years, Evelyn, Class of 1953. She became an outstanding elementary school teacher. My brother Ernest, CCNY Class of 1951, became an electrical engineer. I am a member of the Class of 1952 60th Reunion Committee.

Over the course of my education at CCNY, I encountered many wonderful people. The professors that influenced me most were biology professors, Joseph Copeland and Abraham Goldforb. Upon graduating, I took an M.S. in Biology with a major in Genetics at Brooklyn College. In 1953, I was awarded research and teaching fellowships at Cornell University for my Ph.D. in Developmental Biology. In 1957, I was a National Research Council Post-Doctoral Fellow at the Carnegie Institute’s Department of Embryology at the Johns Hopkins University for two years; I later joined the Biology Department Faculty in Baltimore. I was appointed Associate, Full and Research Professor at the University of Connecticut, which I still hold today. At the University of Connecticut, I was the 3rd CCNY graduate to join the Biological Faculty. A 4th CCNY graduate was Ed Pollack, Class of 1952, joined the Physics Department. I served on the teaching faculty of the Embryology Course at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole, MA (MBL) and was a corporate trustee of its Executive Committee. I have published more than 170 research papers, along with the editing and writing of two major Invertebrate Endocrinology Reference texts. I have also served as Editor and Managing Editor of several scientific journals.

Throughout my career, I have also been involved with several organizations. I was President of the Biology Division of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and Chairman of the Division of Developmental Biology of the American Society of Zoologists. I was a member of the National Board on Graduate Education of the National Research Council and served on several NSF and NIH grant review panels. I am a member of the Connecticut Regional Aquaculture School Advisory Board and a member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering. I enjoy traveling and have taken sabbaticals at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, Harvard University, Brandeis University, The Hebrew University in Jerusalem and Yale University. I am listed in Who’s Who in America, Who’s Who in the East, Who’s Who in American Educators, Who’s Who in Science and Engineering, and Who’s Who in Medicine and Healthcare. I have received several awards and medals for my research, including a ci-
--tation from the U.S. Congress.

My immediate family includes three children and six grandchildren. My daughter, Jessica, is a Public Relations Consultant to foundations and lives in Los Angeles; she has two beautiful children, Isaac and Emma. I have two sons, Marc and Leonard. Marc is an M.D. Obstetrician and Gynecologist and Associate Professor at Harvard University Medical School; he has two wonderful daughters, Isabella and Alexandra. Leonard is a Financial Consultant with a B.S. with Honors from Harvard and an M.B.A. from U. Penn’s Wharton School; he lives in Scarsdale, New York and has two delightful children, Arianna and Eli.

I love to travel abroad and to see the world. I participate in meetings of interest all over the world and treasure having many friends and colleagues in several foreign countries. I spend my summers in Woods Hole, MA, where I conduct research.

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Bernard Leibowitz, B.S.E.E.: Born, bred, and raised in Brooklyn (East Flatbush), I attended Brooklyn Tech. I wanted to be an engineer from childhood. I built various “gizmos” with my erector sets.

In 1948, I selected the City College School of Engineering, mainly because of economic considerations and have NEVER regretted my choice! I earned a B.S.E.E. (cum laude) in 1952 and election to the Tau Beta Pi and Eta Kappa Nu Societies. I earned a marriage license (1953) to wed Anita Weinstein (1955, Ed.). We met at The Vector office in 1950!

We lived in Queens, where our three children Barry, Scott and Meryl were born. We have six grandchildren, ranging in age from 14 to 20.

Upon graduation, I worked 12 years for a microwave instrument company, starting as a development engineer. I became the Chief Engineer for their commercial group in 1963.

We moved to Plainview, L.I. in 1965, where I joined the Narda Microwave Corp. I held numerous management positions and was named president shortly after we were acquired by the Loral Corporation in 1983. In 1984, I was selected to be a director of the American Electronics Association (A.E.A.) serving for three years. In 1990, I also became Loral Corporate V.P. for the Microwave Group of companies.

During my years in Plainview, I served as president of a homeowner’s civic association and became a member and a director of the Long Island Association (L.I.A.), a business development group. I also became, and continue to be, active with the UJA Federation. Additionally, I am a lifetime member of I.E.E.E.

After retiring in 1997, we moved to Florida, where I am currently a member of the board of directors.
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From 1981-1999, he was President of Chapter 2 of the Local 375 Engineers Union of the New York City Transit Authority; he retired in 1999 as the Transit Authority’s Chief Tunnel Engineer. Melvin is currently a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers, and Engineering Advisor of the Mall Island Civic Association. His published work includes his Master’s thesis, which was on the derivation of tunnel formulas, and articles in The Chief-Leader Weekly.

Memories: “Graduating and winning the NIT & NCAA championships in 1950.”

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Memories: “The Laugh Society. Winning two national basketball championships. The student strike.”

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Stuart M. Losen, B.A., M.A., Ph.D.: was a psychology major with a minor in Bio-Chemistry at the College. He was a member of Harris ‘52 House Plan, Psi Chi, the City College Band, the Boxing Squad, chairman of the Camp Marion Committee, leader of the “Live” Band for the carnival and other College events. He was mentored by Professors Kenneth Clark and Gardner Murphy and received Research Honors in Psychology for his study of racial attitude change.

The Korean War veteran went on to earn his Master’s degree from the College in 1953, and his Ph.D. from the University of Buffalo in 1959; both degrees were in Clinical Psychology. From 1950-1960, Stuart held a clinical internship at Hillside Hospital in Long Island, New York. He also served as a Clinical Psychology Technician at Brooke Army Hospital in Texas, and a Psychologist Trainee at the Buffalo VA Hospital.

From 1960-1965, Stuart held a dual affiliation at Yale University; was a part-time lecturer and Mental Health Consultant at North Haven Public Schools; a part-time Peace Corps Assessment Officer; and a part-time lecturer at Southern Connecticut State University; he also worked part-time in private practice.

For 18 years (1965-1983), he was a Psychologist and Pupil-Personnel Director at New Canaan Public Schools; a Special Lecturer at Southern Connecticut State University; and working part-time in his private practice.

For 26 years (1983-2009), Stuart worked full-time in his private practice while concurrently serving as a Lecturer at SCSU, Fairfield University, and Sacred Heart University. Since 1994, he has been working
as a part-time facilitator at the Lifetime Learners Institute at Norwalk Community College, for courses on Aging, Racism, and Memoir Writing.

He has received numerous awards and honors, including: the “Distinguished Service to Children” Award from the Connecticut Association of School Psychologists (1983); the “Hall of Fame” Award for Service to Exceptional Children (CACLD) CT Association for Children with Learning Disabilities; and the Citation for Outstanding Service (NACPLD) New England Association for Children with Learning Disabilities.

He is also the author/co-author of several publications, such as: “Parent Conferences in Schools” (1978; co-author); and “The Special Education Team” (1984; co-author). He was also the author of the column “These Are the Days” for The Westport News (1989-2003), and host of the Cablevision talk show “Bringing up Kids”, which aired on Connecticut Channel 27 (1994-1996).

Stuart is a member of the following associations: the American Psychological Association (Fellow, Division 16); the Connecticut Psychological Association (Past President from 1970-1971; Awarded Fellow 1997); the Connecticut State Board of Examiners of Psychologists (member, appointed by the Governor, 1978-1983); the Connecticut Association of Pupil-Personnel Administrators (Past President, 1979); and Advisory Board Member (CACLD) CT Association for Children with Learning Disabilities and Chairman, Professional Advisory Board. He is also a member of the NAACP; RSVP; CACLD, Norwalk Acts, and many others. He and his wife have two children and four grandchildren.

Memories: “Classes with Dr. Clark. He inspired my interest in civil rights with reports of his ‘Doll Preference’ research prior to his contributions to the Brown VS Board of Ed decision. Many other memories of House Plan (Harris ’52) experiences. Also, Camp Marion Committee (I was chairman). Best of all, I met my wife, Joyce, at City. We are married for 59 years. City was extremely formative regarding my career and vocational interests. Having met Joyce there sure helped all I’ve done and who I am.”

