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BCC Hall of Fame Strikes “Gold”

The Baltimore City College Hall of Fame marked the passage of 50 years since its inception with an induction ceremony at The Castle on October 26, 2007. Membership in the Hall of Fame now totals 206 with the induction of **Robert D. Hormats BCC '61**, **Jacob D. Howard, III BCC '74**, **Julian L. “Jack” Lapides BCC '49**, the late **Webster S. Lewis BCC '61**, **Herbert “Hunky” Matz BCC '32**, and **Coach George H. “Jerry” Phipps**. [Editor’s note: Listing of inductee achievements will be published in the Spring 2008 edition of this *Newsletter*. There were no inductions at all into the Hall of Fame from 1970 through 1987.]

BCCAA Annual Membership Meeting Held

The Annual Membership Meeting of the **Baltimore City College Alumni Association, Inc.** was held on Thursday November 8, 2007 in The Castle. Keeping with the intent of a resolution approved by the BCCAA Board of Governors earlier this year, dessert and coffee was served in lieu of

dinner – as had been the custom in the past. Members approved a motion to suspend the rules to afford Emeritus Board of Governors status to **Rev. Kenneth S. Jones, BCC '37** and the BCCAA president for 2003-2004. The Alumnus of the Year (Leo Award) was presented to **Gilbert Sandler, BCC '41** and Hall of Fame member, for his continuing support and mentoring of the speech and debate program at City College. [Editor’s note: Look for a full report on the proceedings of the BCCAA Annual Meeting in the Spring 2008 edition of this *Newsletter*.]

Knights “3-peat” in Baltimore Grid Classic

Going into the 119th renewal of their historical match-up at M&T Bank/Ravens Stadium, City was a decided underdog to rival Poly. The engineers had won eight of their nine 2007 games and ranked #10 in the Sun newspaper poll. When the final gun was sounded, City was on the upside of a 26-20 score. It was the Knights’ third win in a row over the Engineers, brought City to within three wins of tying the series (58-55-6), and vaulted City into the State Class 2A Playoffs. The Knights (as of this writing) had a 30-5 record over the past three seasons. [Editor’s note: Catch a full wrap-up of the 2007 season in the Spring 2008 edition of this *Newsletter*.]

The City squad had entered the 2007 season listed as #13 in the Sun newspaper preseason poll despite manpower losses from graduation and other personnel problems. 2006 All-State honoree **James Carmon BCC '08** was listed as a defensive player to watch. Also meriting that honor was Joe Petrides who starts on offense and defense for Archbishop Curley and is City

coach **George Petrides’** – BCC '67 and Hall of Fame member – son. The Knights suffered two early seasons crushing losses at the hands of defending state champions Dunbar and Edmondson.

Newspaper Article Details Sacrifices of City Congressional Medal of Honor Winners

In a Back Story column in the *Sun* newspaper published on Saturday November 10, 2007 (the day before Veterans Day), Frederick N. Rasmussen wrote about City’s three alumni honored as Congressional Medal of Honor winners. The article detailed the heroic acts attributed to **Henry G. Costin**, **Milton E. Ricketts**, and **Isadore S. Jachman. Neil R. Bernstein BCC '54** and Hall of Fame member said he intends to post a copy of the article and photos of a monument at Howard and Preston Streets (near the 5th **Regiment** Armory) that honors PFC Costin and another WWI hero and a mural in Hampden (painted by **Bob Hieronomous BCC '61**) that pays tribute to Lt. Ricketts near the Medal of Honor plaque outside the BCC auditorium.

Highly Qualified Class Becomes Part of BCC History

On Saturday June 2, 2007 at 9:00am commencement exercises were held at the Meyerhoff Symphony Hall for **BCC 2007**. It was the 190th such ceremony in **City College's** 168 year history. The graduates and guests heard remarks by Maryland's 7th District Congressman **Elijah E. Cummings BCC '69** and Hall of Fame member. As usual Rep. Cummings' words provoked the thoughts of his audience.

This year's graduating class was 307 strong and boasted of 30 candidates for International Baccalaureate Diplomas and 105 candidates for International Baccalaureate Certificates. Class members qualified for admission to 154 different colleges and universities. One-third of the graduates were offered \$11.3 million in scholarships and financial aid to continue their educations. Seven members of the 2006 varsity football squad were offered full college scholarships. Other academic achievements attained by the Class of 2007 included: National Merit Scholar – 1 finalist and 3 semi-finalists, Maryland Distinguished Scholars for Academic Achievement – 1 finalist, 2 semi-finalists, and 10 honorable mentions, 40 National Honor Society members, 12 Tri-M Honor Society members, and 77 Foreign Language Honor Society members (Spanish-36, French-31, and German-10).

The 10 highest-ranking graduates were **Kearra N. Carter, Carolyn M. Foster, Lily I. Friedman, Benjamin D. Koshland, Cherice L. Lawson, Stephen A. Mackall, Magdalena Nowosadko, Eva C.W. Schwartz** (Valedictorian), **Jordan Stopak-Behr, and Benjamin Zimmerman**. Those selected for the Baltimore Scholars Program at Johns Hopkins University **included Takia A. Banister, Kearra N. Carter, Benjamin D. Koshland, and Au'Sha C. Washington. Shadell R. Wiggins** was selected for Incentive Award Scholarship at University of Maryland College Park. Top Ten Percent Scholars at Towson University included **Deja D. Darden, Nia Govans, Melanie J. Lyles, Kelley M. Nolan, and Keith Rich**.

Class of 2007 Commencement Footnote

The BCC Class of 2007 commencement also commemorated the 25th anniversary of the first women to graduate from City in 1982. Our women graduates are exceptional and we admire their achievement. It was an exceptional coincidence that the City commencement occurred in the Joseph Meyerhoff Symphony Hall during the venue's 25th anniversary. Joe Meyerhoff graduated from the Baltimore City College in 1916. Then in 1978,

this self-made man contributed his ten million dollars, almost half the cost, and his leadership as president of the symphony to give Baltimore what has become the cultural focal point for the city. What's more, the membership ranks of the City College Hall of Fame include Meyerhoff. His numerous charitable acts include the endowment of a scholarship that is awarded annually to a graduating City senior.

Trustees' Administered Scholarships Awarded

Veronica Jones Freeman – BCC '82, Hall of Fame member and Treasurer of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds, Inc. – mailed checks for the tuition accounts of the **BCC Class of 2007** to their appropriate institution of higher education. The recipients and their schools of choice are as follows:

- Douglas H. Rose (BCC 1880) Scholarship – Keith Rich** (attending University of Delaware).
- Edward L. Torsch Class of 1868 Scholarship – Lily I. Friedman** (attending Barnard College –NY).
- Israel Krieger Scholarship – Margaux G. Polillo** (attending Franklin & Marshall College – PA)
- Aaron Straus (BCC 1898) Scholarship – Carla N. Clemons** (attending Goshen College – NY), **Nia Govan** (attending Towson University), **Jordan Bell-McDonald** (attending Claremont McKenna College – CA), and **Au'Sha C. Washington** (attending Johns Hopkins University).
- Joseph Meyerhoff (BCC '16) Memorial Scholarship – Benjamin Zimmerman** (attending University of Maryland – College Park).
- John C. Wentz, Jr. Memorial Prize Scholarship – Shnee' M.J. Weems** (attending Howard University – DC).
- Henry C. Wentz Memorial Prize Scholarship – Benjamin D. Koshland** (attending Haverford College – PA).
- Sylvan Shane (BCC '36) Scholarship – Nazirah M. Muhammad** (attending St. Mary's College – MD).
- Alfred H. Moses (BCC '47) Scholarship – Jesse L. Hassinger** (attending Yale University – CT).
- Hyman "Lefty" Stern (BCC '26) Athletic Achievement Scholarship – Kia V. Baker** (attending West Virginia Wesleyan College).
- Dr. Edgar F. (BCC '32) and Phoebe R. Berman Scholarship – Samkele J. Vundla** (attending Messiah College – PA).
- Corbin Gwaltney (BCC '39) Scholarship Prize for the Class Valedictorian – Eva C.W. Schwartz** (attending Brown University – RI).
- Andre S. Wickham (BCC '60) Memorial Scholarship – Brittany L. Butler** (attending Cabrini College – PA).

Dr. Ephraim T. Lisansky (BCC '30) Memorial Scholarship – Chardenae A. Clemons (attending Goshen College – NY).

Alan B. Snyder (BCC '60) and Susan R. Katz-Snyder Scholarship – Jeffrey U. Oguamanam (attending University of Maryland – College Park).

Robert E. Seney (BCC '44) Excellence in English Scholarship – La Shawna R. Weeks (attending College of Wooster – OH).

John F. Steadman (BCC '45) Memorial Scholarship – Kelley M. Nolan (attending Towson University).

Class of February, 1943 Scholarship – Cherice L. Lawson (attending University of Maryland – College Park).

Baltimore City College Alumni Prize Scholarship – Jordan Stopak-Behr (attending Northwestern University – IL).

The Campbell Bernstein Slusky Scholarship – Timothy Munuhe (attending Johns Hopkins University).

Calvin E. Tyler, Jr. (BCC '60) Scholarship – Magdalena Nowasadko (attending Johns Hopkins University).

The Harold Greenwald (BCC '28) Memorial Scholarship – Eva C.W. Schwartz (attending Brown University – RI).

Lemuel C. (BCC '23) and William M. (BCC '49) Dunbar Scholarship – Jamarco A. Bennett, Jr. (attending Gettysburg College – PA).

Dr. Stanley Kogan (BCC '48) Scholarship – Zachary X. Murray (attending Cornell University – NY).

Judge Robert I.H. Hammerman (BCC '46) Memorial Scholarship – Kearra N. Carter (attending Johns Hopkins University).

The following scholarships managed by the Trustees were not awarded in 2007: **Mary R. Dudley Scholarships to Morgan State University, Royce Diener (BCC '35) Fund, S. Peter Lebowitz (BCC '48) Scholarship, and Hyman Cohen (BCC '32) Memorial Scholarship.** The newly endowed **Deana and Gerald Stempler (BCC '49) Scholarship** will be awarded for the first time in 2008.

Other Scholarships Awarded

The following other scholarships were awarded in 2007 also:

The Gilbert Sandler (BCC '41) Speech Award – Zachary X. Murray (attending Cornell University – NY).

Frederick Raine Fund medal – Clair C. Embry

The Class of 1953/Henry J. Ripperger Memorial Scholarship – Sierra M. Bennett (attending Towson University).

Keith Warren (BCC '74) Memorial Scholarship – Benjamin D. Koshland (attending Haverford College – PA).

Robert L. Becker, Jr., Class of 1943 Scholarship –

Carolyn M. Foster (attending University of Maryland – College Park) and **Rakiya A. Orange** (attending Bowdoin College - ME).

Carl Otto Schroenrich Memorial Award – Clair C. Embry

Irving Berman Fund – Nicholas A. Brady (attending Johns Hopkins University – MD), **Gabrielle M. Fleming** (attending University of Maryland – College Park), **Loucia A. Hamilton** (attending New York University), and **Dominique D. Johnson** (attending Bowdoin College – ME).

The Herbert Welday, III, Class of 1983 Brotherhood Award (Given in 2007 in honor of Terri L. Welday BCC '82) – Breyon L. Whittington (attending University of Virginia).

The Neal Harvey Coppel Award for Loyalty to BCC Publications – Nazirah M. Muhammad (attending St. Mary's College – MD).

The Nancy C. Strouse Foundation Scholarship – Sydney Robinson

Edgar J. Kassan (BCC '28) Memorial Fund – Takia A. Bannister (attending Johns Hopkins University – MD), **Melanie J. Lyles** (attending Amherst College – MA), and **Stephen A. Mackall** (attending Towson University – MD).

Johns Hopkins University Baltimore Scholars Program – Takia A. Bannister, Kearra N. Carter, Benjamin D. Koshland, and Au'Sha C. Washington

University of Maryland College Park Incentive Award Scholarship – Shadell R. Wiggins

Towson University Top Ten Per Cent Scholars – Deja D. Darden, Nia Govan, Melania J. Lyles, Kelley M. Nolan, and Keith Rich.

Maintaining the Collegian Tradition of Excellence

Principal Timothy Dawson announced that 800 City students achieved Honor Roll status during the first quarter of the 2007-2008 academic year and were rewarded with a special dance.

