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Jericho High School Alumni Hall of Fame

Your Teachers — April 2014

A number of your former teachers attended the 24th annual Jericho High School Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Jericho Public Library on April 10, 2014, and the dinner beforehand at the Milleridge Inn. We thought you'd like to see their photos, and so we muscled our way in to intrude upon intimate conversations between people who hadn't seen each other for thirty, forty years, barking "Can I take your photo?!" in a menacing tone of voice. Compliance couldn't have been better.



The dinner at Milleridge Inn is for the inductees and their families; assorted big cheeses and muckity-mucks from the Jericho School District; and (in lieu of payment) the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.

(Left) George Haggerty (l.), from the class of 1977, is a real estate attorney, as well as a member of New York Governor Andrew Cuomo's transition team. Standing next to George is his wife—and high school sweetheart—Jackie Tafuro, and their daughters, Kimberly, Emily, and Lindsay.

(Right) Dr. Cary Siegel, also from the class of 1977, has performed a lifetime of good work as an attending physician at Montifiore Medical Center in the Bronx. He takes a special interest in children and especially teens. That's wife Emily at far left, and their children, Zachary and Sarah.

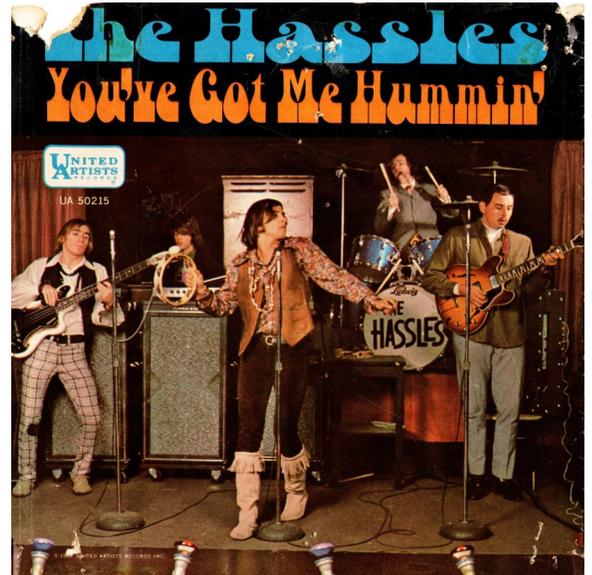




(Above) The dinner is also where each inductee meets the JHS senior who will be introducing him or her at that evening's ceremony at the Jericho Library. Jonathan Small, from the class of 1965, and his wife, Jeanine, flank Lily Lippman of the class of '14. Jon is an award-winning TV and concert producer and director, and also the most prolific music-video producer of all time. Jon and Jeanine divide their time between Long Island and Nashville.



(Above) Edith Lutnick, also from the JHS class of 1977, meets her abductor: senior Jon Serotta. She is cofounder, executive director, and president of the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund, a not-for-profit charity devoted to addressing the immediate and long-term needs of victims of terrorism, as well as to victims of natural disasters and other emergencies. To date, the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund has distributed more than \$270 million to folks in need.



If you lived in West Birchwood and rode your bike past the Small residence at 74 Orange Drive, chances were that you'd hear the muffled sound of Jon practicing drums or playing with his band the Hassles in the garage. The keyboardist for the Hassles was a younger teenager from Hicksville, Billy Joel (then known as Billy Joe). Above is their debut single, "You Got Me Hummin'," a soulful Isaac Hayes song, which came out in the fall of 1967. Until he injured himself in an accident, Jon was a professional drummer for twelve years, touring with the Beach Boys, among others. Then he began his second act.

(Below) Lori Meyers Peterzell ('78) (r.) develops social media strategies for the A&E Network, home to TV shows such as Hoarders, Storage Wars, Intervention, and Duck Dynasty. With her is classmate Janet Hopf Kesner, a member of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee.





(Left) Joan Baiman Rosenberg ('71) served a dual role this year. Not only is she a member of the Alumni Hall of Fame Selection Committee, but she is also acting principal of Jericho High School. With her are administrators Ben Ciuffo and Barbara Bauer.



(Right) Here's Joan again, this time with Jeff Ratner, a fellow member of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee, and Claire Hochheiser, vice president of the Jericho Board of Education.



(Clockwise from bottom left) Plenty of friends come out to see their buds get inducted. At bottom left, Edie Lutnick and Jody Berger Wenig ('77), and at left, Edie and Ken Roberts ('76). Shown below are John Saville and Janice Trimboli-Saville ('78), both of whom are friends of George Haggerty's.





(Left) Lori Meyers Peterzell (far r.) with her family: Mom Carol Meyers, Cousins Janine and Bruce Day, and son Lance. Lori lives in Tarrytown, New York.

(Right) Dr. Cary Siegel meets his presenter, senior Taylor Murphy.



(Below) Jericho Superintendent of Schools Henry Grishman, teacher Mary Moran (who serves on the Hall of Fame Selection Committee), and curriculum associate Eric Sundberg.

(Above) Without the two people above, there wouldn't be a Hall of Fame. Pat Liptak (l.) has been the official videographer for, well, forever. And Mary Vitale (r.) does pretty much everything else. We mean everything. We're suggesting that she change her last name to Mary Vitality. It fits.





(Below) Mr. Bob Hoffman (r.) launched the Hall of Fame in 1991; next year will be its twenty-fifth induction ceremony. Standing next to him is teacher Nick Maraventano, who has emceed the awards ceremony for many years. The guy deserves his own late-night show; he's that good.



