

# The Bethlehem Star

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## From The Island

*This issue is timed to be delivered today. The 45th Anniversary of our Graduation Day.*

*Collectively we've lived and loved a lot in the ensuing years. We've lived lives of accomplishment and made new friends. We've moved, and visited, all over the world and still stayed connected to the friendships of our formative years. We've raised our families and built careers. As I reflect on all this the lines of the classic Rod Stewart song echo in my mind: "in my heart you will remain, Forever Young..."*

*The Gideon Putnam tells us that 7 rooms remain to help celebrate those days when we were young and the future opened before us. Please make plans to join us in Saratoga. You can make your reservation and get one of the remaining 7 rooms by calling today 518-584-3000 or 1-800-732-1560. You don't have to stay at the Gideon Putnam to participate in the festivities.*

*Please submit pictures and stories or drop me a note and let me know what you would like to read about in future issues.*

*Thanks for reading.*

*Bill D'Anza*

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## Bethlehem Central High Graduates 213



A class of 213 Bethlehem Central High School seniors were graduated last night in commencement exercises at the high school campus. The theme of the ceremony was "The Need for Self-Expression."

Jennifer S. Flinton delivered the valedictory address, "Know Thy Self." The salutatory address, "The Dangers of Conformity," was given by Stephanie Temshiv.

For two students who received their diplomas last night, the exercises not only signaled the end of their school days in Bethlehem but the end of an extended stay in the United States.

They are: Armitae DeArma, a blonde Spanish girl, and Holum's Kristjansdottir, from Iceland. The girls attended Bethlehem Central during the last year as foreign exchange students and will soon return to their homelands.

Two other honor students participated in the ceremonies. Barbara Barbarossa gave the invocation and Carolyn Ogden

gave the benediction. Separate religious services were held Sunday for Roman Catholic and Protestant pupils.

Hamilton R. Bookhout, supervising principal, gave an introductory talk that opened last night's ceremony. Harold Smith, high school principal, introduced the graduates. Ralph A. Holmgren, president of the Board of Education, presented the diplomas.

Dennis Emery, class president, presented the class gift—a school seal to be mounted on the auditorium lectern.

In addition to the Misses Flinton, Temshiv, Barbarossa and Ogden, other students who graduated with honors were: Carole Fost, John Hunter, Patricia Morse, Roger Newell, Jean Powers and Jerzyanna Taber.

CONGRATULATIONS—Ralph A. Holmgren, president of the Bethlehem Central School District's Board of Education, presents a diploma to Jean Powers at commencement exercises of Bethlehem Central High School last night. Miss Powers, who was graduated with honors, was one of 213 seniors who received diplomas.

## A look back in time... by Bill D'Anza

The above article was published on June 25, 1963, in *The Knickerbocker News*. Inside is another article from *The Times Union* which lists all the members of the class. I remember the speeches, Denny Emery presenting the class gift, Mr. Bookhout mispronouncing names and Mr. Holmgren shaking my hand as he offered his congratulations and handed me my diploma. The rest of the night is a blur, although I remember being with my family and then a late night trip to Lill's and Bill's with a car load of friends only to find no one else was there. The BCHS Class of 1963 had started its journey into the future, and what a great trip it has been.

## From the Throne



Thought we'd share a picture of my new throne. Hope you like it. I do!! Very comfy.