Knaack Planned Gift for Scholarship Endowment

Frank C. Knaack BCC '51 and a Phoenix AZ resident has made a testamentary commitment that could result in a bequest of \$50,000 to create a scholarship endowment for BCC seniors planning a teaching career. Knaack said his gift was designed "...for the betterment of the school we all admire. It is not only a beautiful Gothic building, but a place where many young people 15 to 19 can remember as the good years of beginning life-long learning."

Public Notice

The Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds, Inc. is the one and only foundation benefiting the Baltimore City College. The Trustees was organized as an independent corporation in 1984 by the Baltimore City college Alumni association, Inc.

The Baltimore City Community College Foundation, Inc. serves what was known as Baltimore Junior College, then as Community College of Baltimore, and now as Baltimore City Community College. Possible confusion caused by the similarity between the latest name for the junior college and the name of the third oldest continuously functioning public high school in the nation prompted this notice.

BCC Annual Fund Campaign Is off to a Great Start!

The 2007 BCCAA Annual Fund mailing was posted for early October arrival in the mailboxes of those on our mailing list. Response during the first 30-days of the campaign was “encouraging” – to say the least. Over 200 alumni, former faculty members, family, and friends of City College were heard from during the first month. The initial report shows receipts of **\$14,855.00**. Additionally, **\$1,969.00** was designated for the Alumni Prize Scholarship Endowment and **\$1,350.00** was sent in for the Speech and Debate Fund. Another **\$897.34** came in from donations to the Baltimore City Combined Charities campaign. [Editor’s note: As mentioned previously, we are off to a great start! However we must build on this momentum to be able to serve City College’s students and programs. A final report on the 2007 Annual Fund campaign and individual donor recognition will be published in the Spring 2008 edition of this *Newsletter*.]



BCC Choir set to “Play” the “Big Apple”

City College’s Concert Choir has been invited to participate at Carnegie Hall’s National High School Choral Festival in New York City on March 10, 2008. The Knight singers will join three other prep groups in the festival sponsored by Carnegie’s Weill Music Institute. [Editor’s note: The BCCAA is already onboard as a supporter for this once in a lifetime opportunity for our young people. Individual support from other alumni would be greatly appreciated.]

National News Magazines Appreciate BCC

In a December 2007 issue *U.S. News & World Report* magazine looked at some 18,000 public high schools in the U.S.A. and rated the cream of the crop. **City College**

weighed in among those with a “Silver Medal” rating and ranked fourth highest in Maryland. As is usually the case, BPI trailed **City** in the listing.

As is the case each year, *Newsweek* magazine came out with a listing of public high schools that rank among the top 5 per cent in the United States. The 2007 listing shows **City College** at #246. Several Baltimore County high schools were also listed: Dulaney at #240, Pikesville at #274, Towson at #279, Carver Center at #489, Hereford at #544, Catonsville at #784, Eastern Tech at #945, Loch Raven at #1010, Franklin at #1054, and Parkville at #1290. Poly’s ranking was #1100.

Can You Supply the Clue to Unravel a BCC Musical Mystery?

In an article written about the late **Blanche Bowlsbey**, legendary music teacher and Hall of Fame member, it was mentioned that one of those she taught at **City** was Johnny Mann. We did some checking and discovered that John A. Mann was born in Baltimore on August 30, 1928, attended Peabody Conservatory of Music, and played in the U.S. Army Band during the Korean conflict. However we can find no firm evidence that Mann graduated from **City**. Mann finally relocated to California where he formed the Johnny Mann Singers who released at least three-dozen albums and made thousands of radio jingles. [Editor’s note: **Their biggest single record was Invisible Tears.**] Johnny Mann was nominated for five Grammy Awards and won the statues twice. We’ve also learned that Johnny Mann was choral director for the old Joey Bishop Show and NBC Comedy Hour and provided the voice for chipmunk Theodore for the original Alvin and the Chipmunks animated television series. Can you supply any additional information about John A. Mann’s time at City?

To: **BCC Alumni who work for the City, State, or Federal Government**

Subject: **Great News!**

We are happy to announce it is now possible to help the Baltimore City College Alumni Association to help the students and staff at City via a direct contribution through your employer’s combined charity campaign. The BCCAA identification numbers are as follows:

Combined Federal Campaign - 43901

Maryland Charity Campaign - 1019

Baltimore City Combined Charity Campaign - 5228

Thanks in advance for your generosity!

Hall of Fame Laureate Dead at 95

Norman I. Hackerman BCC '28 died on June 16, 2007 at Temple TX after a short illness. A chemist – who held bachelor and doctorate degrees from Johns Hopkins University – Dr. Hackerman’s many achievements included working on the WWII Manhattan Project and heading the National Science Board. On the academic side, Dr. Hackerman served as president of both University of Texas at Austin and Rice University.

One-time Knight Coach Dead at 92

Coach **Andrew “Andy” DeFassio**, who was a popular presence at many recent BCC class reunions, died on May 6, 2007 after a short illness. Coach DeFassio was basketball coach and a member of the physical education staff at **City** from 1951 through 1956 before joining the faculty at Patterson High School where he coached and taught until retiring in 1978. [Editor’s note: For full details on Dr. Hackerman and Coach DeFassio’s accomplishments refer to *Newsletter* editions posted on the BCCAA website: <http://www.cityforever.org>.]

Welcome Home to a BCC NFL Player

Bryant Johnson BCC '99 returned to M&T Bank/Ravens Stadium at Camden Yards this fall for the first time since he played in the 1998 City-Poly game. However, this time Johnson was wearing the uniform of the NFL’s Arizona Cardinals. Johnson, who was All Baltimore City/County twice and All Metro at City, played for Coach Joe Paterno at Penn State and was the Cardinals 1st round pick in the 2003 college draft. Beside hundreds of City alumni rooting for him, Johnson also reserved 80 (matching his uniform number) tickets for relatives and friends. The Johnson group had a huge tailgate party on a parking lot off Russell Street before the game. Asked what he misses most about Baltimore, Johnson replied a Chicken Box (four wings and fries) and a Half and Half (iced tea and lemonade). As for the game, Johnson caught one pass for an 18-yard gain during the Cardinals losing effort and just missed catching a TD pass due to – what a local writer admitted – was pass interference on the part of the Raven defender. The Fox Network broadcast team mentioned during the game that Johnson’s alma mater was City College. WBAL-TV Channel 11 also did a feature report on Johnson assembled by reporter Keith Mills.

Alumni Nota Bene

Richard M. Alter BCC '62 is in his 35th year as president/CEO of the family-owned Manekin LLC commercial realty firm. During Alter’s tenure Manekin has developed over 10 million square feet of property valued at over \$750 million.

Autumn M. Anderson, BCC '01 and a 2005 graduate of West Virginia State College, is now teaching 1st grade at Samuel F.B. Morse Elementary School in West Baltimore. As an intern in the Counseling Department at **City, Ms. Anderson** – the daughter of **Calvin Anderson Jr., BCC '63** and Hall of Fame member - worked with the “Knights of the Roundtable” Program under which male alumnus from 2000 through 2006 spoke to young men in grades 9 through 12. [Editor's note: The BCCAA supported the “Knights of the Roundtable” Program.]

State Delegate Curtis S. “Curt” Anderson BCC '67 currently serves as chairman of the Baltimore City delegation in the Maryland House of Delegates.

Neil R. Bernstein, BCC '54 and Hall of Fame member, was recognized by Baltimore Heritage Inc. for heading the effort that led to The Castle being designated as a city landmark.

The military service of the late **Robert Kyle Burns, Jr. BCC '43** plays a big part in his son Ken Burns’ highly acclaimed 14 and ½ hour PBS documentary “The War.” Robert Burns, Jr. came home to earn a degree from JHU and teach cultural anthropology at University of Michigan. An amateur photographer, Robert Burns, Jr. saw both of his sons become documentary producers before his 2001 death. It is the U.S. Army photo of Robert Burns, Jr. that appears at the start and end of “The War.”

Scott Calvert BCC '90, as a *Sun* newspaper foreign reporter, wrote a well-received three-part series of articles entitled “*Mandela's Children*.” Calvert set out to describe the daily lives of South Africa's post-apartheid generation. To do so, Calvert spent four months interviewing and cataloging the experiences of three young people enrolled at Fons Luminis Secondary School in Soweto (short for South Western Townships) outside Johannesburg. In 2003, Calvert wrote as an “embedded reporter” about the start of (and what then was thought to be the end of) fighting in Iraq.

Allen “Al” Cohen BCC '29 at age 96 spends two or three hours each day exercising – treadmill, pushups, machines, etc. – at the Jewish Community Center. Retired from the Government Printing Office where he was in charge of printing The Congressional Record, Cohen has survived two serious surgeries – brain tumor (36 years ago) and quintuple bypass (19 years ago). A wrestler at City, Cohen played handball then racquetball ball before switching to his current regimen at age 90.

Frank B. Coakley BCC '60 serves on the board of the Morgan State University Foundation and also serves on the board of the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds. Currently Coakley works for the State of Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development.

David S. Cordish's, BCC '56 and Hall of Fame member, Cordish Co. has solidified its reputation as “..one of the country's preeminent entertainment developers.” The firm is a partner in “Pittsburgh Live!” which is a mix of shops, bars, and restaurants planned for the Steel City's

North Shore between the Pirates and Steelers stadiums. Cordish Co. is also involved with similar projects planned adjacent to ballparks in St. Louis, San Francisco, and Washington DC. The Cordish Company is also developing a mixed-use project in Florida near the Daytona International Speedway and NASCAR-theme restaurants in southern states. In a late development, Cordish's firm was reported in negotiations to buy one or all of Donald Trump's hotel/casinos in Atlantic City NJ.

Michael E. Cryor, BCC '64 and a communications consultant, is the new chairman of the Maryland Democratic Party. Cryor's record of achievements including hosting a talk show (On Time) on local TV for a decade, involvement in lobbying and community development, and sitting on various institutional, charity and corporate boards.

7th District Congressman **Elijah E. Cummings, BCC '63** and Hall of Fame member, brought his House Subcommittee on Coast Guard and Marine Transportation to Baltimore last spring for hearings on a liquefied natural gas terminal proposed for Baltimore County. Opponents of the Sparrows Point site fear a negative ecological impact on Chesapeake Bay and the Dundalk and Turner's Station residential areas.

Milton A. Dugger, Jr. BCC '60, besides working as an insurance underwriter, owns the Grumpton Records label. A former member of the Baltimore City School Board, Dugger recently organized a gathering of local musicians at St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church in Govans to celebrate the life of the late keyboardist Corey "Fingers" Brooks.

Lionel Foster Jr. BCC '98 is listed as Community Coordinator and writes some articles for *Urbanite* magazine that is distributed in the Baltimore area. Foster graduated from Johns Hopkins University and went to England on a Marshall Scholarship where he earned masters degrees in social policy and planning and regional and urban planning from London School of Economics.

Harvey Fox BCC '60 is presently a partner in the Washington DC law firm of Adduci, Mastriani and Schaumberg LLP specializing in Customs and International Trade Law. After a 29-year career with U.S. Customs Service (now known as U.S. Customs and Border Security in the Department of Homeland Security), Fox retired in 1995 as Director of Regulations and Rulings.

April Yvonne Garrett, BCC '88 and a former BCCAA officer, now presides over forums as president of Civic Frame. *Sun* newspaper columnist **Gregory Kane BCC '69** writes that Ms Garrett facilitates discussions on important urban matters in Baltimore and eleven other cities. The holder of three degrees, Ms. Garrett has worked at Columbia University, Emory and, Harvard universities and the NAACP national headquarters.

Christopher M. Goodman BCC '06 was among 200 Baltimore teenagers who went to City Hall last spring to tell Mayor Sheila Dixon what's good and bad about the

city. In his remarks Goodman was critical of the public school central administration, "*The crime scene is on North Avenue. The current state of city schools is unacceptable. They need to be fixed, and you need to hold the politicians, who let this happen, responsible.*" Goodman also organized a rally to get students involved in improving their city.

Harold I. Gullan, Ph.D. BCC '48 is co-author with St. Joseph's University basketball Coach Phil Martelli of a new book "*Don't Call Me Coach: A Lesson Plan for Life.*" A historian and Philadelphia resident, Dr. Gullan's earlier books include "*The Upset That Wasn't,*" "*Faith of Our Mothers,*" "*First Fathers,*" and *Jumping Through Hoops: Why Penn Wins.*"

Rev. Alvin C. Hathaway Sr. BCC '69 has answered a call to serve as senior minister at Union Baptist Church in Baltimore.