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Stanley Meisler, B.A.: Since Sidney O’Kun’s journalism class in 8th grade at Hermann Ridder Junior High School in the Bronx, I have always wanted to write for a living—a feat I managed, mostly in the news business. There was never any question about going to CCNY. Our neighborhood was so poor that the guidance counselor at James Monroe High School (the alma mater of Hank Greenberg) did not bother to tell us about alternatives. He simply handed out the application forms for City College.

I had two influential teachers at CCNY—Teddy Goodman, the famous guru of narrative writing, and Sol Liptzin, who taught comparative literature. Professor Goodman, who demanded 100% loyalty to his strictures, died in the last few weeks of my second course with him. The death made us more determined to write and more loyal to his strictures. A lot of literary-minded students, more intellectual than me, sneered at Professor Liptzin. But I was caught up in his enthusiasm. When he expressed his love for a character like Grushenka in *The Brothers Karamazov*, the skies seemed to thunder and the window shades beat like drums.

There was a notable achievement, I think, at CCNY. My good friend Harvey Peskin and I put together a new magazine and gave it the old name, *Sound and Fury*, of a CCNY literary magazine that had gone out of business a few years earlier. We put out four damn good issues, and the magazine kept going after we graduated in 1952, but I do not know for how long.

After a semester at the University of California at Berkeley, where I decided that I did not want a career as a professor of English, I started out in the news business, writing for *The Middletown Journal in Ohio*, the Associated Press (for ten years) in New Orleans and Washington, and *The Los Angeles Times* (for thirty years) in Nairobi, Mexico City, Madrid, Toronto, Paris, the United Nations and Washington.

There were a couple of breaks. I won a Ford Foundation fellowship in the 1960s to travel to Africa, and I joined the Peace Corps in Washington a few years later, serving as the deputy director of evaluation and research.

I did a lot of freelance writing for magazines throughout my career, selling pieces to *The Nation, The Atlantic, The Smithsonian, Foreign Affairs*, and several others. I did this more for prestige than money. In 1970, I discovered that *The Atlantic* and *The Nation* were paying me the same fee for an article that they paid Henry James in 1870.

Carey McWilliams was editor of *The Nation* during the years I contributed most of my articles. He was a great American editor, always focused on the center of things, brimming with wonderful ideas that sometimes failed to reach print, because he did not have enough money to keep a stable of writers working solely for him. I owe him a lot. He astonished me by showing confidence in me.

The life of a foreign correspondent is not humdrum. I covered wars in Africa, the magical transformation of Franco’s Spain into democracy, the struggle for the soul of Quebec in Canada, the American trouncing
of Boutros Boutros-Ghali at the UN, the victory of the Sandinistas in Nicaragua, and much more. Spending time in Nairobi, Madrid, Paris, Havana, and Toronto, I sometimes felt as if I were chasing the footsteps of Hemingway, doing everything he ever did except turn out bestselling novels.

I have never retired, instead writing books that manage a respectful audience but always falling short of the sales that writers like Sara Palin attain. The books are: “United Nations: A History”; “Kofi Annan: A Man of Peace in a World of War”; and “When the World Calls: The Inside Story of the Peace Corps and Its First Fifty Years.” I also post the occasional commentary and memoir on my website, www.stanleymeisler.com.

Regarding family, I have been married to Elizabeth Fox for more than 25 years. She is the driving force within the U.S. Agency for International Development. All our children have families of their own. The grandchildren range in size from toddler to a freshman on the football team at Columbia University.

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Memories: “Learning how to play golf in Lewison Stadium. Paleontology classes in the basement of old Army Hall. CCNY basketball championship team playing in Madison Square Garden.”

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I met Lillian Bachese while I was still a student at CCNY, and she was a student nurse at Roosevelt Hospital. We married in 1953 and have two children: Deborah, and Richard, Jr.

I chose CCNY because of its excellent reputation in science and engineering. I attended The Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn part-time, and received an M.E.E. in 1957.

Early in my career, I worked at the Naval Material Laboratory in the New York Naval Shipyard in Brooklyn. There, I was introduced to microwave technology. I continued in that discipline in industry for nearly 25 years, specializing in low-noise microwave receivers for aircraft, radio astronomy, and satellite earth terminals. Based on my background in receiver systems, I was selected to frequency-manage a multiplicity of receivers and transmitters on a military aircraft. That led me to specialize in the discipline of Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC). In 1984, I formed R.J. Mohr Associates, Inc., to provide consulting services in EMC to client companies. In my position as President and Chief Consultant, I have consulted for nearly 100 companies, many on a long-term basis.

I am a member of the following organizations: the Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers (I.E.E.E.), and its predecessor, the Institute of Radio Engineers (I.R.E.), since 1952; I became a Fellow in 1996; NARTE-Certified Engineer (since 1989); and The Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC) Society of the I.E.E.E. (since 1965)—I became an Honorary Life Member in 2004. I have been a Professional Engineer registered in New York State since 1973.

I have published work in more than 50 technical papers on RF/Microwaves and EMC, including 23
peer-reviewed papers published in the technical societies’ proceedings. I have presented training seminars in Electromagnetic Compatibility, coast-to-coast. I have also taught graduate courses in Selected Topics in Electromagnetic Theory.

In 1971, I was awarded the I.E.E.E. Certificate of Achievement for outstanding contributions to the measurement and analysis of conducted emissions. In 1989, The EMC Society presented me with the prestigious Richard A. Stoddart Award for contributions to the advancement of EMC Modeling. In 1996, I was cited by the I.E.E.E. for the development of practical models for applications in the design of electronic equipment. In 2004, I was cited by the EMC Society for “valuable technical contributions to the science and art of electromagnetic compatibility.”

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Helmut David Neumann, B.E.E., M.S. E.E.: I was born in Noerdling, Germany in 1926. I left in 1935 with my parents for Palestine and attended elementary through high school there. In 1947, I immigrated to the U.S.A. and was advised that CCNY was an excellent college to study engineering, which was my ambition.

I graduated cum laude from CCNY with a Bachelor’s Degree in Electrical Engineering in January, 1952. I was a member of the following clubs and associations: the Institute of Radio Engineers (IRE), the Association for Computer Machinery (ACM), IEEE, and PGEC. I made the Dean’s List as well. I recall Professor Froelich from the Department of Engineering as being significant during my studies.

After graduating from CCNY, I graduated from M.I.T. with a Master of Science in Electrical Engineering degree in February 1954. My Master’s thesis was entitled: “A Comparison Between Numerical and Differential Analyzer Methods of Solving Differential Equations.” That year, I was also accepted into the Sigma Xi honorary society.

I have published several papers, including: “An Interactive Hybrid Air-to-Air Missile Contour Program”, and “Optimal Placement with Interactive Graphics.”

In 1952, I was a Research Assistant, D.D.L Staff Member at M.I.T.’s Lincoln Laboratory. I have worked in the digital computer field since 1952, specifically with WHIRLWIND XD-1 (SAGE prototype), and IBM 704 and IBM 709 computers. I worked with the SAGE system and its forerunner, and developed programs for real-time control applications and weapons direction. I also participated in the evaluation of these systems, and developed elaborate data reduction systems.

In 1954, I worked for the Aeronutronic Division of the Ford Motor Company. There, I was active in Space Surveillance Operations in connection with Air Force Project 496L. This included Orbital Analysis; Computer Programs for Automatic Performance of Space Surveillance Functions and Operations at the NORAD SPADATS Center.

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In 1964, I worked in the Lincoln Laboratory, where I was involved in the data reduction system of radar data collected in the Pacific from missiles reentering the atmosphere, on IBM 7094 II. I supervised 10
programmers to develop on-line interactive data reduction for the IBM 7094 11, later an IBM 360/67, linked to PDP-1 in time-sharing mode. I also developed an on-line exoatmospheric missile simulation system.

From 1969-1990, I worked for the Israel, Raphael Department of Defense. There, I was Group Leader of hybrid simulation. I set up a hybrid computation laboratory for simulation and real-time processing, AD/4 and PDP 11/70. As Head of the Computer Science Department, I was in charge of 65 computer scientists. We were responsible for Maintenance Centers of Expertise in areas such as applied mathematics, optimization, software engineering, graphics, database, and CAD/CAM. We led CAD/CAM activities of the laboratory and computervision systems with 35 stations.