Reunion plans are well under way. Classmates are planning to attend from as

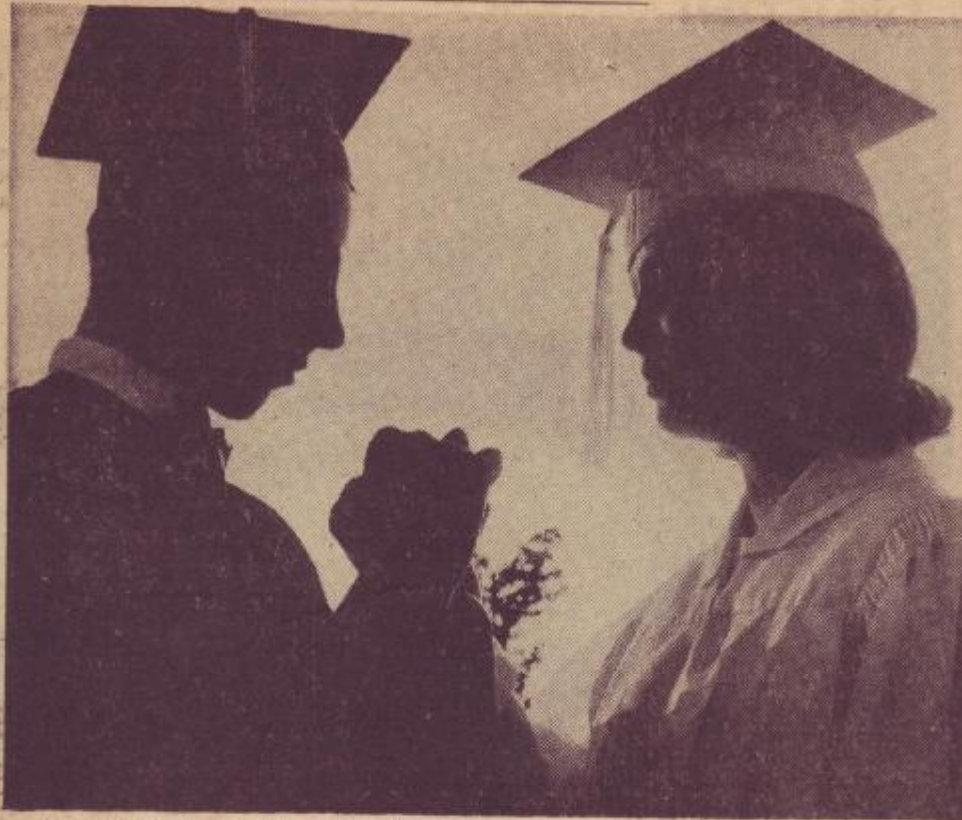
far away as California to as nearby as Lake George!! Sure hope you plan to join us. Spouses, significant others, teachers, friends and family members are all welcome to attend.

Please remember that you are NOT required to stay at the Gideon Putnam to

attend ANY reunion weekend event. Events will be priced separately so you can attend those functions you choose. We will also have a weekend package price for those of you who will be attending all events.

Presently, all committee chairpersons are making final preparations. By mid-July I will mail the reservation flyer with all the details. At that

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Richard Schultes and Grace Wheeler compare their class rings at yesterday's graduation exercises at Bethlehem Central High School.

Times-Union Staff Photo by Kolenberg

## You've got mail!

### Signs of Our Times

I'm not sure I would agree that "All of us lost" as a result of the Vietnam War, although it may appear so. But even out of that mess, there has come some good. Of course, if we had learned the BIG lesson of that war, we would never be in Iraq today, but in the long run, I think both Vietnam and the United States have learned to overcome the negatives and move forward. It didn't happen after the First World War, but it did happen after the Second. It happened after our Revolutionary War and many others. People found a way to get along.

Only after we all learn to get along, *with* our differences, and without *imposing* our beliefs and will on others, will there ever be real peace in the world. Problem is that, too, is a *position* with which some disagree. So first we all have to agree that Peace = getting along, *with* our differences, and without *imposing* our beliefs and will on others. Then, we'll all be able to help each other be all that we can be. Judging by history, I think we're moving in that direction, but it's a rough road. Living such a life would make for a smoother ride.

Namaste.

Barb and Larry Eckhaus

*Like I stated at the start of the article, it's about "our" times, approximately 1960 to 2008. I don't feel qualified to tackle a broader perspective, since I either wasn't around or wasn't paying attention yet. Barb, I certainly hope we can learn tolerance as you describe, but in the time frame above, I personally find scant evidence for it. In any event, the article got you thinking, so to that extent it was a success. It was meant to be provocative, not persuasive. I encouraged readers to add and/or edit based on their own experiences, and your contribution is appreciated. Beyond that, it's just plain good to hear from you. Wayne*

# Graduation Exercises Held At Bethlehem High School

Heading the Bethlehem High School Class of 1963 candidates for graduation at last night's commencement exercises at the school were Jennifer Flinton, valedictorian, and Stephanie Temshiv, salutatorian.