Leon J. Henry BCC '84, who has an extensive background in the Human Services field, now works as program manager for the Our Daily Bread Employment Center (ODBEC). The new Fallsway facility provides the city's homeless and working poor with services such as preparing students for General Education Diploma tests, job search help, substance abuse recovery, mental and physical health care, transportation, outreach referrals, etc. Henry's predecessor as program manager was **James Green BCC '84** also.

Robert D. Hormats BCC '61 and Hall of Fame member has a new book on the shelves. "The Price of Liberty: Paying for America's Wars" examines footing the bill for armed conflicts from WWII thru Iraq. A former under secretary of state and deputy U.S. trade representative, Hormats is currently managing director of Goldman Sachs & Co. International.

Alex Hughes BCC '95 works in communications for Maryland House of Delegates Speaker Michael Busch.

Ronald H. "Ron" Israel, D.D.M. BCC '54 practiced in Pikesville for 24 years before starting a second career as a videographer two decades ago. Since that time Israel has filmed a documentary on St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, recorded interviews with Holocaust survivors, and taped concerts and theater productions. At present, Israel is under contract as personal cameraman for Naked Cowboy – the colorful New York City street musician – who performs in boots, hat, and tidy whities.

Rev. Kenneth S. Jones, BCC '37 and BCCAA president for 2003-2004, continues to amaze at age 88. After recovering from a temporary "speed bump" (physical problem), Rev. Jones told your *Newsletter* editor he has resumed a full schedule that includes work on behalf of his political party and a plan to return to Russia for more volunteer work.

Millard Kaufman BCC '34 at the age of 90 has become BCC's latest novelist by publishing his first book. "Bowl of Cherries" is about an Arab youth and set in Brooklyn, Colorado, Iraq, and Greenspring Valley.

Kaufman's credentials are impressive – teaching jobs at JHU and Sundance Institute, two Oscar nominations, and credit for writing the screen play for “Bad Day at Black Rock” and as co-creator of the myopic cartoon character Mr. Magoo.

Alvin B. “Buzzy” Krongard – BCC '54, Hall of Fame member, and former Alex Brown & Sons and CIA official – has a seat on the advisory board of Blackwater Worldwide, the private security firm in the news because of its employees' actions in Iraq.

Vice Admiral Walter B. “Wally” Massenburg, USN – BCC '66 and Hall of Fame member – has retired after a 37-year service career. A member of the swim team at City, Admiral Massenburg was commissioned as an ensign after graduating from Washington and Jefferson College in 1970. Admiral Massenburg was feted this year at a retirement party and change of command ceremony held at the Patuxent Naval Air Station (MD).

Fred Neal (nee Applestein) BCC '52 recently appeared at the Sports Legends Museum at Camden Yards to talk about of his co-worker and friend – the late **Charles M. “Charley” Eckman BCC '40**. Neal co-wrote the autobiography of Eckman – a legend in broadcasting and basketball refereeing and coaching. A former broadcaster and sports executive, Neal is dedicated to Eckman's induction into the BCC Hall of Fame.

Bennard B. Perlman, BCC '45, Hall of Fame member, and who has been exhibiting his painting for 57 years recently held his 77th one-man show at Diddywopps & Keefers in Monkton MD. Perlman is also working on a book about one of his classmates at Carnegie Tech: “*Andy Warhol Pittsburgh Years: 1928-1949.*”

George Pinchback, BCC '73 and a member of the BCC Athletic Hall of Fame, was inducted into the University of Baltimore Athletic Hall of Fame for his basketball prowess in ceremonies held at Camden Yards last spring.

Carroll Pupa BCC '58 is an organizer of the Northeast Belair Road Community Council – a coalition of seven neighborhood groups in Baltimore City and Baltimore County working to solve common problems.

Martin Resnick, BCC '49 and operator of what is believed to be among the top 10 grossing privately-owned catering companies in the USA, has opened his 7th and latest venue – Valley Mansion by Martin's in Cockeysville. Resnick was a 34-year-old buyer for the old Hecht Co. department stores when he opened his first banquet hall – the old Eudowood Gardens in Towson – in 1964. Resnick's firm now has over 800 employees and catered 3,600 events during 2006. [Editor's note: Valley Mansion will be the site of the Class of 1958 50th Reunion in October 2008!]

Rep. C.A. “Dutch” Ruppertsberger, BCC '63 and Hall of Fame member, continues to promote his “Operation Hero Miles” initiative that is now dedicated to flying relatives to the bedside of troops wounded in action. Rep. Ruppertsberger recently challenged colleagues to

donate their “frequent flyer miles” to the program...Rep. Ruppertsberger was also named to the board of visitors at the U.S. Naval Academy.

Ronald A. Sallow BCC '64 serves as an associate commissioner in the Maryland Insurance Administration's Insurance Fraud Division.

Leroy Q. Saunders BCC '72 was honored recently for 31 years of service in the Baltimore City Department of Transportation. Among the presentations were citations and awards from Rep. **Elijah E. Cummings – BCC '63** and Hall of Fame member, State Senate President Thomas “Mike” Miller, and State Senator Joan Carter Conway.

Gov. William Donald Schaefer, BCC '39 and Hall of Fame member, returned to the State House in Annapolis last spring as a private citizen to accept the annual First Citizen Award for public service or philanthropy. On hand to present the award were Gov. Martin O'Malley and State Senate President Thomas V. “Mike” Miller. Also honored with the same award was J. Joseph Curran Jr. who retired after two decades as Maryland Attorney General and happens to be Gov. O'Malley's father-in-law...Friends of the former Governor are raising \$500,000 to honor him with a statue that would be placed between the two pavilions at Harbor Place. Heading the campaign is Ed Hale, owner of First Mariner Bank and a Patterson High graduate.

Jordan M. Scher, M.D., BCC '43 continues to hold several directorships in the field of detoxification, mental health, and substance abuse treatment in both the U.S.A. and Israel.

John Schuerholz, BCC '58 and Hall of Fame member, has been promoted to serve as president of the Atlanta Braves. During Schuerholz's 17 years as general manager the Braves won 14 consecutive divisional titles...Schuerholz was also honored as Distinguished Alumnus for 2007 by Towson University.

Coach William E. “Willie” Scroggs BCC '65 and his University of North Carolina Tar Heels were honored during the NCAA Division I lacrosse finals at M&T Bank/Ravens Stadium last spring. Scroggs' team won the NCAA championship 25 years ago in 1982.

Stephan J. Sfekas, BCC '64 and a Baltimore attorney, serves on the board of The Society for Values in Higher Education. The 84-year-old group meets each year to discuss the role of religion, ethics, and values on college campuses. “Inquiry and Action: Teaching and Learning in a Religiously Pluralistic World” was the theme of this year's session held at the College of Notre Dame in Baltimore.

Melvin Steinberg BCC '50 and Hall of Fame member has been appointed to the regional advisory board of SunTrust Bank. Steinberg is a former State Senate President and Lieutenant Governor of Maryland.

Lawrence H. “Larry” Taylor BCC '38 and his wife Eileen were the subjects of Fred Rasmussen's popular Back Story article in the October 6, 2007 *Sun* newspaper. The occasion was their moving to Oak Crest Village

Retirement Community after 57 years residing in the same Rodgers Forge house. Taylor, age 87, has been retired since 1985 after working as a radio engineer and pioneering TV technician at WMAR – Channel 2.

Actor **Michael Tucker BCC '63** and Hall of Fame member and his actress wife Jill Eikenberry appeared at Baltimore's 14th Annual Book Bash for Literacy Works Inc. to speak about their latest book. "Living in a Foreign Language" is an account of their adventures living in rural Italy. The couple met while starring in the LA Law TV series.

Calvin E. Tyler Jr. BCC '60 and Hall of Fame member and his wife Tina recently doubled their previous 2005 and 2006 gifts to Morgan State University that totaled \$1 million. Their 2007 gift will be used to fund need-based scholarships.

H. Russell Wright, M.D., BCC '62 and a decorated Vietnam veteran, has an otolaryngology practice and is president of the medical staff at St. Joseph Medical Center in Towson.

Michael H. Yerman BCC '57, a long-time presence on the local real estate scene, has united with seven other industry professionals – including two of his sons – to form a new firm that offers "one-stop shopping" for potential buyers. The Strata Group – with its main offices in Bare Hills off Falls Road – offers sales, mortgage, and title services. A former co-owner of Meredith Real Estate and Long & Foster associate, Yerman was once president of the Greater Baltimore Board of Realtors.

Reunion Corner

60th

The **BCC Class of 1947** held its reunion in the form of a brunch in Mid-October 2007 at Martin's West. A good number of wives and significant others dressed up the occasion. Martin's excellent food and drink was enjoyed by all.

50th

51 class members and 33 wives and guests attended on May 5, 2007 when the **February 1957 Class** got together at the Radisson Hotel-Cross Keys. All had a good time reminiscing about their old teachers and good times at **City**. Each class member received a "**BCC – Feb. '57 – City Forever**" cap, 125-page commemorative booklet, and a DVD of their 35th reunion in 1992. They're planning to meet informally each May in the future. If interested, contact **Donald G. "Don" Miller** at 301-530-6123 or dgmiller@rcn.com for details.

BCC June '58 is finalizing plans for its gala 50th reunion for Saturday October 18, 2008 at Martin's Valley

Mansion in Cockeysville. Members of the **February '58 Class** are cordially invited to share in the fun, too. Contact information for those who receive this *Newsletter* is in the hands of the committee. For more details contact **Marty Scheinberg** at martyscheinberg@verizon.net, 301-933-1106, 301-437-9655 (cell), **Stan Rudo** at 410-484-8314 or 410-440-5258 (cell), **Howard Maleson** at 410-252-6598 or 410-598-0363 (cell), or call the BCC Alumni Line 410-366-4099 or 1-866-355-1839, leave a message, and you will be contacted by the committee.

A Tip of the BCCAA Hat to the U of MD

The BCCAA would like to thank the Archives and Manuscript Department at the University of Maryland – College Park for thinking of us. Recently they were given several yearbooks and other University documents. Among the treasures was a copy of the 1928 Green Bag yearbook. Library officials contacted the BCCAA Line and that yearbook is now a part of the BCC Archives and available for research use.

Historic Photo Now in BCCAA Hands

The BCCAA now has in its possession a 40" wide framed photo of the Class of 1925 standing in front of the old building at Howard and Centre Streets. Our appreciation to **Tom Salmi BCC '64** and his friend John A. Pederson (Mervo '63) who rescued the precious photo from a building John was demolishing.

BCC '57 "Rings Out" for Deserving BCC Students

The BCCAA wishes to thank the Class of '57 for a generous contribution. Their gift, which comes from excess reunion money and individual member contributions, has been designated the "Class of 1957 Ring Award." Its purpose is to purchase a City College Ring for the sophomore class member who is certified as most improved academically and has an excellent attendance record. As usual, the BCCAA will guard the safety of the funds.

A Few Words of Clarification

In a previous edition of this Newsletter we featured a report of the Class of 1956's 50th Reunion. Robert P. "Bob" Fleishman, D.D.S. BCC '56 contacted us about an important fact that was omitted from that report – Bob Yerman BCC '56 was the Reunion Committee Chairman and deserves recognition for his efforts.

Alumni Deaths

[Editor's note: For detailed obituaries on any of those listed here please log onto the BCCAA website: <http://www.cityforever.org> and consult BCCAA Newsletter editions posted there.]

BCC '25:

William B. Banks – color process developer/former president of Lord Baltimore Press
Richard H. Hart – biographer/librarian/poet.

BCC '28:

Elmer Klavens – pharmacist.

BCC '29:

Joseph V. Tumminello – retired A&P/Super Fresh area produce supervisor.

BCC '30

Elmer Marshall Feete - Casket company owner.

BCC '32:

Bernard J. Burke – WWII veteran/liquor salesman/children's sports coach.
William R. Miller – WWII veteran/substance abuse counselor.

James B. Smith, M.D – U of MD athlete/WWII veteran/longtime family physician.

Louis H. "Tank" Tankin, M.D. – WWII veteran/urologist.
Samuel "Sam" Weinblatt – insurance agent/civil rights activist.

BCC '33:

Albert Kilberg – WWII veteran/clothing manufacturer.