I served as a Visiting Scientist at the Mechanical Engineering Department at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, while on sabbatical from 1975-1976. I resumed that position during my next sabbatical, which was from 1983-1984. From 1976-1983, I was an Adjunct Lecturer at Technion Israel Institute of Technology; I taught Computer Programming and Numerical Analysis in the Mechanical Engineering Department.

From 1990 till 1991, I was on sabbatical at the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). I then worked for 15 years first at NOAA in Silver Spring, MD, and then the whole group transferred to the FAA. There, I was active in computer management and electrical engineering at the Office of Aeronautical Charting and Cartography. I was also a member of the Aviation Systems Standards (AVN of the FAA) and the National Aeronautical Charting Office (NACO). I retired in 2006.

I married my wife Johanna in 1952, and we had four children—one girl and three boys. They are all professionals with college educations. They are married and have given us 14 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

My main hobbies are classical music and reading. I also volunteer at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum, where I translate documents from both German and Hebrew to English.

My memories of CCNY include intense study and mainly excellent teachers.

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Peter Osman, B.B.A.: majored in retailing at City College. For twenty-two years (1958-1980), he was the owner of Peter’s Dress Shops in New York City. He retired in 1991 from his career as a deputy tax collector in Broward County, Florida. He was active as director and officer of the Tradewinds Condo Association from 1984-1988, and since 2001; he is currently its president.

Memories: “The 23rd Street location (now the Baruch School).”

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Robert S. Plotkin, B.B.A., L.L.B., Esq.: studied accounting at the College, where he was president of the Law Society, and a recipient of the Class of 1920 Medal for Excellence in Law. He went on to earn his law degree from Columbia University Law School in 1955; he graduated in the top 25% of his class with a half-tuition scholarship.

From 1957-1960, Robert served at the Securities and Exchange Commission in the Division of Corporation Finance in Washington, D.C. He served on the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System in Washington, D.C. for 28 years (1964-1992) in the following positions: Assistant Director for the Division of Banking Supervision and Regulation; Assistant General Counsel; Assistant Director of Consumer and Saver Affairs; and Associate Program Director for Bank Holding Company Analysis.

At the Federal Reserve Board, Robert recommended policy and prepared legal opinions for Board decisions under the Glass-Steagall Act with respect to bank entry into the securities business. He has also supervised regulation and examination of trust activities. Robert has represented the Federal Reserve at the International Symposium on Securities Markets in Shanghai, China (1990); advised the Hungarian State Property Agency on privatization (Budapest, 1992); and advised the Bank of Jamaica on development of secondary market in government securities (1993).

A member of the bar of the U.S. Supreme Court, of the State of New York, and the District of Columbia, Robert is also author of several articles, including “What Meaning Does Glass-Steagall Have for Today’s Financial World?”

Since his retirement in 1992, Robert has kept active as an arbitrator for NYSE, NASDAQ and FINRA (Financial Institution Regulatory Authority).

Memories: “The NCAA-NIT basketball championships. We marched in the streets and attended several games at MSG. Graduation at Lewisohn Stadium.”
Dr. Arthur S. Post, B.S., D.D.S.: studied both biology and chemistry at the College. He went on to earn his D.D.S. from the Columbia University School of Dental & Oral Surgery in 1956. From 1956-1958, he served as a Captain in the U.S. Air Force. He was a practicing dentist from 1959-1998, when he retired. He is a current member of the ADA (since 1952), and a former trustee of the Merrick Library (1986-1990).

Morton Povman, B.B.A., L.L. B.: was a business major and member of the Alpha Phi Omega fraternity at City College. He went on to receive his L.L.B. from Brooklyn Law School in 1955. While there, he served as editor-in-chief of the Brooklyn Law School *Law Review*. Since 1977, he has been president of Morton Povman, P.C.

He is a former member of the New York City Council (1971-2001); and a former director of the Central Queens YM & YMCA (1954-55, 1990-2010). He is currently: a member (and former president) of the Brandeis Association; Democratic District Leader of the 27th Assembly District in Queens (since 1970); member of the Queens County Bar Association (since 1958); and a member of the New York State Bar Association (since 1960). He has been honored by the United Jewish Appeal Israel Bonds Federation of Jewish Philanthropies.

Memories: “Being a member of Alpha Phi Omega. Being a member of the City College Orchestra. Having many excellent professors.”
Sydell Press (nee Oksman), B.S. Ed.: received her Bachelor’s of Science (Special Education) from City College in 1952, and her Master’s degree, also in education, in 1956. While a student at the College, Sydell was a member of House Plan and the women’s varsity basketball team. She retired in 1986 from her career as a special education teacher.

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Stanley was a legislative aide to state Senator Gallagher (Rep.) and Assemblyman Zangadi (Dem.) He was a member of the Suntree East Homeowners Association for eight years.

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Seymour (Sy) Richman: Well, here we are, 60 years after a B.S.S. degree. At college, I was active in Student Council, Manager of the Used Book Exchange and president of our senior class. I was on staff of The Observation Post for three years, even though I was not a veteran. Several vets who generously mentored me and changed my career direction were Bernie Rich and Norm Friedman. As a senior, I wrote for an application to the State Department, thinking of becoming a Public Information Officer. No dice. Even though I had a rare degree major in Public Opinion and Propaganda. After all, this was City College right in the middle of the Rosenberg spy trials, their execution and frequent visits by the FBI to Dean Peace’s office.

Fate plays tricks. After several years with advertising agencies and two industrial corporations, I founded Dunwoodie Communications in New York. This marketing communications and public relations firm was very successful mainly because of Sony Corporation of America. Its founder, Akio Morita, was an outstanding electronics and marketing visionary. He hired us as his first public relations firm. We served Sony for 21 years and during this time also helped other organizations achieve their marketing goals. Among the many were Muzak, Bulova, Canon, Seagrams, Kroll Associates, and, yes, The Foreign Service Association of the U.S. State Department.

Imagine how I felt ten years after being denied an application, working on a major project and making visits to the State Department and Ambassadors in Washington.

Losing Sony after so many years was a major blow and I decided to build another business while also CEO of Dunwoodie. I formed Schacher Greentree, Inc., which was a consulting firm specializing in procurement policies and training using the emerging field of computers. It became a public company.
For health and other reasons, I retired from both Dunwoodie and Schacher Greentree at the young age of 57. I have been married for 58 years to Marjorie Levy, Class of ’54. We spend five or six months every year at our second home in the Berkshires. There, we are active at Tanglewood, where we were founders of several ongoing children’s activities, including a very successful children’s prelude called Watch and Play.

Along the years, I served as a long-term board member of Self Help Community Services, which provides social services to Holocaust survivors and home care to New York’s aged. I am a former President of the Flushing YMWA and a former President of the Long Island Advertising Club and a former board member of the Reform Movement’s Eisner Camp for Living Judaism.

Marge and I travelled extensively. A highlight was assisting teachers as volunteers at the Navajo High School in Monument Valley. Our son and our daughter have between them three Ph.D.s and five grandchildren. Our family, our careers and City College have all added to what we call our most wonderful voyage.

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Martin Riskin, B.B.A.: is a native of New York City. He was born in 1931, into a family of musicians that included his great uncle Jascha Heifetz. Heifetz’s father was Martin’s violin teacher; he gave up when, at the age of eight, Martin exhibited a complete lack of talent.

After graduating from the Bronx High School of Science in 1948, and then C.C.N.Y. in 1952, he served overseas in the U.S. Army. Martin then entered the hotel field and became Director of Banquets at the St. Regis, Pierre, Plaza, and Waldorf-Astoria hotels, as well as General Manager of the Lotos Club. He then headed Schenley Imported Wines, was President of L’Aiglon Wine & Spirits Import Company, and served as a consultant to Remy Martin and other companies. He also founded Amaris, Ltd., which produced customized compact discs of music for leading hotels and international airlines. This took place between the years 1955-1995.