(Above) Both these photos could be captioned the same: "Bob Hoffman with former JHS student _____, who calls him "my favorite teacher of all time." At top is Janice Trimboli-Saville ('78); below is Philip Bashe ('72), who showed up to take photos as usual despite having a wicked case of the flu and being totally doped up on codeine. (Thanks to Jeff Ratner for snapping this one and to John Saville for the one of Janice and Mr. H.)



(Above) Standing between Mary Moran (l.) and Mary Vitale (r.) is Selection Committee member Brian Cummings, a JHS math teacher turned administrator. His mathletic skills are essential when tallying up the votes every fall. It's like having IBM's Big Blue in the room.



(Above) Getting ready to head over to the Jericho Public Library auditorium. Left to right, Jon Small, Lori Meyers Peterzell, Edie Lutnick, Cary Siegel, and George Haggerty. Also on hand, some of the Milleridge's famous ghosts. Thomas Jefferson and Teddy Roosevelt swap stories at a little side table. T.R. scolds the third president for goosing the female serving staff, while reminiscing about his bar mitzvah, held in this same room around 1871. "I told 'em to let my horse sit with me at the kids' dais!" T.R. laughed. "Who was gonna tell me no?"

(At right) On the way out of the Milleridge Inn, now in its sixth century, we bumped into the ghost of President William McKinley, rocking on the porch and debating whether or not to go to Buffalo on presidential business. "I hate that damn place," he grumbled. "Every time I go there, something bad happens." We nodded sympathetically and left Mr. Grumpy to sulk by himself.





Being inducted into the JHS Alumni Hall of Fame isn't for the faint of heart, because you have to sit beneath a giant blowup of your high school yearbook page. Every year, it's a montage of regrettable hairstyles.



(Above) JHS senior Ben Kronengold introduced George Haggerty (right), who told a great story about getting into a fistfight outside the gym on the very first morning of junior high. His first memory was of being picked up by the back of the shirt by Coach Dick Drab, which led to him joining the football team.





(Above) Jasdeep Kaur introduces Lori Meyers Peterzell (right). Lori remembered being selected to dance on an ersatz “Soul Train”-type show on WPIX-TV. Who knew that Jericho was such a hotbed of funky soul shaking in the 1970s that it would warrant a talent search. Guess who else was picked as a dancer? Fellow inductee Edie Lutnick. The things you learn.



(Below) Taylor Murphy introduced Dr. Cary Siegel (left), who reminisced poignantly of being bullied as a kid and thanking the teachers who took notice and paid extra attention to a teenager who’d just lost his father to cancer. He implored teachers and parents alike not to overlook those kids for whom adolescence is not necessarily the best time of their lives and to help make it more bearable by showing them kindness. Very, very touching.





(Above) Lily Lippman introduced Jonathan Small (right), who asked the audience rhetorically, "I'm a funny guy, right?" And he was! In fact, all five inductees brought the funny that night, making this one of the most entertaining ceremonies in recent memory.

Jon Small has directed more than five thousand music videos. His first two were for old pal Billy Joel, in 1983: the classics "Tell Her About It" and "Uptown Girl."



(Left) Jon Serotta introduced Edie Lutnick (below), who no doubt had far more on her plate growing up than most teenagers ever will. Within a year, both her parents died, leaving her to essentially raise her younger brothers. Edie became an attorney; middle child Howard became CEO of the Wall Street firm Cantor Fitzgerald. On September 11, 2001, their younger brother, Gary, was killed in the terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center, along with more than six hundred other members of the firm. Howard asked his sister to run their charity, the Cantor Fitzgerald Relief Fund, which became a full-time pursuit.





(Left) Randye Ringler ('73) and Lori Greene ('78).

(Below) Mr. Austin Lynch and Ms. Barbara Murphy.



(Below) Suzi and Elizabeth Marks, also from '78, as Mrs. Schwartz checks their posture. Old habits die hard.

(Above) The class of 1978's Suzi Baker and Janet Hopf Kesner.



(Left) Elizabeth and Janice Trimboli-Saville.





(Above) Another year well done: Mr. Hoffman and Mrs. Dolores (Poltorak) Hoffman.



(Above) Another teacher couple: Mrs. Nancy Lynch and Mr. Robert Lynch.

(Below) Jess Rudolph of the class of 1976.



(Above) From the class of 1975, Gloria Rothstein and Artie Monk.



(Above) Jody Berger Wenig ('77) with Mrs. Karen Schwartz and Ms. Maureen Tracy.



(Above) Joan Baiman Rosenberg (1971) with her mom, Mrs. Bernice Baiman, who was a longtime member of the Board of Education as well as the JHS Hall of Fame Committee.



(Above) Young JHS musicians entertain the hungry masses with a string-quartet rendition of Black Sabbath's Paranoid album in its entirety. Righteous!



(Above) Janice Trimboli-Saville and John Saville on either side of inductee George Haggerty. Winners receive not only a handsome plaque but a plastic baggie of perfectly shaped mashed potatoes from the cafeteria for old time's sake.
(Below) Janice with a previous inductee, Lori Greene ('78).



(Above) From right to left, Elizabeth Marks ('78) and Ms. Barbara Murphy.



(Above) Ms. Phyllis Mandell with Ms. Maureen Tracy and **(right)** with Mrs. Karen Schwartz.