Charles P. McCausland, Jr. D.D.M. – WWII veteran/dentist/state dental examiner.

BCC '34:

Alfred I. Aaronson – WWII USN veteran/pharmacist.

A. Joseph DiSeta – WWII veteran/Bethlehem Steel

Co. welder.

Henry B. Hurtt – WWII veteran/career U.S.A.F. member/graphic artist

Jerome Mask – organized graduating class reunions.

Gerald I. Naron – WWII veteran/Naron Candy Co. co-founder.

Walter E. Uebersax – former teacher/long-time owner of Fenwick Bakery.

BCC '35:

Irvin E. Duley – passenger train conductor/father of BCC football hero.

George M. Durrett – WWII veteran/steel company executive.

Harold Manekin – WWII veteran/real estate firm official.

Ralph F. McGuire – well-known Baltimore artist.

Sylvan Ribakow – retired as an accounting firm partner.

Sidney B. Sakols – real estate firm executive/musician.

Nathan Weinberg – WWII veteran/Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation VP.

BCC '36:

George C. Eyring, Sr. – WWII veteran/retired law firm partner.

Paul S. Glick – WWII veteran/retired florist/real state agent.

Sol Kirk (nee Solomon Krichinsky) – BCC wrestler/men's store operator.

BCC '37:

Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Jack D. Kaufman – WWII & Korean Conflict veteran/military advisor.

Lincoln F. Peck – was a WWII veteran/accountant/Boy Scout leader.

Melchijah "Mel" Spragins, M.D. – hospital chief of staff/pediatrician.

Raphael W. Skutch – WWII veteran/structural engineer.

Joseph A. Stewart – 33 year career in B.C.F.D./Hamilton Little League co-founder.

Adolph P. Volkman – upholsterer/library worker.

BCC '38:

Ellsworth G. Acker – WWII veteran/had degrees in biology, chemistry, and physical science.

Melvyn J. Goldman – WWII veteran/shopping center developed/philanthropist.

Frederick G. Hofferbert – US Postal Service delivery station manager.

Sylvan Isaac – WWII veteran/CPA firm

owner.

Maurice B. "Bo" Kerby – WWII veteran/BGE retiree.

William T. Moorefield – WWII veteran/Towson University physics professor

Joseph Schnaper – WWII veteran/apartment developer.

A. Carrow Tolson – WWII veteran/Koppers Co. executive

Lee M.G. Wolman – civil engineer.

BCC '39:

Walter Van A. Harrison, Jr. – WWII veteran/florist/silversmith/cook.

Mason I. Myers – WWII veteran/restaurant owner.

Irvin P. Schloss – blinded WWII veteran/advocate for the disabled.

William H. Stelhorn, Jr. – WWII veteran/food brokerage & travel agency executive.

Sylvan L. "Corky" Tenberg – WWII & Korean Conflict veteran/retired AT&T employee

BCC '40:

George A.B. Boucher, Sr. – WWII veteran/retired life insurance agent.

William Mc C. Cover – WWII veteran/seafood company owner/developer.

Thomas E. Doyle, Sr. – City baseball player/WWII veteran/retired Glenn L. Martin Co. & Westinghouse Corp. supervisor.

E. Robert Elliott – retired president of Lion Bros. Co. (Owings Mills MD).

Capt. James M. Fesmire, Jr. – WWII veteran/operator of maritime supply firm.

Seymour "Sy" Levin – WWII veteran/advertising agency copywriter.

John E. Markell – was retired as a Baltimore City police officer.

J. Gordon "Gordy" Mueller – WWII veteran/professional baseball pitcher/shopping center leasing agent.

William L. O'Connor – WWII veteran/teacher/social activist.

Charles N. Schultheis Sr – decorated WWII D-Day veteran.

BCC '41:

Dr. Eugene R. Barenberg – WWII veteran/optometrist.

William W. Brown, Jr. – WWII veteran.

Hyman "Hy" Boyar (near Boyarsky) – WWII veteran.

Frederick J. Heldrich, Jr. M.D. – WWII veteran/pediatrician/medical school professor.

Leon H. Kaplan – WWII veteran/State Highway Administration employee.

James Krometis – WWII veteran/retired financial planner and insurance broker.

Charles G. Leight – WWII defense plant worker/hospital purchasing agent.

Alvin Loreck – WWII veteran/Hutzler Bros. Department store executive.

BCC '42:

C. David Haacke – Chemical engineer/politician/Masonic official.

Isidore "Ike" Moskowitz – Bethlehem Steel Co. engineer.

William S. Stack, Sr. – WWII defense worker and veteran/insurance agency owner.

BCC '43:

Robert H. Belsinger – WWII veteran/hardware store and home improvement company owner.

Edward L. Biller – WWII & Korean Conflict veteran/city school's teacher and principal.

BCC '44:

Gene Ward Meeking, Sr. – WWII veteran/furniture salesman

BCC '45:

Harry W. Burdette, Jr. Ph.D. – 20-year military veteran/city school's vice

principal.

Edward M. Drost, Sr. – military veteran/professional baseball player/retired Crown Cork and Seal Co. supervisor.

Wayne M. Harrison – WWII veteran/retired as SSA computer programmer.

George A. Kimmett – military veteran.

BCC '46:

Samuel J. Abrams, M.D. – Sinai Hospital staff member/medical historian.

Harold Adler – architect.

Col. William E. Dasch, Sr. (USAR) – Korean & Vietnam Conflicts veteran/career U.S. Army officer.

William J. Evans – law firm partner/Parliamentarian.

BCC '47:

J.E. "Dimitri" Andrew – Korean Conflict veteran/restaurant owner.

Richard J. Murphy – retired USPS Assistant Postmaster General.

John Noon – retired regional director of the U.S. Customs Service.

BCC '48:

M. Larrie Blue, M.D. – was a U.S. Navy veteran/pediatrician.

George T. Evans, Jr. – Korean Conflict veteran/salesman for Exxon Co.

Jules J. Levin, D.D.S. – U.S. Public Health Service doctor/had practice in NW Baltimore.

BCC '49:

Rev. Charles H. Benson, Jr. – retired Methodist church pastor/State of Alaska employee.

William R. Cook – Korean Conflict veteran/musician/music teacher.

BCC '51:

Anthony Day – U.S. Army veteran/reporter and editorial writer.

Kevin X. Mooney – USAF veteran/insurance executive.

Albert J. "Al" Smith – Career US Army/Community College dean.

William E. Zentgraf – Korean Conflict veteran/salesman/human resources director.

BCC '52:

Walter Q. "Nick" Nickolas – US Army veteran/electrical engineer.

BCC '53:

James Robert Neuner – retired Baltimore

County Police Department detective.

BCC '54:

John R. "Jack" Frazier – career U.S. Naval/U.S. Coast Guard Reserve member/Baltimore City Fire Department Fire Prevention Bureau chief.

Edward P. "Ed" Herzing – retired U.S.P.S. letter carrier.

Phillip E. Neary – General Motors and Franklin Square Medical Center employee benefits administrator.

Morton B. "Sonny" Plant – retired metal recycling executive/philanthropist.

BCC '55:

Ronald A. Moore – military veteran/retired Defense Department supervisor.

BCC '56:

Jacob D. Nagel, M.D. – hospital staff doctor/practiced internal medicine.

BCC '57:

Ronald P. Fish – real estate attorney.

Richard S. Labovitz – practiced bankruptcy law.

Rev. Roger L. McAbee – retired Lutheran church pastor/foundation administrator.

BCC '58:

Thomas D. J. "Tim" Byrd – was captain of BCC football team/retired Baltimore City firefighter.

George W. Jensen – acted in student plays while at City.

Robert K. Myers – USAF veteran/MTA employee.

William E. Perryclear, Sr. – was operator of worm/organic dirt farm – maritime curator on South Pacific Island.

BCC '59:

H. Allan Lipsitz – high school professor/college counselor.

BCC '60:

William M. Goldstein, M.D. – psychiatrist/author.
Richard K. Jackson – military veteran/retired NSA manager and software engineer.

BCC '61:

James G. Sauerwald – military veteran.
Harvey S. Spector – worked as a salesman.

BCC '62:

Wyatt T. Cogger – was a long-time teacher, administrator, and principal in city schools/Coppin College assistant professor.

BCC '63

Alan Royer Gnau – Construction company owner.

BCC '64:

William C. Dixon, Jr. – City football player/retired insurance agent.
John Robert Kruh – attorney/lobbyist/legislative liaison.
Louis A. Renew Jr. – Vietnam Conflict veteran/beverage production, quality control, and sales manager.

BCC '65:

Welford E. Garner, III – military veteran/geologist/National Park Service ranger.
Ronald E. Koehler – Baltimore City Fire Department retiree.
Vincent J. Sanzone – USAF veteran/city policeman/salesman.

BCC '70:

Ralph R. Brave – was a writer and solar power proponent.

BCC '71

David Ross – long-time city schools language teacher.

BCC '90:

Troy L. Chesley, Sr. – Baltimore City policeman/shot and killed in a robbery while off-duty.

BCC '91:

Derrick L. McFarland – Montgomery Regional Hospital (VA) unarmed security guard/shot and killed while on duty by an escaped prisoner.

[Editor's note: Again we publish a partial list of BCC alumni who have died and for whom no obituaries were published locally. Of course this listing is incomplete as many pass away out of the area and no death notice is printed locally.]

BCC '26: Dr. Paul W. Spear (in December 2003), **BCC '28:** Harry I. Kaplan – Joseph Kolker – Morris "Chick" Levy, **BCC '30:** David Diener – Morton F. Goetz – Henry H. Hyman, **BCC '31:** Nathan Z. Goldberg – Spencer E. Nurkin – Oscar Title, **BCC '32:** Dr. Sydney Steinhorn, **BCC '33:** Sigmund Cohen – Samuel G. Gorn – Frank G. Hoerichs – Stanley J. "Jim" Knapik – Henry E. Pear – Herman Sody – Victor L. Spencer – Vincent C. Valaco, **BCC '34:** Leonard Cohen – Sylvan O. Feit – Arthur H. Forman – Joseph G. Frank – Sidney Hirsch – Harold Lester – Sidney H. Singer – Clarence A. Wiggers, **BCC '35:** Eugene Jacobs – Daniel L. Manekin – Grafton H. Ray, Jr. (Haverhill MA) – Dr. Edwin H. Stewart, **BCC '36:** Nathan Askin – Sylvan P. Cohen – Max W. "Mack" Dunie – Charles W. Einolf, Sr. – Dr. Daniel "Danny" Ehrlich – William H. Gross – William C. Jackson - Jack Lissy – M. Victor Mayer – William T. McNamara, Jr. – Morris M. Molofsky – Lester Posner – Frederick F. Schnitker – Dr. Robert Simonoff – Gerald M. Waxman, **BCC '37:** Gustav A. Ay, Jr. – Louis L. Bengermينو, Sr. – Dr. Harold Bers – Bernard Epstein – Lawrence H. Jones – John J. Kocur – Charles H. Long, **BCC '38:** Marston J. Adler – Harry Bloom – Lloyd N. Bowden – Chester Cohen – John H. Cole Jr. – Isidore Dubick – William M. Griffin – Anthony B. Gutowski – Harry Klein – Samuel D. Metzbower – F. Kenneth Morfoot – William G. Noppinger – William F. Schmidt – Robert J. Scully (Silver Spring MD). **BCC '39:** Edmund N. Dalton – John E. Firth (N. Myrtle Beach SC) – Morris Fisher – Donald G.W. Funk, Sr. – F. Robert Haase, MD – James E. Henthorn, Jr. – Ernest F. Klemm – Raymond H. Kothe, Sr. – Harry L. Leef – Norman Norwitz – Marvin Posner – Aaron Rosenstadt, **BCC '40:** Bernard Cohen – Allen "Hank" Greenberg – Melvin M. Katz – Dr. Allan H. Macht – Emanuel "Manny" Massing – Robert C. Mosher – Salvatore A. Munafo, Sr. –

