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*Reunion*

**Sunday, May 20, 2018**





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## OFFICE FOR DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI AFFAIRS

May 20, 2018

Dear Class of 1968:

On behalf of Hofstra University President Stuart Rabinowitz and the Office for Development and Alumni Affairs, we take great pleasure in welcoming you to your 50th anniversary reunion.

This is a wonderful opportunity to observe firsthand the dramatic changes that have taken place at Hofstra University, particularly in recent years. Please take some time to reminisce and connect with classmates and friends – and appreciate how you and every member of the Class of 1968 are links in a very strong chain.

Thank you for participating in this yearbook. It contains biographical information taken from the forms that you and your classmates provided up to the time of printing.

Keep in touch! Get involved! Enjoy!

Alan J. Kelly  
*Vice President for Development  
and Alumni Affairs*

Amy Reich  
*Executive Director for  
Alumni Affairs*

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## John Altiere

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BBA in banking and finance and have been married to my wife, Cathleen, for 11 years.

## Roy H. Berberich

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in music. I moved on to receive an MS in music from LIU Post. I have been married to my wife, Gloria-Jean Staszyn, for 42 years. I spent 34 years as an instrumental music teacher in the NYC public schools and still work as a substitute teacher. Flute is my major instrument, but I also enjoy playing the piano and vibraphone. I recently taught myself to play the Baroque flute. I perform with several music organizations. I enjoy walking, biking, hiking, swimming, traveling, and, of course, listening to music and attending concerts.



## James Cavin

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in history. I have been married to my wife, Kathy Kelleher, for 15 years. I got married the day after my last final at Hofstra and headed west to Seattle, where I've lived ever since. I worked as a computer programmer until retirement. My wife and I enjoy hiking in the mountains; seeing our local ice hockey team, the Thunderbirds; and going to plays at the Oregon Shakespeare Festival. I have one son from my first marriage.



## Stephen D. Fink

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I graduated from Hofstra University with a BA in history and political science. I am married to Yvette Rolon Fink '77. After graduating Hofstra, I received an MA in education and a JD.



## Gerard Fishberg

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in political science. I have been married to Eileen Fishberg for 45 years.



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**Paul Flora**

I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BS in economics and was commissioned into the U.S. Army Reserves through Hofstra's ROTC program. I served as a military intelligence officer for more than 28 years and retired in 1996 as a lieutenant colonel. I have remained involved with Hofstra over these 50 years by serving as the 1968 reunion co-chair, the Alumni Organization vice president, a board member and treasurer for the Hofstra Pershing Riffles Alumni Association, and co-founder and treasurer of the Hofstra Veterans Alumni Association. I have over 40 years of experience in the internal audit profession, primarily in the financial services industry. Most recently, I was the chief audit executive at AXA Equitable Life Insurance Company. I retired from AXA in 2007 and started my own internal audit services consulting company, Quality Plus & Associates.



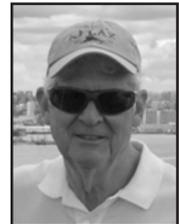
**Brian Elliot Greenberg**

I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in history. I moved on to receive an MA and PhD in history as well. I have been married to my wife, Susan, for 48 years.



**Lewis L. Heller**

I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in history. After graduating, I obtained my JD in 1971 and have been practicing law from 1971 to the present time. I have devoted my entire career to the practice of workers' compensation. I married Margaret Mermell '70, '71. We have two children and five grandchildren and have enjoyed 47 years of sailing, skiing, and exploring so far.



**William Kapelas**

I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BBA and have been married to my wife, Janet, for 49 years.



**Helena Kempner Kobrin**

I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in French. I have been married for 48 years to Michael D. Kobrin '70. I received my JD from Seton Hall University School of Law in 1978.

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## Kenneth Marsak

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA and currently develop recycled, reclaimed wood into hotel interiors, breweries, and boardrooms throughout the United States. I have been married to my wife, Krystyna, for 33 years.

