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## Your Teachers — April 2012

A number of your former teachers attended the 22nd annual Jericho High School Alumni Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Jericho Public Library on April 19, 2012, and the dinner beforehand at 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.



*(Left) At right, new inductee Dr. Peter Shulman from the class of 1964. With him is his classmate Billy Herskowitz, also a member of the JHS Hall of Fame.*

*(Right) James Greco from the class of 1973 was inducted for his work in law enforcement; he's been president of Long Island K-9 Service since 1979. With him is his sister, Rachele, from the class of '69.*





**(Above)** Two more of this year's five inductees: Richard Slater (JHS, 1978) and Patricia Monk-Eichner (1980).



**(Above)** Inductee Benita Zahn Stulmaker ('72) and her husband, Bob Stulmaker, came down from their home near Albany, where she is a longtime TV news anchorwoman and health-news reporter.



**(Above)** The man who makes it all happen: Mr. Bob Hoffman, who conceived the idea of an alumni hall of fame back in 1990. With him is Selection Committee member Janet Kesden Hopf, a 1978 graduate and still a resident of West Birchwood.



**(Above)** Peter's wife, Teresa Santos Shulman, and son, Joshua.

*Lots of family and friends come out for the preceremony dinner at Milleridge Inn and then the ceremony at the Jericho Public Library.*

**(Below)** Dr. Peter Shulman's brother Bruce (JHS '69) with his wife, Gail.



**(Above)** Peter's older brother, Ira, with his wife, Clanda. In 1960, when Ira was a senior, JHS hadn't been built yet, so he and the other Jericho twelfth-graders spent the year at Carle Place High School.



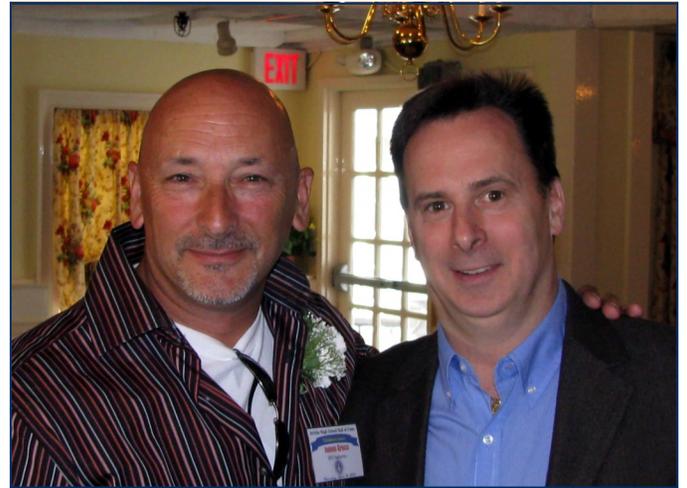
**(Below)** Jim Greco's wife, Nicole, and his two adorable daughters. The Grecos live in Manorville, LI.



**(Above)** Even Jim's aunts and uncle attended.



**(Left)** Benita Zahn's youngest brother, Jeffrey, from the class of 1978, caught up with classmate Janet Kesden Hopf. An anesthesiologist, he lives in Manhattan.



**(Right)** Artie Monk, from the class of '75, shown here with Jim Greco, came out for his sister, Patricia Monk-Eichner ('80), who was also joined by nearly a dozen of her colleagues from the Brentwood School Dis-



**(Left)** New Hall of Famer Rich Slater (right) with his wife, Mindy, and Nicholas Maraventano. Nick, a teacher at JHS, emcees the induction ceremony every year and deserves his own late-night talk show.

**(Right)** You, of course, know her as Joan Baiman Rosenberg from the class of 1971, herself a member of the Hall of Fame. But if you're a current student at Jericho High, you know her as Assistant Principal Rosenberg, or, "Y-yes, M-M-Mrs. R-R-Rosenberg." With her is longtime Jericho school superintendent Henry Grishman, who, incidentally, was recently named the best superintendent in all of New York State. Once again, Jericho rules!