Irvin Stiefel – Alexander Starr – Melvin Waxman, **BCC '41:** Irvin M. Beiner – Melvin S. Cohen – Sylvan Dorenfeld – Andrew R. Eickhoff, Sr. (Jackson TN) – Milton Ely – Alfred E. Evans – Phillip H. Hokemeyer – John J. Jones Jr. - Hyman D. Klein – Robert G. Melvin, Sr. – Morton L. Pollack – Thaddeus J. Pula – Joseph B. Smith, Jr. – Herman Wyman, **BCC '42:** Charles L. "Chuck" Burton – Kenneth W. Felmar – Sylvan Gershen – Isidore "Ike" Moskowitz – Steven O. Nichols – Marvin D. Rosenthal, **BCC '43:** Norman M. Baer – William B. Chew, IV – Irvin M. Edelberg – Miles W. Hilton – John S. Johnson, Sr. – David M. Kipnes – Theodore A. Newhoff, Jr. – Thaddeus W. Swank (in March 2003), **BCC '44:** Stanley Blank – Donald P. Denton - Meyer Harris – Bernard Naiditch – George G. Nolls – John B. Patton – Adam R. Rybinski (Columbus OH) – Norman L. Schenker – Harry N. Stadler, Jr. – Irvin Udoff, **BCC '45:** Louis W. Ehrlich – Bernard W. Martin, **BCC '46:** George E. Bartow – Arnold E. Better – John E. Hess – Michael S. Kellman – Leonard Sandler – Norman D. Taylor, **BCC '47:** Jerry Kotzen – William D. Meriweather, Jr. – William C. Rogers, Sr., **BCC '48:** George J. Benkovic – Walter K. Cohen – Dr. Jules J. Levin – Stanley J. Mermelstein – Harry W. Moran - Samuel A. Pelton – David Schuman (Boynton Beach FL) – Seymour M. Seff – Richard H. Williams, **BCC '49:** Warren D. Bowerman – Walter C. Lesky, M.D. – Dr. Norman Levin – Walter S. Levin – Patrick R. O'Neill, Sr. – William T. Paul – Robert H. Strohmman (Homosassa FL) – Theodore Setren, **BCC '50:** Charles S. Bernstein – Robert E. Bichman – Hugh B. "Bunky" Lovelace – Herbert M. Orndorff – Stanley I. Trivas – Ira J. Wagonheim, **BCC '51:** Russell B. Brooks (Port Charlotte FL) –

James D. Campbell – Charles F. Helm, Jr. – Robert R. Howard – John E. Johnson, Sr. – Stanley J. “Yank” Meizlish, BCC '52: Jay M. Cheslock – Charles R. Doering – Richard C. Grauer – Harry N. Lichter – Irvin Z. Robinson – Richard Shofer – J. Seymour Sureff – John H. Webb, BCC '53: Blair W. Donohue – Phillip E. Foos – Theodore E. Shargel, BCC '54: William R. Dalker, Sr. – Bernhardt Litvin – Kenneth S. Peach – Nathan Stern, BCC '55: Robert L. Baker, Sr. – John W. Becker – Ronald S. Frick – Walter A. Hedges, III – Donald W. Miller – Martin R. Phipps, Jr., BCC '56: Jack L. Friedland – Harry Friedman, BCC '57: Maurice A. Baker – John M. David – Ronald P. Fish – Earl G. Gladden – Jonathan Harris, BCC '58: John A. DeAntoniis, Sr. – James L. Magee – Adam J. Milwicz CTRCM-RE – Harry D. Salino, BCC '59: Edward G. Amsel – Charles C. Conklin – Richard G. Fox, Jr. – George M. Horn – George L. Pettis, BCC '60: Robert A. Atkinson, Jr. – Jay S. Belkowitz – Frederick A. Eklund, III – David A. Gaulman, III – Walter R. Huff, Jr. – Dewey L. Jennings, BCC '61: Barry H. Cohen – Glenn B. Crabill, Jr. – James H. Davis – Sylvan Gershen – Steven J. Oppenheimer, BCC '62: Irvin J. Brodsky – James F. Herold, Jr. – James E. Johnson – Paul R. Miller – Walter P. “Butch” Neudeck – John A. Shannon, BCC '63: David E. DeLargy – John M. Johnson III – Gordon L. Smith, Jr. – Ronald J. Waldman – Larry L. Yates, BCC '64: Michael D. DeShields – Allen D. Freedman – Gene W. Gibson – Harry “Steve” Hilnbrand – Dennis R. Hoffman – Charles E. Hundertmark – Herbert J. “Do Low” James – James M. Misiorek – Ephraim D. Ortiz – Clinton Pettiford – William A. Pfeil, BCC '65: Anthony E. Barner – Bernard G. Brown, Jr. – Richard L. Hartman

– Ronald E. Koehler – Garland W. Lewis – Robert T. Vogel – Anthony L. Weaver, BCC '66: John W. Bauernschmidt, Jr. – Dr. Martin L. Brown – Larry S. Dukehart – Saul Lilienfeld, BCC '67: Bradford W. “Brad” Cook, Sr. – Rev. Everett D. Hawkins – James L. Johnson – Francis Lee – Barry E. Pierce – William J. Staples – Charles E. Williams, BCC '68: John T. Foster – Edward Perry, BCC '69: George C. Forbes, III – Lebard L. Jones, II – Kenneth L. Thompson – Charles C. Tucker, Jr., BCC '70: Charles M. Presbury – Darryl J. Robinson, BCC '71: Tyrone Allen – Ronald L. Butler – Prentis Robinson, BCC '75: Michael A. Elliott – Martin “Craig” Johnson.

Other Deaths

Walter K. Cunningham – attended night school at BCC/retired civilian U.S. Army employee/step-father of **Wilbur E. “Bill” Cunningham** BCC '67 former BCCAA Governor.

Frederick J. Davis – attended BCC/Union Trust Co. VP.

William O’C. Dennis – attended BCC/military veteran/retired NSA cryptographer.

Charles G. Gilbert, Sr. – attended BCC/property appraiser/college instructor.

Stephen T. Hayes – attended BCC/WWII veteran/salesman.

Milton Kolman – attended BCC/grocer/salesman/radio buff.

Thomas J. O’Donnell, Sr. – attended BCC/*Sun* newspaper reporter/war correspondent/press secretary for Mayor of Baltimore.

Joseph E. Schmidt Jr. – attended BCC/was a WWII veteran/boilermaker/oil company owner.

Alfred H. Schwartzman – attended night school at BCC/Korean Conflict veteran/pharmacist.

Lewis K. Sullivan, Jr. – attended BCC/B&O Railroad communications and signal engineer.

Anthony A. Wajer – attended BCC/WWII veteran/electrician.

Trustees Permanent Endowment Plaque for 25th Anniversary

The acquisition of the recognition plaque for permanent endowments held by the Trustees of the Baltimore City College Scholarship Funds, Inc. serves as a prelude to the 25th anniversary in 2008 of the founding of the Trustees in 1983. The preparation and installation of the plaque was procured with part of the remaining contributions to the Castle Celebration 75 Thousand Campaign. (That commemorative

campaign was an initiative of the Alumni Association.)

At the end of the past school year, the Trustees was managing the investment of endowment principal and the disbursement of annual income for twenty-nine permanent endowments – twenty-eight scholarships and a co-curricular activities support fund – and one quasi-endowment, the Alumni Association life membership fund.

Cast in bronze, the imposing plaque measures approximately three feet wide by three-and-a-half feet high. Occupying a prominent location in the Castle On The Hill main hall, the plaque carries an individually cast nameplate for each permanent endowment held by the Trustees. In addition, acknowledgment text appears annually in the commencement program for each year’s Baltimore City College graduating senior class.

Current leadership positions for the Trustees are held by President Calvin Anderson, Jr. BCC '63 and Hall of Fame and Treasurer Veronica Jones Freeman BCC '82 and Hall of Fame. The past presidents in chronological order of term in office are John C. Donohue, Jr. BCC '62, Neil R. Bernstein BCC '54 and Hall of Fame, and William M. Dunbar BCC '49 and Hall of Fame. The past treasurer of the Trustees is Leo R. Sirota BCC '47 and Hall of Fame.

BCC Sports on the Morning News

Meteorologist Sandra Shaw of WBAL-TV Channel 11 visited Alumni Field during the morning news on September 21, 2007. During a series of cut-ins, Shaw featured the fall sports teams, band, and cheerleading squad.

Castle Designated a Baltimore City Landmark

The Baltimore City College Castle On The Hill has been designated a Baltimore City Landmark by the municipality. The designation as a City of Baltimore landmark was complete with the City council passage of Ordinance 528 on March 12, 2007 and its subsequent signing into law by Mayor Sheila Dixon on April 23, 2007. Also, the City Council issued a resolution to congratulate the BCC Alumni Association on the landmark designation that resulted from an organization initiative.

In Baltimore City Hall, Mayor Dixon conducted the April signing ceremony and said, "The Castle On The Hill, as City College is known, is truly an historic landmark. It is worthy of preservation and acknowledgement." Among the two dozen or so BCC alumni and friends in attendance were Michael L. Hamilton BCC '69, BCCAA president, Jacob D. Howard, III BCC '74, BCCAA president elect, Calvin Anderson, Jr. BCC '63 and Hall of Fame, BCCAA Treasurer, and Neil R. Bernstein BCC '54 and Hall of Fame, BCCAA advocate for the land-mark designation. City Police Commissioner Leonard D. Hamm BCC '67 and Hall of Fame also attended and commented, "A school is more than ivy-covered walls and buildings. It's about the people as well."

Designation of the Castle On The Hill as a Baltimore City Landmark complements and enhances the preservation protection provided by the listing on the National Register

of Historic Places. Primary among landmark designation benefits is protection from demolition and inappropriate development as well as protection and review when affected by State and Federal projects.

An Alumni Association provided cast bronze plaque in the school building main hall commemorates its designation as a Baltimore City Landmark. It will be placed adjacent to the cast bronze plaque with which the Alumni Association commemorated the listing of The Castle On The Hill on the National Register of Historic Places that the BCCAA acquired in 2003.

Acknowledgment from Baltimore Heritage

Both the **Baltimore City College Alumni Association** and **Neil R. Bernstein BCC '54** and Hall of Fame member were recipients of a 2007 Historic Preservation Honor Award from Baltimore Heritage at an event held by the organization on June 21, 2007 at the Engineers Club.

Serving as an advocate for the BCCAA, Bernstein implemented the 2003 placing of the Castle On The Hill on the National Register of Historic Places and its designation as a Baltimore City Landmark in 2007. The placement and the designation were promoted by the BCCAA. In 2006 when the defining tower of the Castle was undergoing a \$400,000 restoration Bernstein instigated the removal of the structurally and aesthetically damaging cell phone antennae.

Ed Gunts, architecture critic of the *Baltimore Sun* newspaper, nominated Bernstein for the Baltimore Heritage award. **Julian L. Lapidus BCC '49** and Hall of Fame member, a former Maryland State Senator, currently is president of Baltimore Heritage.

BCC Alumni Head Two Local Charitable Foundations

Two of the three wealthiest foundations active in Baltimore are under the leadership of **City College** graduates. **Shale D. Stiller BCC '50** serves as president of the Harry and Jeannette Weinberg Foundation with assets of \$2.2 billion and **Robert C. Embry, Jr. BCC '55** and Hall of Fame member heads The Abell Foundation with current assets of \$265 million.

Both foundations are involved in supporting projects that advance the educational, physical, and social status of thousands in the Baltimore area.

BCC Alumni Assemble for Football and Talk

During the National Football League season a group of **City** alumni have been gathering on Monday evenings at Applebee's Restaurant at Reisterstown Road Plaza to watch Monday night games and converse. We hear as many as 40-50 City College grads are usually on-hand each week.

BCC Pitchmen Play Role as "Spoilers"

Patterson High is a perennial soccer powerhouse and entered their match with **City** this season riding the crest of a 16-game Baltimore City League winning streak. Two first half goals by Knights Nathal Ahmad and Dan Meade were enough to top the Clippers 2-1. In his first year behind the City bench, Coach George Sfikas was proud of the poise his charges exhibited. City's men's and women's teams reached the first round of playoffs in their divisions.



BCC Basketball Programs Win Laurels

The *Sun* newspaper wrapped up the 2006-2007 winter sports coverage by selecting All Metro and All-Baltimore City award winners. **City** was well represented by its basketball programs and the rationale behind those selections bodes



well for **City** for at least the next two or three years.

Guard **Devin Brown BCC '07** became the first **Knight basketball player** in more than 30 years to win All-Metro First Team recognition. Averaging 20.5 points per game, Brown – who was **City's** “go to guy” when the chips were down – was also named First Team All-Baltimore City. Brown, who played for the Baltimore Stars in the post-season Charm City Challenge, maintained a high SAT score and a 3.40 grade point average to qualify himself for a possible scholarship offer from a Division I college or university. Forward **William Barton BCC '09** was honored on the All-Baltimore City Second Team.

