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The Anniversary Classes Report

THE DIAMOND CLASS 1904

Anita Paschkes
Class President

I shall try to recount, to the best of my ability, the careers of some of our classmates and their work for the College. Many of our members chose teaching for their careers, others married, reared future Hunterites and became grandmothers. Others became lawyers, some chose business and many engaged in philanthropic and civic activities. The Class of '04 boasts of one member of the American Committee at the United Nations, Evelyn Wheeler Fox.

We are proud of our distinguished and beloved member of '04, the late Dean Ann Anthony.

Another outstanding 1904 member is Victoria Moss Bitterman. Vic was president of our class for over twenty years, succeeding Madeline Grande. Vic served the Alumni Association as 3rd, 2nd, and 1st Vice President and as chairman of several fund raising projects, such as the Organ Fund, the War Bond Drive. Fifteen years ago, with the assistance of the late Louise Draddy, Frances Abrams and Selma Berliner, she founded our Scholarship and Welfare Fund.

The late Wilhelmine Oetjen taught in our public schools until her retirement. She taught the first Health Class in our city and was president of the Health Class Teachers Association for many years. She was an active leader in the Girl Scouts Troup and received "The Woman of the Year Award" in 1961 of the Association of Business and Professional Women of the Fifth Presbyterian Association of New York.

Belle Davidson taught in our public schools, organized and was first president of the Association of Health Class Teachers. She was very active in the Teachers' Retirement Committee and was heard not only in New York but in Albany, working to secure the "Sound Pension Law" which the teachers now have.

Many others in our class have achieved success in business, in art, and the theater.

THE GOLDEN CLASS 1914

Esther J. Cohen
Class President

1914 is your Golden Anniversary Class today.

How times have changed since we went to college! Our school day was from nine to two. After two we attended club meetings. Our classes were small, 120 in the February class and 171 in the June class, making 291 in all, as members of '14.

Most of the students in '14 finished the college course in three years. The June class was the first to graduate from Hunter College, the name having been changed from Normal to Hunter.

Many of our classmates have passed away. Among them was one very well known to a great many of you — Marie Gallagher. Her classmates are today presenting a scholarship in her memory. Since there already is a Marie Gallagher Fund started by her many friends, her classmates' remembrance will be known as the 1914 Scholarship.

THE SILVER CLASS 1939

Shirley F. Graf

Tradition and custom call for a pause at this silver-plated milestone, to look back on twenty-five years of past performance and to look forward to the years ahead. And true to tradition and custom, the Class of '39 considers itself justified in pointing with pardonable pride to the achievements of its members.

We are mothers and career girls — many of us both. Representatives of our class have made important contributions in all fields of endeavor — in the arts and sciences — in commerce and industry.

And judging from our youthful appearance today, it would seem that the only thing we can't do is arithmetic. Can any one of us really believe that so many years have passed since graduation day?

We are grateful to Hunter College for many reasons — for the time spent learning in its classrooms and for all our college experiences, including time spent in the Commons learning the fine points of bridge.

For many years, we 39ers have been recalling the good old days at class reunions with our sister class of 1940. In 1961, the Classes of 1939 and 1940 contributed \$500 to the Scholarship and Welfare Fund to establish a scholarship in our class name.

Today, the Class of 1939 adds \$1,000 to that fund, a small acknowledgment of our debt to Hunter. We know that as the years go by, this fund will grow as we grow and continue to bring honor to our College and its graduates.



Edna Robinson Musnik, Luncheon Chairman; Celia Davinsky Zanger, Treasurer; Meta Aronson Schechter, First Vice President; Beatrice Schmerer Broido, Recording Secretary; Anna Michels Trinsey, President; Ethel Garfunkel Berl, Second Vice President; Helen Hochfelder Taffel, Assistant Treasurer; Anna Meade Heine, Third Vice President

Some of the representatives who spoke at the Luncheon and announced the Birthday Gift of their classes, clubs and chapters, are presented on these two pages



Katherine Meyer Graham '24



Muriel Leahy '29



Shirley F. Graf '39



Betty Fox '54



Ruth Walcott of the "Wistarians"