**(Left)** School board member Barbara Krieger with Mary Vitale, the behind-the-scenes force of nature without whom none of this would happen.

**(Right)** Here's Mary with one of the newer members of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee, Grace Merrell Slezak, who was among the first seniors to graduate from the newly built Jericho High School, in 1961.



**(Below)** Three other members of the Selection Committee: current JHS teachers Brian Cummings and Mary Moran, and, at right, Mark Ratner, a onetime principal in the district.





**(Left)** You're already met Janet Kesden Hopf (right). With her is Judy Ornstein, a longtime Hall of Fame Committee member and a teacher at JHS.



**(Above)** Selection Committee members Howard Jankowitz and Mrs. Selma Constant were members of the Jericho Board of Education back when you were still in kneepants. Howard is the father of the class of '73's Ellen Jankowitz Eder.



**(Above)** Videographer Pat Liptak does a great job videotaping the annual ceremonies.

**(Right)** Joan Baiman Rosenberg with Claire Hochheiser of the Jericho School Board.



**(Left)** Barbara Bauer from central administration with master of ceremonies Nicholas Maraventano.



**(Below)** From left to right are administrators Victor Manuel, Ben Ciuffo, Superintendent Henry Grishman, and School Board President Joseph Lorintz,.



**(Above)** Art Kaminsky ('64) of the Hall of Fame Selection Committee (and older brother of the class of '71's Janet Kaminsky), with Billy Herskowitz and Dr. Peter Shulman. Art, an attorney, was among the first group of inductees, in 1991.



**(Left)** Obligatory photo of the cake. Can't read what it says, though; seems to be written in Arabic.

**(Right)** Each inductee is paired up with a super-high-achieving JHS senior. He or she introduces the inductee at the ceremony and, the following morning, escorts him or her to speak at a class or two at the high school. These kids are so accomplished at seventeen or eighteen that it makes you feel like your own life has been nothing but one big waste of time ...

Anyway, sitting at Peter Shulman's table of family and friends is (middle) class-of-2012 senior Danielle Duval, who plans on studying medicine.





*(Left) Benita Zahn with her student presenter, Austin Boral. And (below) Patricia Monk-Eichner and her presenter, Arian Soroush.*



*(Right) Okay, dinner's over, and everybody's getting ready leave the Milleridge Inn and stroll on over to the library for the ceremony. It occurs to event photographer Philip Bashe from the JHS class of '72 (also a member of the Hall of Fame as well as the Selection Committee) that he forgot to take a photo of himself. So the camera is tossed to fellow committee member Grace Merrell Slezak, who takes two pix, one incognito and one uncognito. Now let's blow this here joint.*





**(Above)** This is the cross that all Hall of Fame inductees must bear: sitting beneath a poster-sized enlargement of their yearbook photo. This year, Dr. Peter Shulman, seated in the middle onstage, lucked out: his photo, from 1964, had yellowed so much, it couldn't be used.



**(Above left)** The evening's first inductee, Benita Zahn Stulmaker, receives her plaque from Henry Grishman as presenter Austin Boral looks on. In her speech, Benita gave special praise to English teachers Linda Donovan and Stephen Piorkowski, and also to Chuck Schmidt, both for his excellence as an earth science instructor as well as his "hotness." Many women in the audience seemed to agree. **(Above right)** JHS senior Laura Horowitz introduces Jim Greco.



**(Above left)** All the speeches this year were excellent, often moving and always funny. James Greco, now retired from the Department of Corrections, is president of two companies: Long Island Security Consultants and Long Island K-9 Service, the largest certified K-9 training facility on Long Island. His clients have included President Bill Clinton, Long Island congressman Peter King, and Rudolph Giuliani. To the delight of students, he brought one of his detection dogs to Jericho High School the next morning. Presumably, they cleared all contraband out of their lockers first.