City Coach Mike Daniel was named All-Baltimore City Coach for leading his **Knights** to a 20-5 record – their best finish since 1999. Future optimism stems from the fact the 2006-2007 team started three sophomores and a junior with Devin Brown. During 20 years at Towson Catholic, Daniel directed his teams to a 361-185 record and developed outstanding players including NBA star Carmelo Anthony of the Denver Nuggets.

The **Lady Knights** finished their season at 18-8 and ranked #13 in the *Sun* newspaper's final poll of the season. **Guard LaShay Taft BCC '10** was included on the All-Metro Second Team and All-Baltimore City First Team. Picked on the All-Baltimore City Second Team was **Guard Breaira Barksdale BCC '09**. It seems **City** may be in great shape in the backcourt for at least the next couple of years.

What's Happened to the Track/ Cross Country Program at BCC?

We, as alumni, are rightly proud of the success of **Knights'** teams during the three sports seasons. Our football team has put together back-to-back super seasons and both our basketball programs hold promise for at least the next two seasons. Even our badminton, baseball, soccer, softball, swimming, tennis, and volleyball and wrestling teams have shown flashes of brilliance at times. There is some disappointment though about the recent showing – or non-showing – of our track teams in the spring and the **Knight** “thin-clad” or cross country teams in the fall. For many years, **City** ruled the roost in both these sports under first Coach **Ernie “Fess” Marks** (1938-1956) and then Coach **Jerry Nathanson** (1948-1974), **BCC '32** and Hall of Fame member. It has been several years since **City** produced a runner who earned accolades. Look at the championship banners hanging in the gym, they testify to **City's** fabled past. What can be done to reverse this negative trend and return these sports to prominence in the future?



Knights' Lacrosse Program on the Rebound

Once you could count on **City** to be a powerhouse every year in lacrosse. In recent years this program had fallen on hard times and lacrosse power in the area now rests at private, parochial, and some county public schools. The major problem was a lack of participation. It is a fact the varsity lacrosse team had only eleven players suit up in 2005 and a roster of seventeen in 2006. In 2007, 45 players went out for the team. **Coach Anthony “Merc” Ryan** put his finger on the problem in an interview with sports reporter Keith Mills for a *Press Box* newspaper article: *“At first I didn't want to come here because they had a hard time getting kids to come out for lacrosse. About 75 percent of the kids in the school were girls and it really was a tough academic school. But we got some more boys into the school and we have some kids who can really play.”*

Coach Ryan has some impressive lacrosse credentials. He learned the game from Coach Obie Barnes while playing on the junior varsity team at Edmondson High (Coach Barnes now coaches football and lacrosse at Forest Park High.) Coach Ryan then attended Morgan State

University where he followed in the footsteps of the “Ten Bears” immortalized in Miles Harrison's book about Morgan's pioneering lacrosse squad. After five years and three city lacrosse titles at Walbrook High, Coach Ryan relocated to **City** three years ago.

Tardy City-Poly Trophy

As a gift designated for the BCC Athletic Department, the BCC Alumni Association has received a trophy to record the Baltimore City College victory over the Baltimore Polytechnic Institute by a score of 20 to 7 in the 100th playing of their varsity football game. That game in the traditional rivalry was played on Thanksgiving Day, 1988. The contribution of the trophy was prompted almost 19 years after the fact when a chance examination of an exhibit of BCC team memorabilia revealed the absence of a suitable commemoration of the historic athletic confrontation.

Similar in appearance to the larger *Baltimore Sun* City-Poly trophies which the newspaper has not awarded for several decades, the tardy trophy is a cast bronze sculpture. The sculpture is of two football players, a ball carrier in the grasp of a tackler. A plate on the base of the sculpture provides game information.

Presentation of the trophy to BCC Athletic Director George Petrides BCC '67 and Hall of Fame member occurred at the recognition event for athletic teams on May 31, 2007. To enhance the scholarship tradition at BCC, the Alumni Association in lieu of a sports booster organization has underwritten the Athletic Department event for many years.

Noted Author Speaks at The Castle

Edward P. Jones, who won a Pulitzer Prize for writing *"The Known World,"* appeared in the media center/library at City last spring to talk about his latest book. Jones was invited as part of the "1 City 1 Book" Program to talk about *"Lost in the City"* which was a National Book Award finalist. [Editor's note: The "1 City 1 Book" Program is supported by the BCCAA.]

BCC Choir Celebrated Director's 20th Anniversary



The **Baltimore City College Choir** marked its 20th year under the direction of **Professor Linda R. Hall** during its annual *Knight of Music Gala*. Friends of the Choir gathered at Goucher College's Kraushaar Auditorium on Saturday May 12, 2007 to enjoy an evening of music to mark the occasion.

Knight Athletes Give Back to the Community

When Maryland Special Olympics held its Spring Medal Meet the exceptional participants were mentored, cheered on, and hugged by several **City** sports team members – many wearing their distinctive orange and black uniform shirts. It was a beneficial day for both sets of athletes.

BCC Alumnus Directs High-Profile State Agency

Irving W. "Buddy" Roogow BCC '66 got his start in state government as deputy chief of staff to Govs. **William Donald Schaefer** – BCC '39 and Hall of Fame member – and Parris N. Glendening. Nominated to serve as director of the Maryland State Lottery in 1996, Roogow has increased the number of games available and total annual revenue to \$1.5 billion dollars. In FY 2006 the Lottery generated \$501 million for the Maryland Treasury. These days "Buddy" Roogow is a fixture on Maryland Lottery television commercials and prize award shows.

Remembering Another Distinguished BCC Journalist

Adolphus D. "A.D." Emmart BCC '19 was a well-regarded reporter, editorial writer, and art critic during an illustrious career at the *Sun* newspapers. Each year the A.D. Emmart Award – named for Emmart who died in 1973 – is awarded for excellence in journalism. A co-worker of and authority on H.L. Mencken, Emmart accumulated a lot of papers during his long career and 12 boxes of them are in the possession of the University of Baltimore.

BCC Speech and Debate Teams Impress Again

2006-2007 was another satisfying year for members of **City's** Speech and Debate Teams and their mentors. Team members **Nicholas Brady, Zachary Murray, and Jasmine Thomas** reached the double-octofinal round at the national invitational tournament at Harvard University. Ms. Thomas won first place in Dramatic Interpretation in the Chesapeake District of the National Forensic League and qualified for the nationals. City's teams won first place in both varsity and novice divisions in the Baltimore Urban Debate League tournament and a second place in the Baltimore City Mock Trial competition. Baltimore Catholic Forensic League results indicated City debaters placed highly in several areas and qualified six debaters for the national tournament. Senior team members also received acceptance letters from top universities such as Cornell, Harvard, Yale, Johns Hopkins, University of Maryland – College Park, University of Texas, and Loyola College.

How to Arrange a Planned Gift...

The use of a bequest in a last will and testament is an effective way to contribute to the Baltimore City College. Appropriate language can be used to provide for the general purposes of the school as the Board of Directors of the Alumni Association may direct. Appropriate language can be used to facilitate a substantial contribution from the donor's estate for a one-time specific purpose. Appropriate language can be used to provide annual support through the creation of a permanent endowment to benefit BCC.

The donor may designate the bequest for a specific purchase or support for a specific activity or the award of a specific prize or scholarship. A bequest placed to the permanent endowment fund will perpetuate the donor's name. The suggested wording for a bequest in a last will and testament to benefit Baltimore City College which an attorney may implement is, "*I hereby give, devise and bequeath to the Baltimore City College Alumni Association, Maryland non-profit corporation of Baltimore, Maryland, the sum of \$____; or the following described property _____; or the residue of my estate to be used for _____.*" For assistance in formulating a bequest to benefit Baltimore City College, please call 410-366-4099 or toll free 1-866-355-1839, the BCC Alumni Line.

BCC Sophomore Starts Career Early

Andrew Nagl BCC '10 is already working as a freelance photographer in the Baltimore area while attending **City**. Nagl has been handy with his camera since early childhood and his current clients including Baltimore City's department of planning and **Urbanite** magazine.

BCCAA Officers Seek Public Office

Three BCCAA officers or Board of Governors members offered themselves as candidates for city council in their party's primary election on September 11, 2007. 2006-2007 President **Michael Hamilton BCC '69** sought the nomination in the 3rd district. Board member **Ryan Coleman BCC '93** and board member emeritus **Neil R. Bernstein BCC '54** ran in the 4th district. There could be only one successful candidate in each district. None of the **BCC** candidates were nominated.

Composition by BCC Hall of Fame Member Performed

The Maryland Historical Society was the scene earlier this fall of a performance of the opera "The Artist: A Drama Without Words." The piece was written 95 years ago with words by famed journalist Henry "H.L." Mencken and music composed by Ludwig Van Beethoven and BCC Hall of Fame member **Louis Cheslock**. A longtime professor at Peabody Institute, Cheslock played violin in the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and is said

to have been the last person to talk with Mencken before his death over 50 years ago. At his death in 1981 Cheslock was the last survivor of The Saturday Night Club – a small group of Mencken cronies who met each week for almost half a century to play music and drink beer.

BCC's Connection to a Post-WWII Rescue Effort


2007 marks the 60th anniversary of a heroic effort to relocate European Holocaust survivors to what became Israel. Four ships were purchased and outfitted in Baltimore for the mission. One was a Chesapeake Bay steamer *President Warfield* (named in honor of a president of the Old Bay Line) which was renamed *Exodus 1947* and almost made it to the Middle East before being rammed and boarded by British sailors. Passengers were returned to Europe, but international reaction to the incident led the United Nations to partition Palestine and create the State of Israel's founding a year later in 1948. What was the **BCC** connection? Baltimoreans Dr. Herman Seidel and Mose Speert played important parts in purchasing and equipping the "*Warfield/Exodus*." Though not on any list of **BCC** alumni, both had family members who graduated from **City**. Bay historian (the late) **Robert H. Burgess BCC '31** and Graham Wood wrote about the mission in their "*Steamships Out of Baltimore*" published in 1968. The late author **Leon Uris'** – who attended **City** for a time and is in the **BCC Hall of Fame** – best-seller "*Exodus*" is a historic account of the mission and inspired a 1960 feature film starring Paul Newman and a 1997 PBS documentary about the rescue effort.

Was Alger Hiss Innocent?

Former diplomat **Alger Hiss BCC '21** has been dead for eleven years but arguments continue unabated as to his guilt or innocence 62 years after his alleged crime. Hiss, who is credited with helping found the United Nations, was accused of passing U.S. secrets to an agent of the Soviet Union at the start of the Cold War. During a symposium at New York University last spring, author Kai Bird suggested another U.S. diplomat was the guilty party. Hiss' stepson – Dr. Timothy Hobson – also appeared at NYU to question the objectivity of Hiss' accuser – Whittaker Chambers. Among those appearing to

support Hiss' guilt was author G. Edward White who has written extensively on the subject.

BCC Alumni Help to Rebuild Baltimore Again

A partnership of the Harry and Jeanette Weinberg Foundation and the Cordish Co. have negotiated the right to develop a prime parcel in Baltimore's old shopping district. The Weinberg Foundation chairman/CEO is **Shale D. Stiller BCC '50** while **David S. Cordish, BCC '56** and Hall of Fame member, is chair of Cordish Co. Property involved is bounded by Clay Street, Park Avenue, Lexington Street, and the back wall of the old Stewart's department store building that fronts on Howard Street.  The foundation is developing the old Stewart's building as worldwide headquarters for Catholic Relief Services. Cordish indicated the partnership wants to build a mixed-use high rise with apartments and/or office space, retail shops, and off-street parking on the parcel.

Another partnership, including developer **David S. Brown BCC '58**, has been successful in attracting upscale merchants to its Lockwood Place building on East Pratt Street facing the Inner Harbor. Split into office and retail sectors, Lockwood Place now counts Best Buys, Filene's Basement (from Boston), and P.F. Chang's China Bistro (an East Coast chain) as retail tenants. Brown's company also developed Symphony Center near the **Joseph Meyerhoff (BCC '16** and Hall of Fame member) Symphony Hall.