Other graduation candidates were:

Kathryn Adams, Grace Alberti, Barbara Barbarossa, Joan Bardole, Ruth Bonrmann, Jeanne Bonackec, Katherine Braun, Carol Brown, Barbara Brownell, Claudia Carl, Barbara Carroll, Gloria Casey, Carolyn Clark, Barbara Clarke, Alice Colburn, Carol Dalton, Lana Dianckert, Arantze DeArzuza, Carol De George, Margaret Domenico, Susan Downey, Sheila Doyle, Diana Drew.

Susan Egnis, Sue Estey, Susan Everett, Cheryl Ferguson, Jennifer Flinton, Carole Foot, Barbara Fortin, Deborah Foster, Regina Frank, Jeane Frattura, Susan Goldring, Karen Gonid, Karen Gordon, Nancy Gosstyla, Meredith Gowdy, Donna Gregory, Paula Hart, Carol Hart, Carol Henry, Gay Herbst.

Jean Jernigan, Nancy Jones, Frances Katchmar, Margaret Kennedy, Susan Klett, Heles Krantz, Holmridur, Kraziansdottir, Barbara Kundel, Janet Lawrence, Josephine Leonardo, Louise Luxberg, Mary Ann Lynch, Bonnie

Mason, Judith Mattox, Grace Mazzara, Margaret McChesney, Diane McClumpha, Mary McCall, Mary McDowell, Kathryn Middleton, Janet Monroe, Patricia Morse, Sheila Mulligan.

Althea Nichols, Ellen O'Donnell, Carolyn Ogden, Marjorie Otwell, Jeannine Parker, Susan Patterson, Susan Peters, Sandra Phillips, Marcia Possell, Jean Powers.

Patricia Quindlan, Anna Rao, Karla Rappe, Elizabeth Reynolds, Nancy Rice, Barbara Rockmore, Jane Reid, Judith Smith, Elizabeth Stein, Pamela Suthoff, Jean Swanson, Jerryanne Taber.

Mary Susan Tausa, Stephanie Temshiv, Nancy Tudice, Joy Van Alstyne, Linda Vandenberg, Erika von Bank.

Joan Wawrousek, Martha Wesger, Paula Wenzl, Grace Wheeler, Virginia Whitbeck, Augusta White, Virginia Wiley, Barbara Wilson, Elizabeth Winters, Barbara Young and Paulette Zicko.

Glenn Adams, Russell Albright, John V. Audino, David Bissetfeld, John Rolger, Donald Boone, Allan Paul Bradley Jr., Richard Brown, John Brownrigg, David Busick, Keith Carrie, Stephen Clary, Martin Cohen, Larry Conway, Joseph Crispell, Robert Crocker.

William D'Anza, Kenneth Darmer Jr., Richard Davidson, John Davison Jr., Royce Day, Robert Deily, Dennis Emery, Peter Eagle, Paul Fishery, Peter Flierl, John Flinton, Malcolm Fordham, Frank Freeman, James French, Jerrald Friedman.

Alan Garson, John Geer, Peter Glenck, Paul Grenier, Wayne Groesbeck, Robert

Grunewald, James Hamlin, George Hammes, Joseph Harrigan, Guy Heller, John Hendrick, Robert Henion 3rd, Donald Hinkel, Peter Hunsdale, Donald Houck.

Richard Gary Houck, John Hughes, Terence Hulihan, Robert Hummel, John Hunter, Kenneth Hutchings, Geoffrey Hutchinson, Thomas Jackson, Ronald James, Roger Kerr, Roger Kibbey, James Kiley, Bradford Kimball Jr., H. Nicholas Klett 3rd, Robert Kurus.

William Labrum, Robert LaNier, Richard Law, Robert Lawson, Charles LeMaitre, William Loss, Joseph Loux Jr., Lawrence McArthur Jr., Michael McCullough, Walter McDowell, William Morgan, Francis Murgace, Alan Myers.

Roger Newell, Douglas Niles, Ronald Ochaser, Everett Ogden, Fitz-Edward Otis Jr., Richard Owez, G. Kendred Parry, Robert Patterson, Richard Platt, Daniel Poillon, David Putz.