In the musical world, he was a founder of the New York Youth Symphony, the Puccini Foundation, the Sibelius Society, the Massenet Society, and the World of Musicians. He also served on the boards of the Concert Artists Guild, American Landmark Festivals, and other cultural organizations, such as the Manhattan Theatre Club. He has been on the board of the American Symphony Orchestra for many years, serving as the Chairman and President.

While living in Hawaii from 1995 to 1998, Martin was a founder of the Prince Albert Music Festival and the Kauai International Theater. Permanently back in New York, he served as President of the Culture Project and Vice Chairman for Classical Music at the National Arts Club.

Martin serves as a board member of the Chamber Orchestra of New York. He was also on the board of
the Professional Women Singers Association and the Round Table for Women in Food. He also served as Vice President of the American Scandinavian Society.

“Free for All at Town Hall”, which presents world-class musicians in concerts without any cost to the public, elected Martin to serve as Chairman, President, and Artistic Director. In addition, he acts as advisor to many musicians.

In the world of art, Martin was involved in various projects with his friends March Chagall and Salvador Dali.

In 1979, he was decorated as Chevalier in the Order of Arts and Letters by the French Minister of Culture in recognition of his accomplishments. He was also honored by leading wine organizations in France, Italy, and Portugal.

Being an animal lover, Martin was elected to the board of the Humane Society of New York. His concern regarding human health issues caused him to become a board member of the National Kidney Foundation.

Martin and his wife Angelika have been married for 47 ½ years. They have no children and many cats.

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**Ronald Yale Rosenberg:** Who would believe that the Great Depression and stuttering are the happy accidents of my life?

I would like to begin my story with the stuttering. At the age of four, I was bitten by a German Spitz, a beautiful white dog with an enticing tail. When I touched it, the dog went for my right wrist. My mother, who was always afraid of dogs, pried the jaws open to release my arm. We immediately went to the doctor who had an office in the apartment building where we lived. He immediately stitched the wound, cauterized it, and sent me home to recuperate. He said I would be all right. I wasn’t. I began to stutter. My mother, worried about this reaction, decided to take matters into her own hands, although her family and friends said I would outgrow it. She began to teach me to recite poems, thinking the rhythmical patterns would help me overcome my disability. She was right. The first selection she taught me was Longfellow’s “The Arrow and the Song.” I did shoot an arrow into the air and it pierced my poetic soul. I have performed poems to this very day, most recently at the Players’ Club of which I was a member. I have written poems, taught poems, and published poems during a very long teaching career. Now, I will begin with the influence of the Great Depression.
I grew up in Williamsburg and remember in great detail the poverty around me. Since I was a child then, what affected me the most was the feeling of tremendous insecurity. Although we were a close-knit loving family, there was always the dread of not meeting our everyday needs. I vowed to seek a life that would grant me a feeling of security and stability. My brother, born during better times, in the 1920s, was more experimental and adventurous. That is why, when the time came, I chose teaching as a career. I have always told my students that this was the wrong way to determine one’s future. However, it was a happy accident. I have been teaching for almost sixty years and have been written up in “The Arizona Republic” and “Town and Village.” I have often said that, somehow, I will continue to respond to the call of my profession.

Of course, City College has served me, my brother, and my sister very well. Without the existence of this institution, college would have been out of the question. My parents could not have afforded it. In addition, The School of Education, under the direction of Dean Turner, gave me the opportunity to support myself as a student assistant and research assistant during my years there. Professors and college personnel who influenced me were Professor Oscar Sherwin, and Harold and Mildred Carter. I was elected Kappa Delta Pi, Gamma Iota Chapter, and served as Historian Reporter. It is interesting to note that my son was also elected to the same honorary society. I received my B.A. Degree with honors in 1952 and my M.A. Degree in 1954. I also studied journalism at the University of Colorado under a Wall Street Journal grant.

My professional life includes a stint as an acting assistant principal for the English Department at Dodge Vocational High School; as an assistant principal for AEC 117 for almost twenty-five years; and as an adjunct associate professor at LaGuardia Community College. I also taught in SUNY at Old Westbury, Queensborough Community College, and Red Mountain and Scottsdale Community Colleges in Arizona. My hobbies include painting, ceramics, acting, and travel.

My memories of college life are varied with mixed emotions. The reunion was not so well-attended as I thought it was going to be. I suppose my class was affected by the student strike and the basketball scandal. All in all, I would not be the person I am without the influence of City College, my parents, my wonderful wife, children and grandchildren.

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**Sylvia Rosenberg (nee Finkel), B.S.Ed., M.S.Ed.:** She was a reporter for *The Ticker* newspaper when she attended Baruch in the first two years after high school, from 1949-1950. She was a finalist for the title of “Miss City College” while at Baruch. She was inducted into Kappa Delta Pi by the Education Honor Society in 1961, and ranked first in her Graduate Counseling class in 1963. Upon her graduation, she was offered a position in the School of Education; she had to decline, due to family responsibilities.

In her early career, Sylvia worked in sales at Saks Fifth Avenue and Gimbels Department Store. She was also a secretary in the Department of Neuropsychiatry of Mt. Sinai Hospital. She retired in 1987 as a teacher of 7th & 8th grades/guidance counselor.

From 1990-1994, she was a freelance instructor of culinary arts at U.F.T.; she continues to fulfill her lifelong passion for cooking creatively by baking for a women’s shelter at her synagogue. She has also been involved with numerous other projects, including with the New York University School of Social Work and the National Conference of Christians and Jews at the University of Vermont.

She has also worked in conjunction with Fordham University and the National Science Foundation on group counseling adolescents. Sylvia is a former member of the National Council of Teachers of Math (1952-1959); the American Guidance and Counseling Association; and the New York State Counseling Association (1962-1982). Sylvia is a current member of the National Board for Certified Counselors (N.B.C.C.), and the CCNY Communications Alumni. She is also a member of the Brooklyn Heights Association (since 1975), and the Brooklyn Heights Synagogue (since 1984).

In 2010, she won the “Teacher of the Year” Award for Middle School Teachers from the CCNY Alumni Association.

Memories: “I met my first steady boyfriend, an accounting major, at Baruch. Social life was hopping at Baruch. I dated Ralph Ginsberg (just once) and befriended Stanley Meisler. Professor Michael Guerriero, head of the Guidance Program at CCNY, was the most inspiring, intellectually vigorous and humane instructor ever.”

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Gerald F. Ross, B.E.E., M.E.E., Ph.D., M.B.A.: I was born and spent my elementary days (P.S. 161) and high school days (Brooklyn Tech) at 1160 President Street in Brooklyn, New York (between Nostrand and Rogers Avenues). I chose CCNY at 137th Street because I had no money to go elsewhere.

I was a member of Alpha Phi Omega, the national scouting fraternity that no longer exists at CCNY. A number of my former fraternity brothers and I established a scholarship fund in the name of the fraternity and contribute $1,500 per year to fund the education of current students.

I had a 12 credit condition upon entering CCNY because I never took a language course at Brooklyn Tech. I had taken many commercial courses, including shop courses that really helped me to make some tough decisions later on in life. Accordingly, I required 144 +12 credits to graduate and I did it all in 3 ½ years. I graduated just short of a “B” average. Other than that, I had no honors at CCNY that I can remember.

I had Professors Millman and Taub and Deltoro, who later became world famous. I attended the U of Michigan, Polytechnic University, and Harvard. I received a M.E.E. and Ph.D. (1963) from Polytechnic University and an accelerated M.B.A. from Harvard in 1979. I was very active in the I.E.E.E. and was elected a Fellow at my 40th birthday…rare. I have been a member of my condo board here in Longboat Key, Florida for 16 years.

I am the recipient of 60 U.S. patents, author of more than 100 papers and conference publications, and contributing author to three books. I am most famous for inventing the air bag for the car and the development of stealth aircraft. Many other patents have also saved lives and have even prevented injuries on golf courses throughout the world.