## Robert Mazzella

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BS in engineering. I enjoy boating.



## Robert Palmer

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in business administration. I was self-employed in the real estate industry for over 40 years and am now retired and pursuing other interests. I have been happily married to my wife, Arlene, for 46 years. We have two wonderful daughters and four grandchildren.



## A.J. Paluska Jr.

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in political science. I went on to earn an MS in education prior to entering active duty as a 2d lieutenant in the U.S. Army. I remained in the Army for a full career and retired as a lieutenant colonel. During my Army career, I served in numerous command and staff positions in the United States and overseas. Upon my retirement, I was awarded the Legion of Merit for outstanding service and achievement. After military service, I was employed as a systems engineer for GE Aerospace, Martin Marietta, Lockheed Martin, The SI Organization, and Vencore, retiring after 24 years of service.



## John Thomas Passannante

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in English literature and have been married to Susan Marie Passannante for 49 years.

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## Suzan Rucker Neidell

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA and have been married to my husband, Martin Neidell, for 49 years.



## Dennis Siegman

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in history. I have been married to Nancy Siegman for 49 years.



## James J. Toone

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA in personnel management and was commissioned as an ensign in the United States Navy during the commencement ceremonies. I served as a naval aviator in the Helicopter Light Attack Squadron Three in the Republic of Vietnam and three different Helicopter Antisubmarine Warfare squadrons that deployed on five different aircraft carriers. My shore assignments included the Naval Air Force Atlantic Fleet staff as the helicopter training and readiness officer, and the staff of the deputy chief of naval operations. During my last three years of active duty, I served as a faculty member and dean of academic affairs at the Joint Forces Staff College. After retirement, I served as the director of information technology at the Joint Forces Staff College. In 2008, I went to work as the Hampton Roads site manager for Enterprise Management Systems. I have been married to the former Beth Werner for more than 46 years; we have two married adult children and four young grandchildren. We absolutely love our babysitting gigs in Midlothian, Virginia, and Springfield, Virginia! Lacrosse is still a passion of mine, and I'm very proud of the fact that during my "shore duty tours," I was actively involved in establishing club lacrosse in Jacksonville, Florida, and promoting the growth of youth lacrosse in Virginia Beach, Virginia.



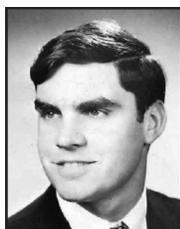
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## Moses Weksler

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BA and have been married to Florence Weksler for 37 years. My special interests are in the areas of Judaism, spirituality, books related to the history of America, World War II, history of the Middle East, and nonfiction. I have a full-time private practice in clinical psychology, along with being engaged in forensic work as an expert witness. One of my specialties is hypnosis. My personal time is occupied by family that includes children, grandchildren, friends, and the newest addition, a great-grandchild.



## John J. Wolters

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BBA and have been married to my wife, Marie, for 49 years.



## Angela Maria Zero Reddin

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I graduated from Hofstra University with a BA in elementary education/ Spanish. After the four great years at Hofstra, filled with many wonderful memories, I took a job as an elementary school teacher. It was in a parochial school in Queens, where I spent the next 45 years! During those years I married (in '74) and was widowed (in '07). For the next two years, I continued there as a substitute teacher while traveling. I was able to visit Scotland, Iceland, Panama, and Canada, as well as various U.S. states. But the past few years I have spent as a mentor, friend, and Babcia (Polish for grandmother) to a lovely young couple and their adorable 2-year-old – a job I never expected as I never had children of my own.



## Ivan Ziegler

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I graduated from Hofstra University in 1968 with a BBA in accounting and have been married to Sheila (Gerber) Ziegler for 48 years. I am a retired CPA/financial executive and am currently the active president of a nonprofit organization. I enjoy travel, golf, reading, and Hofstra sports. Go Pride!



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