Alan Quinn, M. Anderson Rapp, Robert Rightmyer, James Robinson, Richard Roelf.

Daniel Schnaible, Manfred Schuetz, William Soons, Loren Sharns, Richard Shultes, Robert Shultes, David Soence, Frank Stewart 3rd, David Stewart, Steven Strong.

John Terwisp Jr., Timothy Thornion, Ronald VanAuken, David Whitbeck, Charles Whiting, Robert Wilhelm, Randall Yeomans, William Zimmerman Jr. and Rudolf Zwackbauer.

## *The President's Corner (continued from P.1)*

time schedules will be determined and prices will be finalized. Reservations will be accepted through September 1.

Recently you received an order form for 45<sup>th</sup> reunion mementos featuring our logo designed by Roger Kerr. Enclosed in this edition of the STAR, you will also receive an order form. Please note this order form has a couple additional items. Order forms are also available at our website: <http://bc63.homestead.com/index.html> Place your order by August 22. Shipment is scheduled for September 19 so you can wear your mementos to the reunion. Most of the items do carry minimum order requirements, so please get your orders in soon.

At our website, designed and maintained by our web master Eric Hamilton (husband of Barbara Kundel), you can also access pictures from our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion, a listing of class members as well as missing classmates, deceased classmates and other information and messages. Check it out!!

Eric has also offered to conduct a TIME TRAVEL event on Saturday. Please see Eric's article in this issue for more information.

Larry McArthur, our Treasurer, was notified by BCHS that they have not yet invested our \$500 donation from our 40<sup>th</sup> reunion. They made several suggestions and in turn I made my recommendations. Soon we should know for what they have decided to

use our contribution. We'll keep you posted.

Enjoy your summer. Volunteers are still needed...especially during the various events. Let me know how you would like to help. Just send me an e-mail.

See you in October....

Rudy



## Erie Canal Tour Proposed for Saturday *by Eric Hamilton*

*Eric is the husband of Barb Kundel and our webmaster. In a way the class of 63 will be doing a great deal of "time travel" this coming reunion weekend, experiencing the good old days (or maybe not so good depending on your perspective.)*

I am willing to lead a group, back [for a couple or three hours] even further in history to Erie Canal Heydays for anyone interested on Saturday morning. Visit could include Waterford Harbor, the current Waterford flight of locks, the Cohoes Falls (if sufficient flow), Vischer Ferry Preserve

(three generations of the Erie Canal in a short walking distance), birding and nature walk, Rexford Aqueduct, there might even be a matinee at the new Proctors Theater. All this along America's newly designated Mohawk Towpath Scenic Byway between Waterford and Schenectady. We could arrange a box lunch (or visit a quaint Irish pub for lunch) with a stop for Stewart's Ice Cream (almost as good as Tollgate's. Some flavors are better!). We could even glimpse into the real distant past with some Native American history or even Revolutionary War history.

We would need a driver and a vehicle large enough for those half dozen that would be

interested. This is intended to be an alternative for Saturday morning from say 10 am to 1 PM.

Anyone game? The experience would be tailored to the interests of those who show interest (if you can follow that circular reference). If you let me know your interest by mid August I will follow with a questionnaire intended to narrow the itinerary from an all day affair to an efficient three hours. The best way to reach me is [ejh.bkh@juno.com](mailto:ejh.bkh@juno.com)

## Keeping in touch with Kathy Adams

Here's my story (and I'm sticking to it!):I moved to Florida five years ago to help my brother Bill expand his pool construction business into Palm Beach County. Since then the pool industry has slumped along with the housing industry. I still work two days a week for Bill and volunteer one day a week at the Bonnet House Museum and Gardens in Ft. Lauderdale, giving tram tours and describing the plants and animals for the visitors. I visit my Mom every week.

We are all (61 of us Adamses and kin) will celebrate her 90th birthday at a week-long reunion in August at Ft. Myers Beach. My five kids and eleven grandkids will all be there, along with all my siblings and their families. Whenever I can I take off for the north to visit my kids in NY, CT and Canada. The picture was taken on Mother's Day this year with my Mom and my very significant other, John Pryor. Life is good in

Paradise - come on down and give me a call.