Perhaps one of my most important awards and honors post-graduation was being elected a member of the National Academy of Engineering in 1995. (There are only about 2,000 people in the world in this organization.) I am also a member of Sigma Xi, the national honor scientific fraternity. I was also elected a Fellow of Polytechnic University in 1990. In 2004, the I.E.E.E. Microwave Society awarded me their International Pioneer Award for my 50 years of developing ultra wideband electronics.

I have several lifetime highlights. One is serving as a USAF Officer during the Korean War; I am now retired from service. Another was leaving the Sperry Rand Research Center in Sudbury, Massachusetts in 1980 and forming my own company—ANRO Engineering. I ran ANRO Engineering for 24 years. We then merged with two companies, which resulted in the formation of Geospectral Systems, Inc. (GSI). I ran GSI until 2007, when I retired. I started by myself in 1980 and over the years have had about 40 engineers reporting to me.

Another major turning point was inspired by my wife, who wanted to make a lot of money…she was not interested in me winning engineering awards. On her initiative, I got involved in commercial real estate in Massachusetts, where we eventually owned many apartment houses in prime real estate areas. I became
a licensed Professional Engineer and also obtained my real estate broker’s license.

My wife and I have three very accomplished children and eight grandchildren. All but one of my grandchildren has either entered college or graduated. That grandchild is still too young to be in college, but he may just be the brightest of the group! The oldest grandson is in medical school. Two of my children live in Massachusetts and the other lives in Atlanta, Georgia.

My wife and I love to travel, especially on Crystal Cruises. I like to play golf…a lot! And we both enjoy playing bridge. We love living on Longboat Key, which is very close to the cultural center of Florida, namely Sarasota.

Among my fondest memories are the education I received at City College and the life-long friends I made there.

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Ludwig Rudel, B.A., M.A.: My education at CCNY was not marked by achievement of great accomplishments, awards, or prizes. It took me 5 years to qualify for the B.A. degree in International Relations because I needed to hold a full-time job to sustain myself throughout my college years. I attended many classes in the evening session. Finally, with the counseling and support of several outstanding faculty members, such as Professor Oscar Janowsky, I was able to meet the requirements for graduation. I was also commissioned by the ROTC as a 2nd Lieutenant in the U.S. Army Infantry.

After two years of active duty service in Japan and after the fighting in Korea ended, I returned to complete a Master’s Degree at NYU in International Policies. In 1956, I was fortunate to secure an internship with the Federal Government at the predecessor agency of the Agency for International Development (AID). This led to a fulfilling career with the U.S. Foreign Service, including service in Iran, Turkey, India and other developing countries in that region. In 1964, I took a leave to obtain a second M.A., this one in economics from the University of Michigan.

I retired from the U.S. Foreign Service in 1980 at age 50 but continued to perform short term consultancies from time to time for AID, the U.N. Development Program, World Bank, and other development organizations for another 22 years. One of my writings is a monograph titled, “Foreign Aid: Will it Ever Reach its Sunset?”, published in 2005 by the Foreign Policy Association, NY.

I had a second career. As my retirement from AID approached, I began an enterprise in Pennsylvania—The Glendale Corporation—to develop and subdivide a parcel of land. We built roads, central water and sewer systems, and recreational facilities to create a resort community that now holds about
400 private homes. In 2002, I divested my ownership in that resort. Our two utility companies were recently acquired by the local municipal authorities.

My wife and I live on the outskirts of Washington, D.C. Our three children are located in Oakland, California, Cambridge, Massachusetts, and Potomac, Maryland.

I was an immigrant whose life was saved because my family and I were granted refuge by the USA at the beginning of the Second World War. Were it not for the free education I received at the New York taxpayer’s expense, in the New York City public school system and CCNY, my life’s story would have been far less satisfying or fulfilling. I am grateful to CCNY and New York City for having given me the opportunities to help me inform my mind so as to live a productive life and to serve my adopted country.

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From 1960-1974, Milton was a member of the technical staff at Bell Telephone Labs. He was a senior engineer at AT & T from 1974-1989, when he retired.

Memories: “Being made MVP (football) in 1950. The basketball team winning the NIT & NCAA championships that same year.”

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Fred Schlissel, B.B.A., M.B.A.: studied industrial management at City College. He was president of a House Plan group, a member of the Student Government and the wrestling team, as well as a recipient of the Insignium Award for Student Government. He received his M.B.A. in 1960 from Columbia University; he also obtained Ph.D. credits from New York University.

From 1955-1960, Fred was Plant Manager at Penn Akron Howe. He was Industrial Engineer, Production Manager, and Plant Manager of Penn Akron Hardware Co. From 1970-1975, he was Management Advisory Systems Consultant at Back & Gould, C.P.A. Since 1975, he has worked at Knowledge Resources, Inc. as an Independent Management Consultant to owner/entrepreneurs of over 100 companies, from start-ups to multi-plant national companies employing thousands of people. These clients are in manufacturing, service, and distribution industries, including nonprofit.

Concurrently, he has also been an Adjunct Professor of Management at: Baruch College (1965-1980: undergraduate courses in Work Measurement & Methods; Improvement Course Workshops; and Personnel Management); Yeshiva University (1996-1998: undergraduate courses in Entrepreneurship; and Management); New York University (1998-2002: graduate courses in Entrepreneurship at the Berkeley Center); Polytechnic University (2002-2005: graduate courses in Entrepreneurship; and Innovation Management); Hofstra University (2005-present: undergraduate courses in Entrepreneurship; Family Business; and Foundations of Business); and Fordham University (2007: graduate courses in Entrepreneurship). Fred is currently President of Rainbow Resources, Inc., Management Consultants.

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Jay William Seligman, B.M.E., P.E.: graduated from Brooklyn Tech High School in 1947. He studied mechanical engineering at the College, and was a member of Dramsoc. He went on to attend the Baruch School of Business and Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute.

From 1961-1994, Jay was Senior Vice President of Construction at Uris Building Corp. and Olympia & York Developments. During his career, Jay developed and constructed over 16 million square feet of office buildings in New York City, including 2 major theaters and 2 hotels: the New York Hilton and the Washington Hilton. He retired in 1994. He is a former member of NYSSPE.

Jay and his wife Florence (Jaffe) Seligman have been married for 45 years. His hobbies include music, theater, and travel.

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James Selkin, Ph.D.: I graduated from CCNY in 1952 with a B.S.S. and then went on to receive an M.S. in psychology. I was an indifferent student, a subway commuter from the West Bronx, but for the most part, I enjoyed my classes and learned a lot. Some of the outstanding professors whose classes I attended were Max Hertzman, Gardner Murphy, and Kurt Goldstein in Psychology, Mr. Bender in English, and John Collier in Sociology. Gertrude Shmeidler taught us to distinguish between sheep and goats when evaluating parapsychic phenomena. With only one or two exceptions, all the classes were very good.

Bert Scharf and I began a Psychology Club, where we invited guest speakers. L. Ron Hubbard came to give a talk. I don’t remember much about him—this was before he started a religion. We knew him as an author of science fiction.

After two years’ service in the Army, I was admitted to the graduate program at the University of Colorado in Boulder. Midwestern empiricism dominated the psychology there, and they had little use for the psychoanalytic approach promoted at City. Adjusting to this altered academic atmosphere was difficult, and it was particularly stressful in a highly competitive program ruled by adherents of an obscure behaviorist theory, and always ready to expel a non-conforming student. I put in three years there, and then fled to Denver to work in the Jewish Agency as a vocational counselor. Three years of additional effort in Boulder earned me the Ph.D. degree. At the JFCS, I learned that Midwestern empiricism had nothing (at that time) to contribute to the development of therapeutic skills. I learned few things from
the social workers at the Agency, and after opening a private office, consulted with an analyst neighbor (Dr. Sam Kennison) for a long time to develop myself as a therapist.

For a few years, I kicked around at a few different jobs. I was there at the beginning of the Fort Logan Mental Health Center, where we believed after learning about the unbelievable conditions at the old State Hospital, that we could cure schizophrenia with a congenial atmosphere, daily ward meetings and small group therapy. Dr. Moreno, the founder of psychodrama, was often a guest at Ford Logan, and learning and using psychodrama was impressive, but our efforts to cure schizophrenia with talking therapy failed. In fact, it resulted in an increase in suicide, and more than one murder.