BCC Alumnus's "Time Capsule" Unearthed

In September 1939 **Louis E. Shecter BCC '18** buried a box of mementos under the sidewalk in front of his Times Theater located in the 1700 block North Charles Street. Schechter – who died about 15 years ago at age 91 – planned for the box to remain undisturbed until 2039. However Baltimore City is starting an \$11 million dollar project to improve sidewalks and streets in the area just North of Penn Station and Shecter's son decided to dig up the capsule before construction crews did. With great ceremony, the small metal canister was found and opened. Witnesses were disappointed to find the contents were disintegrated or waterlogged. All that was left was a strip of film and a soggy book and newspaper. One of the witnesses was **James E. "Buzz" Cusack BCC '60** who owns the Charles Theater that sits on the site once occupied by the Times Theater. Cusack said images on the film weren't clear but appeared to be from a cartoon. [Editor's note: In a side bar to the *Examiner* newspaper article on the capsule recovery it was stated that City College opened in 1939 with 45 students. They were only 100 years off. Incidentally City's graduating Class of 1939 was at least 735 strong!]

BCC Alumnus is a Long-Time Patron of Local Theater Arts

Donald N. Rothman BCC '39 after WWII military service has enjoyed a long career as a trial lawyer and is a founding partner of the law firm of Gordon, Feinblatt and Rothman. Over the years Rothman has

appeared with the Vagabond Players and Baltimore Actors Theater, helped found Baltimore's Center Stage, and served for a decade as board president for the Baltimore School of the Arts. Rothman's sons – who both attended Park School – have also made names for themselves in the entertainment field. John Rothman is noted as a writer and actor on film, Broadway, and television. Tom Rothman, the current co-chair and co-CEO of Fox Film Entertainment and former president of Fox Searchlight Entertainment, is reputed to be the second most influential man in Hollywood and is credited with bringing several block-buster films to the screen.

Composer with BCC History Appears on PBS

Philip Glass, who left **City** for advanced studies at the University of Chicago before his **Class of 1954** graduated, took part in a telecast to mark the last performance at The Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall before the auditorium closed for 18 months of renovations. Glass – who rarely appears on TV – shared the stage with broadcaster Tom Brokaw, singer/Broadway actress Audra McDonald, trumpeter Wynton Marsalis, and the Juilliard Orchestra for the celebration shown on PBS-TV.

City Alumnus Uses Hobby to Aid Charities

Steven L. "Steve" Lesser BCC '64 has been interested in Chevrolet Corvettes since his father almost bought him one while he attended **City**. As long-time members and former officials of the area chapter of the National Corvette Restorers, Lesser and his wife have owned 17 Corvettes at one time or another. Their present collection consists of three Corvettes – two of them vintage 1962 and 1967 models. They keep busy these days raising money for charity – the Humane Society, Mt. Washington Pediatric Hospital, Save-a-Heart Foundation, etc. - by showing and racing their cars in the Mid-Atlantic area.



Another Alumnus "Constant Gardener"

Larry R. Fishman BCC '69 inherited his fascination with flowers from his father who always had plants in the yards of their Northwest Baltimore homes. In an *Examiner* newspaper article written by **Michael Olesker, BCC '63** and Hall of Fame member, Fishman explained how he started growing flowers while attending Pimlico Junior High School. Now employed as a courier, Fishman travels all over Baltimore daily. While working in his old neighborhood one day, Fishman gazed into the yard of one of the many abandoned houses in the area and noticed a bed of beautiful peonies. Since that time, Fishman has dug up hundreds of plants from around abandoned properties and replanted them in the backyard of his East Baltimore home.

Did you know?

Mel Kiper Jr., who lives in the Baltimore area and appears year-round on ESPN as the sports network's expert on college football talent entering the NFL draft, is the son of **Melvin J. Kiper BCC '41**.

BCC on the Menu Board

If you're going to pick-up some food to take home with you, consider a stop at one of The Roost Lake Trout carryout shops opening around the Baltimore area. As a true **Collegian** you can prove you "bleed black and orange" by ordering a **City College** (short rib beef dinner) or a **Dru Hill** (six pieces of chicken) and a **Don Schaefer** (strawberry lemonade) to wash it down with.

Recalling when a BCC Mom Defeated the U.S. Marines

Molly Sallow passed away this fall at the age of 87. She was the wife of **William H. Sallow BCC '32** and mother of **Ronald A. Sallow BCC '64**. In his featured column in *The Examiner* newspaper, **Michael Olesker – BCC '63** and Hall of Fame member – wrote about Mrs. Sallow's valiant stand against the Leathernecks. It all happened in the early 1960s when son Ron enlisted in the Marines and went to Ft. Holabird to be sworn in. Olesker wrote that Ron called his mother from the Fort to say goodbye and within 30 minutes Mrs. Sallow was at the base to retrieve him. According to Olesker's account, Molly Sallow faced down a recruiting sergeant, tore up Ron's enlistment papers, and took him home. Ron Sallow went on to graduate with his BCC '64 class.

In the Shadow of the Tower

[Editor's note: This is the second in a series of articles detailing the changing face of the area near the City College campus.]

Over the years, there have been several major changes in the Waverly shopping area centered at Greenmount Avenue and 33rd Street. Entertainment venues like The Green Door, Holly's, Judge's, and Sweeney's are long gone. So are two duckpin bowling centers – Boulevard (which was on the second floor above old Kuzen's Restaurant) and the Stadium (on the second floor above the old A-&-P Store on Gorsuch Avenue). The old Boulevard and Waverly movie theaters are

converted to retail usage. A #8 bus line replaced the streetcars on Greenmount Avenue 45 years ago. Even the mini-Little Tavern at Merryman Lane and 32nd Street is gone. Still in business though is BCFD Engine #31 on Greenmount Avenue between 31st and 32nd Streets. Two of the busiest places in the area are Pete's Diner (where swimming star Michael Phelps likes to eat breakfast when he's in town) at Greenmount Avenue and 32nd Street and the Waverly Farmers' Market that draws crowds to the shopping area parking lot on Saturday mornings during warmer months. The newest building in the area – completed a couple of years ago – is a retail center anchored by a large Giant Foods Store fronting on Gorsuch Avenue, Old York Road, and 33rd Street. Many **City** alumni remember when Oriole players Brooks and Eddie Robinson had restaurants on Gorsuch Avenue. (I think both were in the same building.) Return with us now to the “golden days of yesteryear” when a **City** pep rally on Thanksgiving Eve (the night before the **City-Poly** Game) spilled out onto Greenmount Avenue as enthusiastic Collegians marched through the shopping area on their way South to North Avenue to visit the Poly campus to wish the Engineers “good luck.”

Hall of Fame Educator Dead at 95

Norman I. Hackerman died on June 16, 2007 at Temple TX after a short illness. After graduating from City in 1928, Dr. Hackerman earned bachelor and doctorate degrees at Johns Hopkins University. A research chemist, Dr. Hackerman worked on the WWII-ending Manhattan Project before concentrating on the academic field. President of the University of Texas at Austin from 1967 to 1970 and of Rice University at Houston for 15 years, Dr. Hackerman returned to the University of Texas in 1985 to teach chemistry. He was still active in the classroom until a month prior to his death. On the government side, Dr. Hackerman chaired the National Science Board (1974-1980) and was awarded the National Medal of Science in 1993 by President Bill Clinton.

An apology and a disclaimer

From time to time we get some constructive criticism for the typographical errors we make and miss correcting during the proofreading process that is accomplished by twelve eyes – four for each one of our proofreaders. Perhaps the best way I've seen this handled was by Editor Bill Miller in the April 2007 Patterson High School Alumni Association's *The Clipper Log*: “**We admit we had a few computer errors, or should we say human errors. We had less than half of one percent mistakes which may have 'ruffled some feathers.'** **We apologize – please remember we are volunteers. And, volunteers give the times of their lives.**” Enough said!

[From the editor: Due to the increasing postage costs we have been forced to draw the line at two print editions of the BCCAA Newsletter per year. However, we will also be offering additional on-line-only editions on the BCCAA website: <http://www.cityforever.org>. The current on-line addition includes interesting articles such as: *We Get (Electronic) Letters*, *In the Shadow of the Tower* (a look at the Waverly of today), and detailed obituaries on those who have passed. Once again we salute Mrs. Dawn Converse at Word Processing Unlimited who formats and prepares the final product, Mount Royal Printing who puts it on paper, and Letter Perfect Word Processing and the U.S. Postal Service for making sure it gets into your mailbox.]



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Popular Former Faculty Member Dies

Coach **Andy DeFassio** died on May 6, 2007 after a short illness at age 92. An excellent golfer, Coach DeFassio attended Slippery Rock State Teachers College in Pennsylvania and often caddied for the late Pittsburgh Steelers owner Art Rooney. After moving to Baltimore in the 1950s and joining the faculty at City, Coach DeFassio taught physical education and coached Knight basketball teams that produced several players picked for All-Maryland honors. He wrapped up his coaching and teaching career with a 20-year tenure at Patterson High School. In recent years, Coach DeFassio frequently attended the reunions of classes from his era at City.

We get (Electronic) Letters:

An email Message from the Slovak Republic

[Editor's note: About three years ago, we heard from Arthur E. "Otts" Breisky BCC '49 who retired after 26 years in the U.S. Foreign Service, was a ski instructor and ski patrol member at Taos, New Mexico, and then relocated to Eastern Europe seventeen years ago to teach languages. We contacted "Otts" recently for an update and got the following reply:]

"The first time I have been called "Otts" since graduating from BCC in 1949 was when I got a note recently from Ted Lingelbach. Perhaps that's because I left Baltimore for California upon graduating and have never lived there since. A career in the US Foreign

Service of the State Department got me use to living in Europe, which helps explain why I went to Czechoslovakia in 1990 to teach English and to experience life after the end of communism there. I ended up in the far northeast corner of what, since 1963, has been the Slovak Republic, in a charming old town called Bardejov. Here I helped create a school of foreign languages (now teaching English, German, French and Italian), fell in love and settled down. Life here is good, the pace less hectic than in the USA, the countryside beautiful (similarities to New England), the traditions fascinating, and the people hospitable. A couple of years ago one of the most prominent members of the Class of 1949, Judge Charles Moylan, together with his lovely wife, visited my wife Marta and me here in Bardejov. Great to reminisce about our four years shared at BCC in the so-called "A Course." It was probably Charlie who gave me the moniker "Otts" at City. Those were good years – and a great preparation for university (mine was Stanford)."

[Editor's note: You can contact "Art" or "Otts" on-line at breisky@mail.pvt.sk]

An email Message from Cape Cod via the Florida Keys March 30, 2007

"Thanks for your message. My wife Sydney and I are near Key West for another week, so that is why I didn't answer you promptly. I attended my first BCC reunion, my 50th in November, and it was a great event. I was blown away by the planning and especially by seeing Mildred Sheff after so many years. She was a terrific teacher.

After a career in editorial work, including being Lifestyle Editor of The Christian Science Monitor in Boston, I returned to my first love, fiction. I had won the Gardens, Houses, and People Contest when I was in Mr. Pence's class at City 50 years before! So I wrote my first novel called "The Smithy Miracles," which won some prizes, and now I'm finishing a second novel called "Light Out for Home."

I wish there could be a mini-reunion for my A-course classmates sometime. We had to attend City for four years, so we got to be pretty close. I'm not really in contact with anyone since I live on Cape Cod. Please include my address, phone, and email address in any report as listed below.

By the way, do you have Sam Lichter's email address? He's doing some work on Yiddish

Literature and I found an article in the Monitor that I think he'd like to see.

All the best,

Denis J. Glover

(BCC '56)

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cell phone: 617-320-4807

(we have it with us)

web: www.glover-glover.com

email: jd-glover@comcast.net"

[Editor's note: We don't have contact information for Sam Lichter. If you can help Denis, please contact him at the above. Your editor would appreciate that information too as we want to write about Mr. Lichter's project.]

Alumni Deaths

Graduate Obituaries... BCC '25

Richard H. Hart shipped out as an apprentice merchant seaman shortly after graduating from **City**. Upon returning to Baltimore in 1930, Hart took an intern job at the central headquarters of the Enoch Pratt Free Library where he worked for 43 years until retiring after decades as humanities department head. Regarded as mostly self-educated; Hart researched the life and works of Edgar Allen Poe, wrote poetry, and was a biographer of the Pratt's endower. It is said the best way to describe Hart was librarian, writer, reader, conversationalist, and lecturer on Baltimore journalist H.L. Mencken. At his death, Hart was 99-years-old and left no immediate survivors.