# Fun times at BCHS

## Who is it?

Who *are* these people? Do you recognize these classmates? The answer is at the bottom of Page 5.

Do you have a picture from "way back when" that you would like to share with the class? Please email it, with the identifying information to: [wdanza@rochester.rr.com](mailto:wdanza@rochester.rr.com)



## Catching up with Barbara Clarke Eckhaus

Barbara Eckhaus, mezzo-soprano, is "a captivating performer, whose singing will touch your soul". She has performed for guests at the White House and on concert series throughout the eastern US, where she was heralded as "stunning.... a model for anyone attracted to singing classical music".

Ms. Eckhaus is in demand as a concert soloist, having performed with the Boston Masterworks Chorale, Albany Pro Musica, Union College, Berkshire Concert Choir, North Carolina Symphony Chorale and as a featured soloist at Summer Music Festivals. She has appeared on the concert stage with the



Glens Falls Symphony and the Albany Symphony Orchestras. Her operatic roles include Flora in *Traviata* and Third Lady in *Magic Flute*. Ms. Eckhaus has a private voice studio in Delmar, NY.

## Catching up with Meredith Gowdy Meislahn

There have been good changes in life: Skip and I sold Stone Post Farm after living there 11 years with 4 sheep and a wonderful Donkey, Eyore. Thought it would take over a year to sell but it sold in 3 months--having to find a place to live we opted to rent in Albany, this was also the time Skip went part time (of Counsel) in his law firm which gives us more time to travel, etc. We bought and renovated an Albany ranch house with an all glass back wall upstairs and down (love the light) with a very open floor plan (easy to clean) with just enough yard for gardens. We travel every 3-4 months to

Boulder to visit our three grandsons. I am finishing a 7th year of being on the Capital District Habitat for Humanity's Board. This has been one of the most satisfying and challenging volunteer jobs -- there really is an impact made both for a family to have new, modern living space and the community at large. We build 7 homes a year and next year hope to provide 10 a year--all are done in a selected street sections of Albany and having families OWN their home rather than rent creates a stronger and safer area. Our three children are all married and starting their families. Our two daughters live 5 miles from each other in

Boulder and our son just bought a home near us in Albany. We are blessed. Looking forward to the reunion--always fun to reunite with classmates--we definitely had the best of high school life in the 60's with Rudy keeping us together over the years.







**CLASS OF 1963-BCHS ORDER FORM**

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER: SEND A COPY OF THE ENCLOSED FORM WITH YOUR CHECK FOR THE CORRECT AMOUNT TO:

“BCHS CLASS OF 1963”  
 C/O RUDY ZWICKLBAUER  
 200 N. ARLINGTON HEIGHTS ROAD  
 UNIT 719  
 ARLINGTON HEIGHTS, IL 60004-6051

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	SWEATSHIRT “SPORT.TEK” F280	XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL ATHLETIC HEATHER, BLACK, NAVY	_____	\$38.85	_____
	BASEBALL “PORT AUTHORITY” C834	ADJUSTIBLE VELCRO WOOL/ACRYLIC BLACK,NAVY,MAROON	_____	\$24.25	_____
	DRESS SHIRT “PORT AUTHORITY” S608	XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL,5XL LONG SLEEVE BLACK,LIGHT BLUE,GOLD,NAVY	_____	\$37.85	_____
	T-SHIRT “HANES” 5170	S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL 50/50 COTTON/POLY WHITE,BLACK,NAVY,ORANGE,CHARCOAL	_____	\$21.85	_____
	POLO SHIRT “PORT AUTHORITY” K448	XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL,5XL,6XL 100% COTTON BLACK,WHITE, NAVY, BURGUNDY, BLUEBERRY	_____	\$32.25	_____
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	LONG SLEEVE POLO “PORT AUTHORITY” K500LS	XS,S,M,L,XL,2XL,3XL,4XL,5XL,6XL 100% COTTON BLACK,WHITE, NAVY, BURGUNDY, BLUEBERRY	_____	\$33.25	_____

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