In 1966, after a brief stint as a selection officer with the Peace Corps, I found my professional home with Dr. H.G. Whittington at Denver General Hospital. I was charged with developing an Emergency Room Psychiatric Service to triage the hundreds who came to the ER seeking help for emergency level emotional distress. The medical residents staffing the ER had no clue how to deal with these patients.

Within a short time at this job, I observed that large numbers of suicidal patients, mostly young women, sought help from us. Some were concerned about the medical consequences of overdoses, or wrist slashes, but most of them were brought in by friends or relatives who wanted counseling that would prevent another incident.

I developed a strong interest in suicide and suicide prevention and flew out to Los Angeles to study with Ed Shneidman and colleagues at the L.A. Suicide Prevention Center. What I learned there put me in good stead for many years. I went on to sponsor several research programs in suicide, was elected president of the national suicide organization (A.A.S.) and was approved as an expert witness in jail suicide by the Federal Court in Denver. In later years, I did a lot of forensic work in suicide, testifying all over the country in jail suicides and malpractice cases.

The high point of my work in suicide came in 1976, when a young Marine, released from 5 years of imprisonment in a North Vietnamese prison camp, returned to his wife and child in suburban Denver. He was found a few weeks later, dead from a gunshot wound. Many people, including the D.A. of Adams County, found it incredulous that an individual freed from the hardship and physical privation of prison life would commit suicide. Alternative theories of his demise were considered.

The D.A. of Adams County commissioned my office to conduct a psychological autopsy on Larry Kavanaugh and present the findings to a coroner’s inquest. Our wide-ranging investigation revealed that K. was part of a small group of enlisted men who had been intimidated by the N. Vietnamese into making propaganda statements against the U.S. Upon his release from captivity, a high-ranking officer who had also been a prisoner publicly announced that K. and his group should be tried for treason. Among other stresses, K. was terrified at the prospect of being tried for treason and locked up again. Our investigation revealed that this was a main cause for his suicide, and that P.O.W.s who were pressured and tortured by the N. Vietnamese made propaganda statements for them or died. The results of the inquest were publicized by all the major news services. A day after that, the Secretary of the Army announced that no returned P.O.W.s would be prosecuted.

Shortly afterward, I turned my attention to the victims of sexual assault, many of whom came to the
victims of sexual assault, many of whom came to the emergency room for varying kinds of assistance. Parents brought children who had been molested, concerned that they might have contracted an STD. Typically, the offender was a relative, a friend of the family, and sometimes, the child’s father. With the Visiting Nurse Service, I developed a program of home visits for these children, in order to follow-up on the care they had received in the ER. At practically all of the children’s homes, the visiting nurse was told that the child had forgotten what had happened and that no further care was needed. In the 1960s, the criminal justice system was unconcerned with these matters. The parents did not want to create a situation in which family cohesion was threatened.

Some of the emergency room patients were victims of forcible rape. In these cases, we worked with the authorities to provide rape kits and offer emotional support to the victims. When President Nixon created the Great Cities program, we obtained funds with which to begin a treatment program for sex offenders, and a research program to study characteristics of victims. I was able to study police reports of rape victims provided by the Denver Police Department, and developed an understanding of the typical behavior of the offender, who commits forcible rape on a stranger, a situation which applies to approximately half of these cases. I published these findings in *Psychology Today* and the article was widely read. I was invited to speak at many colleges and universities, in front of a Congressional committee, and to a meeting of police detectives in New York City. Afterward, the lieutenant in charge of sex crimes gave me a helicopter tour around the Twin Towers.

Forcible rape takes place in four stages. First, the victim is isolated. Second, the victim is intimidated through threats or physical assault into giving in—into complying with the demands of the rapist. The third stage is the sexual interaction, and the fourth, or termination stage, takes place as the rapist menaces the victim anew, threatening retaliation should she report the incident.

Victims were chosen based on their vulnerability. One rapist, in an apartment house on a hot day, would knock on doors asking for a glass of water. The woman who was alone and invited him into her kitchen would be the one assaulted. Our research team, under the direction of Dr. Carolyn Hursch, was able to show that victims were chosen because they appeared to be passive and could be isolated. Victims tended to be older, or younger. They tended to live in apartments to which offenders had easy access. They tended to be girls who had recently arrived in the city from the country. Young women who actively resisted the assailant were not as traumatized and more likely to avoid the assault.

This research had a powerful impact on the public. The knowledge that most of the assaults were based upon verbal threats stimulated an increase in more active approaches to threatening situations. Self-defense classes and championship programs, especially on college campuses at night, sprang up all over the country. Volunteer courtroom observers appeared in many communities. Rates of sexual assaults decreased and have continued to decrease for many years.

Changed attitudes about sexual assaults stemming largely from research, plus enormous media attention, and more severe treatment of sexual offenders in courts have brought about major reductions in the number of reported cases over the years. In contrast, suicide rates have remained markedly stable. A major step that would reduce suicide rates in America would be the passage of laws to increase restrictions on the sale and possession of handguns. However, the suicide prevention programs are embedded in local
governments or classified as charities and therefore, prohibited from engaging in political activity.

I spent my last years in practice as the Director of the Darrow Clinic, a therapy program for sex offenders that I founded in 1979, with Dr. David Becker. Most of our clients abandoned criminal behavior and went on to live crime-free lives. I also continued to function in the suicide field as an expert witness in suicide cases in the civil courts. Many of these cases were negligence cases against jails or prisons while others were malpractice cases against professionals accused of mistreating their patients. In retirement, I wrote the book “Suicide and the Law”, and developed the suicide prevention website “Considering Suicide”.

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**Ira Sherwin, M.D., F.A.A.N.:** received his postgraduate education/training at New York University School of Medicine, where he earned his M.D. in 1956. From 1956-57, he interned at Queens General Hospital. He completed his neurology residency at Stanford University from 1960-1963.

From 1957-59, Ira served as a Captain USAFE (France). He was certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in 1965. He has held academic neurology appointments (Epilepsy research) at Harvard University, Boston University, the University of Southern California, the University of California at Irvine, and the University of Southern Florida. He has also served as a Visiting Scholar at Nuffield Infirmary Oxford University (England), Inserm (Paris); a Visiting Associate Professor in the Department of Neurology of UCLA; an Invited Lecturer at Max Planck Institute (Frankfurt), and the University of Lund (Sweden). He was President of Eastern Association Electroencephalographers in 1985.

Ira has published 67 articles in various publications. He married in 1962 and is currently widowed. He works part-time in Cape Cod, Massachusetts and Palm Harbor, Florida.

Memories: The honor of inducting then President Harry N. Wright into Sigma Alpha, when I was its Chancellor.

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Herman Stein, B.S., M.A.: graduated from Stuyvesant High School in 1948. He chose City College because it was an easy commute from his home in the South Bronx, and because his brother graduated from the College with a degree in chemistry in 1942. Professors B. Naiman (Chemistry), Professor D. Perlman (Chemistry), and Professor Brandt (History) were some of the educators who had a significant influence on his college career. He also recalls the excellent course “American Government and Democracy.”

He attended an early graduate degree program at Brooklyn College, where he received his Master’s degree in Chemistry in 1955. His thesis was completed under Professor N.D. Cheronis. He was appointed a Fellow (1953-1954), a half-time instructor, and then a full-time substitute instructor (1955-59). From 1955-1962, he taught the graduate course “Advanced Organic Chemistry.” He was honored with being elected a member of the Sigma Xi honor society in science.

He created preparatory courses in chemistry for students from poor backgrounds and also wrote an accompanying course study guide/syllabus for the latter course. Highlights of Herman’s career include: being appointed a faculty member at Bronx Community College in 1959; being promoted to full professor in 1975; and serving as Department Chair from 1985-1988.

Herman served a two year term as president of the New York State Association of Two year College Chemistry Teachers. He is also a member of the American Chemical Society and Division of Chemical Education, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Herman and his wife Corinne have a son, Mark, who is an assistant professor at the RWJ Medical School/Cancer Institute NJ.