**(Above right)** Dr. Peter Shulman spoke touchingly about the influence of his father, who developed Alzheimer's disease in the mid-1990s. Peter, who lives in Florida, runs the largest pediatric practice in the United States.



**(Left)** Barbara Murphy, who emceed the Hall of Fame induction ceremonies for many years, presented the Jericho Retirees Association's annual award (named in honor of the late Mr. Emil Voigt) to the charitable organization My Good Deed, founded by Jay Winuk from the class of 1976 in honor of his brother, Glenn, an attorney and volunteer EMT technician who died on 9/11 while trying to help others at the Twin Towers. Glenn ('79) was inducted posthumously in 2002; Jay in 2010.

**(Right)** Educator Patricia Monk-Eichner reflected on the influence of her late mother, a single parent back when that was not so common. She credited Mr. Robert Hoffman with spurring her interest in working with children and teaching. She began as a special education instructor, and then earned a master's degree in counseling,



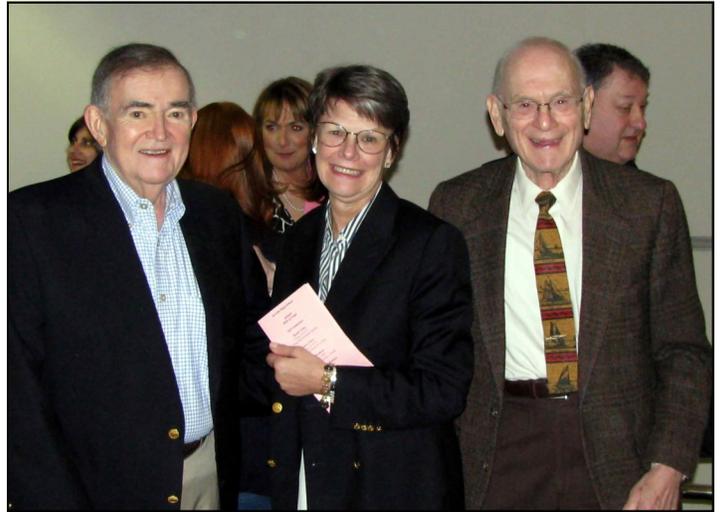
**(Below)** The evening's final inductee, Richard Slater, was inducted by a current star athlete at JHS, Dustin Sheinberg. Rich, a chiropractor, is also an award-winning girls' basketball coach. "I am so proud to be a Jayhawk!" he exclaimed. "I still bleed blue and gold." With that, he took out his old Jericho High School football jersey and a varsity jacket still in pristine condition. Among the teachers he thanked were coaches Walter Bachman and Fred Grasso, and Ms. Maureen Tracy and Mrs. Karen Schwartz, aka "Schwartzie."



*After the ceremony, the best part of the night: milk and cookies in the reception area.*



*(Above) Mrs. Karen Schwartz and Rich Slater.*



*(Above) Mr. Austin Robert Lynch and Mrs. Nancy Lynch with Howard Jankowitz.*



*(Above) Ms. Phyllis Mandell and Ms. Maureen Tracy.*



*(Above) Mr. David Martin.*



*(Above) At right, Mrs. Estelle Stern Rankin with a good friend who taught briefly in Jericho.*



*(Above) Now married for forty-one years, Mr. Bob Hoffman and Mrs. Dolores Hoffman.*



**(Left)** Mrs. Estelle Stern Rankin, Ms. Barbara Murphy, and from the class of 1978, Elizabeth Marks.



**(Above)** Bruce Steiner ('68).



**(Left)** Coach Walter Bachman ('68).

**(Right)** Nice shot of Artie Monk ('75) with Ms. Maureen Tracy.



**(Below)** Gloria Rothstein from the class of '75 was in the neighborhood and thought she'd drop in. No, really; she lives in East Birchwood. With her are **(left)** Suzi Baker ('78) and **(right)** Amy Peters ('80).