Memories: “Lewisohn Stadium: summer concerts and daytime rehearsals. Sound travelled across the entire campus. Gathering with classmates in the cafeteria and alcoves.”

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Until 1995, he was a member of the Long Island Construction Contractor Association, and the Long Island Association. He is currently a member of the New York State CPA Society, the American Institute of CPAs, the Great Neck Historical Society, and a trustee of the Great Neck Library, and a member of the Great Neck Plaza Senior Span Committee.

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Orlando Vescio, B.M.E.: My parents arrived at Ellis Island from Italy in the 1890s, and reside in Manhattan at 123rd Street and Second Avenue. During this time, my two older sisters were born. In the 1920s, my father purchased a house in the Gravesend section of Brooklyn, where I was born in October, 1929, two weeks before the Black Friday crash.

I attended elementary and high schools in Brooklyn. I graduated from Lafayette High School in June, 1947. I was admitted to CCNY to pursue a degree in mechanical engineering. The reason I chose CCNY was because of the free tuition and its ranking among the top engineering schools in the country. I wanted to pursue a career in the aviation industry. I received a Bachelor of Mechanical Engineering degree in 1952.

I was drafted in April 1952, and served two years in Alaska in the U.S. Army. Upon discharge, I obtained an engineering position at the Grumman Aerospace Company in Bethpage, Long Island in April 1954. At that time, CCNY had no Master’s Degree in Engineering, so I applied to Polytechnic Institute of Brooklyn to obtain a Master’s degree in Engineering. I attended evening sessions and I used the G.I. Bill of Rights to pay for my tuition. I applied in April 1957, and obtained a Master’s of Science/Mechanical Engineering degree in June 1962.

After passing the necessary required courses, you had to write a thesis on an engineering problem of your choice, and submit it to your advisor. Then, you defended your conclusion orally before a panel of professors in order to get the Master’s degree.

During my career at Grumman, until I retired in November 1990, I was involved in many programs that included aircraft, nuclear power, spacecraft and missile defense systems. I contributed to the design, manufacturing, and testing of jet powered U.S. Naval aircraft that were launched from aircraft carriers. Some could use laser-controlled bombs at ground targets. Others could launch radar-controlled missiles at enemy aircraft miles away.

Grumman was the main contractor to build a nuclear fusion devise, to be installed at the Atomic Energy Laboratory in Princeton University. I was involved in a study to provide robotic equipment to maintain and service the devise.

In 1961, President Kennedy approved the Apollo Mission to land an astronaut on the moon. The spacecraft would consist of a command module and the LEM (Lunar Explorative Module). The LEM would land on the moon, detached from the command module, which would be orbiting around the moon. On return, the LEM would detach the bottom half and rendezvous with the command module for return to Earth.

I was part of a test team which provided the necessary test facilities to ensure that LEM Systems were operating before being shipped to Cape Canaveral, Florida from Bethpage, New York. During this pro-
I was part of a test team which provided the necessary test facilities to ensure that LEM Systems were operating before being shipped to Cape Canaveral, Florida from Bethpage, New York. During this program, we were fortunate to meet some of the astronauts that would be on the missions. Apollo XV landed on the moon in 1969. (The Russians never landed their cosmonauts on the moon!)

During the Cold War, the Air Force proposed to build a Space Defense Initiative System to intercept and destroy incoming ballistic missiles. (We named the program Star Wars.)

A radar system would identify the enemy missile and track its path. We would launch our own missile containing a device to destroy the enemy missile before it could start descending. I was part of a team to determine the type of simulations and test facilities for the device to destroy the enemy missiles.

As for my hobbies, I have been playing golf since 1954, when I started to work at Grumman. We were located two miles from five golf courses in Bethpage State Park and had company leagues after work. I’ve been a lifetime member of ASME since 1952. I have also built aircraft models since I was a teenager. I have a complete set of WWII Allied Aircraft Models at home. I enjoy reading detective and spy novels. I live in a 100 year old house where I was born and it’s a hobby to keep repairing it.

Memories: The daily walk up the hill from Broadway to Amsterdam Avenue. I was awed by the Great Hall and the large mural behind the stage. Having lunch in Lewisohn Stadium and listening to the various artists rehearsing for the night performances. The small campus with the Gothic style buildings. The winning of the Double Crown in basketball in 1950 (Allagaroos). The 1949 student strike that lasted for five days. The tunnels under the campus connecting the buildings, which I used on rainy days.

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Susan Wagner, B.S. Ed., M.S. Ed. (nee Gordon): was an education major at City College. She went on to receive her Master’s degree in guidance from Lehman College. She retired in 2005 from her career as a guidance counselor.

Memories: “I met my husband Leo Wagner at CCNY. This is my best memory. We are now married 61 years.”

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Gerald Walpin: The combination of the education that CCNY gave me and the opportunities that this Country made available to me has made me a very fortunate person.

My greatest achievement was marrying Sheila (CCNY ’57) — after our first date in December 1956, engaged in January, and married in April 1957 – recently celebrated our 55th anniversary – and our three wonderful children and six amazing grandchildren. We lived in Great Neck until our youngest daughter went off to college and our dog died, and since then have lived in Manhattan at 875 Park Avenue. Both were quite a change from my residence on Davidson Avenue, when I went to City College, and Sheila’s on Mohegan Avenue, until we were married.

At City College, I was very active in student organizations, serving as President of the Student Council, President of the Young Liberals (both the City College chapter and the State-wide organization), and member of other groups.

After graduation from CCNY in late Spring 1952, I earned enough money to pay my first year’s tuition at Yale Law School, at which I would start in September. I spent that summer working seven days a week 14 hours a day, driving an ice cream truck (called Tom Thumb ice cream, but similar to the Good Humor trucks we knew) in Greensboro, North Carolina. I had a great three years at Yale Law School,
graduating *cum laude*, fourth in my class, and was elected to serve as Managing Editor of Yale Law Journal.

My professional life as a litigating attorney has been very rewarding. I first served as Law Secretary to two federal judges in New York for a year and a half, gaining a practical education of what it meant to be a good litigator.

With the draft then breathing down my neck, I accepted a commission as a 1st Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General’s Department of the U.S. Air Force. While I was first assigned to Maguire Air Force Base in New Jersey, I was, after three months, able to get re-assigned to a base in France, where my wife and I essentially had a 2½ year honeymoon in Europe. I obtained excellent experience defending and prosecuting criminal courts martial. Whenever Sheila had a break from her teaching position on base, we would travel to almost all parts of Western Europe. We had a most enjoyable life – so much so that we gave serious thought to remaining in the Air Force, but decided against it.

Returning to civilian life in New York in January 1960, I was appointed as an Assistant United States Attorney in New York, and started what became an exciting five-year tenure in that position, prosecuting many interesting and challenging cases. They included an 11½ month jury trial in a large stock fraud case in which all 33 defendants were found guilty, and two prosecutions of the infamous Roy Cohn, in connection with which I had the unforgettable experience of working closely with then-Attorney General Robert Kennedy. During my stay there, I was promoted to Chief of Special Prosecutions, with responsibility for prosecuting organized crime.

After eight years of being on the Government payroll (Air Force and U.S. Attorney), with two children already – and not having been born rich – I switched to private practice and became a partner at the respected Rosenman law firm. After a few years there, I became Chairman of the firm’s 60-lawyer Litigation Department. I was very fortunate to be involved in some very exciting cases, including representing the manager of the Beatles, and Mia Farrow in her well-known litigation against Woody Allen.

I remained at that law firm for 42 years, and would have stayed longer, except that I had the serendipitous good fortune to be asked by President Bush to serve as Inspector General for the Corporation for
National and Community Service (the domestic Peace Corp, responsible for many great service entities, such as AmeriCorps and VISTA). Having seen how much this country had given me, I was happy to give something back by serving in that position. After confirmation by the U.S. Senate, I began that service. I inherited a wonderful staff of career non-political investigators and auditors, and administrative personnel, who ferreted out fraud and waste of taxpayers’ money in the various operations within my office’s jurisdiction. We succeeded in saving substantial amounts and halting misuse of government funds.

But a problem arose. My staff had received information that one Kevin Johnson—all I knew about him was that he had been a famous basketball player—was the Chief Executive Officer of an agency that had received substantial AmeriCorps funds, that were supposed to be used for tutoring inner-city children in his city, Sacramento, California, but had instead been illegally used for Johnson’s personal purposes. Also, there was some evidence that he had sexually harassed some AmeriCorps volunteers assigned to help on the non-existent tutoring. My staff had fully investigated and reported that the misuse-of-funds charges were substantiated; the sex charges would require further investigation through grand jury proceedings. After reviewing carefully my staff’s findings and recommendation, I concurred and sought civil and criminal proceedings against Johnson.

What I didn’t know was that Johnson was a friend and political supporter of Obama, who became President after my office had made the recommendation. Suddenly, I was called by the White House and told that I had one hour to resign or I would be fired. That was my lesson that honest enforcement of the law can result in being fired. Although I received a tidal wave of support from many Senators and Congressmen, from 150 leading New Yorkers, and in editorials in various newspapers—for example a Wall Street Journal editorial of about 2/3rd page length—the White House refused to budge, and I left my position in the Government in June 2009.

I keep very busy. The Chief Judge of the Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit appointed me to the Disciplinary Committee that handles charges of wrongdoing against lawyers in this Circuit. I do some pro bono legal work and consulting work for friends. I am in the midst of writing a book on the Constitution. Finally, I continue active on not-for-profit boards, including the Federalist Society and the Center for Individual Rights, a pro bono lawyers group that acts to defend civil and constitutional rights.
Over the years, I have found that serving not-for-profit organizations allows for meaningful contribution to our community. I have been honored to be chosen to serve as: President of the Federal Bar Council, the association of attorneys that practice in the Federal Courts in the Second Circuit; Chairman and Trustee of the Parker Jewish Institute For Health Care and Rehabilitation, a large Geriatric and Rehabilitation Institute in New Hyde Park, NY; Co-Chairman of the Anti-Defamation League’s Lawyers Division (New York); and as a Trustee of other organizations.

I have been the recipient of a number of honors, including the American Inns of Court Professionalism Award for the Second Circuit, for mentoring young lawyers, presented by Supreme Court Justices Ginsburg and Breyer; Human Relations Award of the Anti-Defamation League; Learned Hand Award of the American Jewish Committee; Gift Of Life Award of the Parker Jewish Institute; Human Relations Award of the American Jewish Committee; and Quality Of Life Award of the United Jewish Appeal – Federation Of Jewish Philanthropies.

Sheila and I continue with our favorite hobby: traveling. Over the years, after our stay in France, we have visited most usual travel spots in the world, but in addition some out-of-the-usual places, such as Antarctica, Afghanistan, New Guinea, Iran, Samarkand, Mongolia, Tibet, China, Australia, Amazon River, Machu Picchu, South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, and Arctic Circle. We look forward, God willing, to continuing our travels to see those areas we have so far not visited.

I have been asked to provide some “fondest CCNY memories.” Here are a few of the many that I have: My first memory of CCNY was in my role in the CCNY Varsity Show for the Class of 1939, of which my brother was President of the Senior Class; I, a boy of less than eight years of age, sang various songs about City College – a great remaining memory. As to memories while I was a student: the wonderful other students and the solving-the-world discussions in the cafeteria; my campaign for Student Council President in which, I now embarrassingly must be honest to admit, I had a number of good looking women students, with good figures, wearing tight T-Shirts bearing the words “Win With Walpin,” and handing out thousands of medicinal capsules in which my supporters had carefully rolled a small piece of paper with the typing “If Walpin gets in, we all get in.” More seriously, I remember supporting the right of Paul Robeson to speak in the Great Hall, as a matter of academic freedom, after the Administration had refused students’ request to let him speak there, even though I disagreed with Robeson’s Communist views.
Walter J. Weil, B.B.A.: was an economics major at the College.

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Josef Wischeidt, Jr., B.A., M.A.: I was born and raised in Manhattan and graduated from the High School of Commerce in 1948. I chose CCNY because of its academic reputation, its affordability, and to be able to live in New York City.

There were many faculty members who made a lasting contribution to my academic development. In particular, Professor Hans Kohn influenced my further academic studies and professional life.

The interaction with my fellow students, both in the classroom and during my free time, broadened my horizon and better prepared me for my future adult life.

After receiving my B.A. from CCNY in 1952, I attended New York University to continue studies in International Relations and International Organizations. I received my Master’s Degree in the above field in September 1953. My thesis was on “The Schuman Plan (European Coal and Steel Community)”, forerunner of the European Community.

My service in the U.S. Army from 1954-1956 interrupted my Ph.D. studies, which I continued afterwards.

In 1957, I embarked on my career. First with the Institute of International Education as Fulbright Advisor. Then, during 1959-1963 as Secretary of the International Relations Committee of Engineers Joint Council, which included Secretary Treasurer of the World Power Conference and UPADI (Federation of Latin American Engineering Societies). This meant coordinating and developing relations, organizing international conferences with foreign engineering societies, international organizations (including the United Nations Economic and Social Council), industry and the United States government.

During the above period, I established IAESTE (International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience) in the United States, enabling U.S. engineering students to obtain technical experience abroad in industry through this international organization. In 1963, IAESTE-US incorporated as a 501 (C) (3) independent organization and I remained its Director until 1967.

In 1967, I joined UNESCO in Paris, France, in the field of fellowships and training. In 1968, I became a staff member of UNIDO (United Nations Industrial Development Organization) in Vienna, Austria, working in the area of International Industrial Development. I was Chief of Section for Fellowship and Training and thereafter of the Nongovernmental Organizations Section. Then as Director of Investment Promotion, I set up a network of eleven Investment Promotion offices worldwide. Due to my positions, I received diplomatic status in Austria. I retired from the United Nations in 1988. During my retirement, I was an independent consultant in my field for a number of years.
Throughout my professional life, I attended many national and international conferences and traveled extensively worldwide.

Thank you, CCNY, for preparing me for a successful and interesting life.

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Morris Wisotsky, B.B.A., M.B.A.: I am a proud member of the graduating class of CCNY 1952. This year, we celebrate the 60th anniversary of this wonderful milestone in our lives. Along with my classmates, I vividly remember that it was during 1950-51 that we won the NIT and the NCAA basketball tournament championships. We were known as New York’s Cinderella Kids.

In retrospect, of course, I am eternally grateful to our College for preparing me for my life’s work. I am a CPA whose career in the Federal government spanned from 1960 to my retirement in 1996. In addition, I have an MBA from American University in Washington, D.C. During my career, I held memberships in AICPA and NYSCPA.

I am a Korean War veteran (1952-1953), who served in Korea in 1953. Interestingly, I, along with other Jewish war veterans, was recently honored with a Peace Medal presented by the Korean Ambassador at the Korean Embassy in Israel.

My wife Rita, who is an English teacher, and I have been living in Israel since 2000. Our daughter, Sara, who is also a CPA, and her family live nearby. Our son, Burton, a retina surgeon, and his family, live in the States. We are the proud grandparents of eight grandchildren.

In Israel, I am actively involved in our synagogue as well as in community activities such as ESRA (English Speakers Residents Association) and AACI (American and Canadians in Israel).

Prior to our aliyah to Israel, we made our home in Silver Spring, Maryland. Here, too, I was dedicated to our synagogue, particularly to our ritual committee. I served as the synagogue treasurer for many years. I prepared reports that evaluated programs for our local Board of Jewish Education.

I am now 80 years old and my life, thank G-d, is rich with the love of family, dear friends, and productive activities. I wish all members of our Class of 1952 and all alumni long life, good health, prosperity and happiness in the years ahead.
Mr. Robert Zuckerman majored in mechanical engineering and was a member of Alpha Phi Omega at City College. Robert was nominated to Pi Tau Sigma, the national honorary mechanical engineering fraternity. After CCNY, he attended LIU for an MS degree in operations research and then Brooklyn Polytech for an MS degree in systems engineer. He worked as a professional engineer, retiring in 1999. The most recent professional position Robert held was Director of Product Assessment.