BCC '28

Elmer Klavens worked as a pharmacist in Baltimore for

over 75 years. During his career, Klavens owned his own store on West Fayette Street and worked for the old Reads and Rite Aid chains. Klavens was still working at Chestnut Pharmacy in Hampden until 5 months prior to his death at age 95. Elmer Klavens was the father of **Murray Stuart Klavens Clay BCC '56** and **Andrew M. Klavens Clay BCC '63**.

Morris "Chick" Levy was the father of **Laurence Charles Levy BCC '61** (St. Louis MO.)

BCC '30

David Diener was the father of **Stuart Diener BCC '62**.

Elmer Marshall Feete worked for Liquid Carbonic Co. and Standard Oil Co.'s Canton refinery before joining the family-owned Warfield-Rohr Casket Co. Until retiring as owner in 1977, Feete often joked that he made and sold "wooden overcoats and Underground bungalows." Feete remained active until his latter years crabbing, fishing, gardening, golfing, and power boating.

BCC '32

James Brady Smith M.D. played football and wrestled at U of MD while earning his undergraduate degree before claiming his doctorate in 1940 from U of MD Medical School. After serving in the Pacific Theater during WWII as medical officer aboard the attack transport USS Eastland, Dr. Smith opened his family practice in Riviera Beach on Fort Smallwood Road where he saw patients until retiring in 1987. A resident of Severna Park MD, Dr. Smith's retirement interests included golf and

sailing.

Samuel "Sam" Weinblatt struck up a friendship with **James Wu BCC '33** while at City and that led to his becoming unofficial insurance agent to Baltimore's Chinese community for some 60 years. **[Editor's note: The late Jimmy Wu went on to operate the New China Inn located on Charles Street south of 25th Street for many decades.]**

Weinblatt learned how to speak Chinese and attended important events in his clients' lives. In 1963 Weinblatt was shown in a much-published photo walking directly behind Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. during the March on Washington. In retirement, Weinblatt was a volunteer reader for the blind at Pikesville Library. Samuel Weinblatt was a brother of the late **Morris Weinblatt BCC '35**

BCC'33

Albert Kilberg served as a U.S. Army Supply Corps captain during WWII and was commended by Allied leaders – Roosevelt, Churchill, and Stalin – for handling logistics of their Yalta Conference. As co-owner of the old Parkton Co. Inc., Kilberg manufactured neckties, jeans, and painter's pants. Kilberg's line of Bermuda-style shorts were stocked and sold by **Leonard M. "Boogie" Weinglass BCC'62** in his Merry-Go-Round stores. In retirement, Kilberg played on several volleyball teams in Jewish community Center leagues and attended Baltimore Symphony Orchestra concerts.

BCC '34

Alfred I. Aaronson served during WWII as a pharmacist's mate aboard a U.S. Navy destroyer escort leading ship convoys across the Atlantic Ocean. Retired as a pharmacist, Aaronson resided at Palm Springs CA at the time of his death.

Albert Joseph DiSeta was raised in Baltimore's Little Italy section, helped build Skyline Drive as a Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) member, worked at Glenn L. Martin Co.'s Middle River aircraft plant, and served in the U.S. Army during WWII. Retired as a Bethlehem Steel Co. welder, DiSeta was active in ethnic, fraternal, and veterans' organizations.

Henry Barkley Hurtt served in the U.S. Army during WWII and then enlisted in the U.S. Air Force where he served an additional 20 years. In civilian life, Hurtt worked as a graphic

artist. Hurtt's spare time pursuits included cartooning, photography, poetry, reading, teaching, travel, and playing the harmonica. At the time of his death Hurtt resided at Hood River OR.

Jerome Mask was active in organizing reunions for his Class. In 2001 after their 67th reunion, it was Mask who forwarded their check to the BCCAA to purchase life memberships for 31 surviving Class members and later sent their check for \$325 to the BCCAA – representing the remainder of their reunion fund – after it became evident there weren't enough classmates around to hold future reunions.

BCC '35

George Mann Durrett served in the Pacific Theater as a U.S. Army sergeant during WWII then joined William G. Wetherall Inc. steel company where he rose to the vice presidency. In 1963 Durrett co-founded Durrett-Sheppard Co. and operated that steel firm until 1997 when he retired and sold the business. Durrett stayed active in charity, church, fraternal, and service organizations and was an avid collector of antiques, art, and coins.

Sylvan Ribakow had a long career in accounting before retiring as an estate and tax planner in the firm of Berman Goldman and Ribakow. Active with the Associated Jewish Community Federation of Baltimore and a University of Baltimore fundraiser, Ribakow and his wife funded magnifying equipment installed at the Pikesville library to aid the visually impaired.

Sidney B. Sakols joined his family's real estate business – S.

Sakols & Sons – before WWII service as a U.S. Army sergeant. At the time of his death at age 90, Sakols still lived on the shore of Druid Hill Park Lake and served as president of the firm. Regarded as somewhat of a character, Sakols rode the bus to work and home each day and entered into legal conflicts with the old Baltimore Transit Company and interstate highway planners. A musician, Sakols sang in the Baltimore Symphony chorus, composed “The Governor’s March,” and invented an “illuminated magnifying glass” to view operas.

BCC '36

Sol Kirk’s (nee Solomon Krichinsky) father was a distant relative of the Krichinsky family celebrated in Barry Levinson’s 1990 Baltimore film Avalon. On the wrestling team while at City, Kirk opened a store on West Baltimore Street after graduating. In 1953 Kirk moved his men’s store to Park Lane Shopping Center and worked there until closing in 1982. Until shortly before his death, Kirk still interviewed clients and did office work at his son’s law firms – Saiontz Kirk & Miles. Sol Kirk was the brother of the late **Benjamin “Ben” Krichinsky BCC '33.**

Gerald M. Waxman was the brother of **Milton M. Waxman BCC '33.**

BCC '37

Gustav A. Ay, Jr. was the brother of the late **Carl Ay BCC '38.**

Dr. Harold Bers was the father of the late **Dr. Gerald S. Bers BCC '65.**

Bernard Epstein was the

brother of **Elmer H. Epstein BCC '40** (Boca Raton FL).

Sylvan O. Feit was the brother of the late **Benny H. Feit BCC '34.**

Lawrence H. Jones was the father of **Kenneth J. Jones BCC '69** and brother of **Warren J. Jones BCC '41** and the late **Robert T. Jones BCC '38.**

Charles H. Long was a brother of **Harold E. Long BCC '49.**

Raphael Walter Skutch served in the Pacific Theater during WWII as a captain in the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. After the War, Skutch worked as a structural engineer for White Roofing Co. and Arthur Phillips & Co. and its successor Williams Co. before retiring two decades ago. Interested in the “War Between The States,” Skutch visited battlefields and participated in The Civil War Roundtable.

Melchijah “Mel” Spragins, M.D., who got his unusual first name from an uncle who was a doctor, earned a bachelor's degree from JHU and his medical doctorate from JHU School of Medicine. After completing residency at Children's Hospital in Buffalo NY, Dr. Spragins opened a pediatric practice in Towson in 1948. Involved in the planning and development of the pediatric and neonatal nurseries at GBMC, Dr. Spragins was pediatric chief there from 1966 until 1986 as well as chief of staff from 1974 until 1980. Retired from private practice since 1989; Dr. Spragins found time to bike, garden, read Civil War history, walk, and tend to neighborhood children who needed his care during off-hours and on weekends.

Joseph A. Stewart worked for the Baltimore City Fire Department for 33 years and was a co-founder of Hamilton Little League baseball.

BCC '38

Lloyd N. Bowden died just three days after the death of his wife Margaret “Maggi” Bowden.

John H. Cole, Jr. was the father of **Steven A. Cole BCC '67** and **Michael R. Cole BCC '72.**

Isidore Dubick was the father of **Dr. Marc N. Dubick BCC '62** (Charleston SC).

Melvyn Jack Goldman obtained a law degree from the University of Baltimore prior to his WWII service state-side as a U.S. Army administrator. A co-partner in developing Baltimore area shopping centers – Greenspring,

Northwest Plaza, Parkside, etc.; Goldman traveled to Ethiopia in 1964 to consult with Haile Selassie about development potential in that nation. Since retiring in 1975, Goldman sat on hospital boards and was involved in religious and charitable philanthropic endeavors. Melvyn Goldman was the brother of **Sylvan S. Goldman BCC '45.**

Sylvan Isaac earned an under graduate degree in economics from JHU before enlisting for state-side service with the U.S. Coast Guard during WWII. After working as a CPA with the family-owned A. William Isaac & Co., Sylvan Isaac became owner and president before joining with his son and brother to form Isaac & Isaac P.A. now part of Gross, Mendelsohn & Associates. Retired since 2005, Isaac followed horse racing, played blackjack, and kept up with local sports teams. Sylvan Isaac was the brother of **F. Morton Isaac BCC '45.**

Maurice B. “Bo” Kerby served in the U.S. Army as a medic during WWII. Retired from BGE, Kerby and his wife moved to San Diego CA in 2001 to live with their daughter and her family.

Arthur Carrow Tolson was decorated during WWII for his actions as a U.S. Navy gunnery officer aboard a destroyer escort during the battle for Okinawa. Retired as a wage and salary manager after a 26-year career with the Koppers Co. In retirement Tolson resided at the Glen Meadows Retirement Community in Glen Arm MD and stayed busy by establishing and presiding over Bible study classes.

BCC '39

F. Robert Haase, M.D. was the brother of **Charles A. Haase BCC '45.**

Walter VanArsdale Harrison Jr. served during WWII with the U.S. Army then owned a florist shop near Penn Station on North Charles Street for a time. After a long career making repairs as a silversmith employed by the old Samuel Kirk & Sons firm, Harrison retired after cooking at the St. Vincent's Child Care Center in Timonium (MD). Harrison's hobbies included gardening and working with Boy Scout Troop #133 in Govans.

Harry L. Leef was the brother of **Earl W. Leef BCC '41.**

Mason I. Myers served as a U.S. Navy lieutenant during WWII. A career restaurant owner, Myers operated three eating place – Myers Restaurant in Downtown Baltimore, Mason's Heritage House #1 in Ellicott City, and Mason's Heritage House #2 in Towson.

William H. Stellhorn Jr. was raised above his family's grocery store on East Biddle Street in Baltimore's Tenth Ward. Stellhorn served during WWII with the U.S. Navy as an officer aboard a landing ship dock and was wounded during the D-Day invasion of Normandy. Retired as a partner after 35 years with the W.H. Bryan Co. food brokerage, Stellhorn also once owned a travel agency. Retired at Lewes DE, Stellhorn followed University of Maryland athletic teams and enjoyed Dixieland jazz and Big Band music.

BCC '40

Bernard Cohen was a WWII veteran and resident of

Longwood FL. He was buried with full military honors at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell.

Thomas Edward Doyle Sr. played baseball at City and served during WWII in the U.S. Marine Corps. Doyle retired twice, once in 1978 after a 32-year as a production supervisor at the old Glenn L. Martin co-Middle River plant and the second time in 1987 after a 9-year tenure at the Westinghouse Corp.'s Linthicum (MD) facility. In retirement, Doyle golfed and was an active member of the Old Timer's Baseball Association of Maryland.

Melvin M. Katz was the brother of **Hyman Katz BCC '43** and the late **Samuel Katz Bcc '45** and **Joseph Katz BCC '50.**

John E. Markell was a retired Baltimore City police officer.

Robert C. Mosher was the brother of **Charles Mosher BCC '48.**

Charles N. Schultheis, Jr. served in the U.S. Army's 79th Infantry Division and was decorated for his actions during the D-Day invasion at Utah Beach. In retirement, Schultheis enjoyed photography, woodworking, and following the Orioles.

Alexander Starr was brother of the late **Solomon Starr BCC '31.**

Melvin Waxman was the father of **Ned W. Waxman BCC 66** (Newport News VA) and **Jay Waxman BCC '67** (Wynnewood PA).

BCC '41

Dr. Eugene R. Barenburg left classes at Georgetown University to serve at Bethesda Naval Hospital and met his future wife at a USO dance. Joining his father's optometry practice in Downtown Baltimore, Dr. Barenburg opened several suburban branch offices before retiring in the late 1990s. Dr. Eugene Barenburg was the father of the late **Dr. William L. Barenburg BCC '67** and the grandfather of **David Kuhar** – also a BCC graduate.

Irvin M. Beiner was a WWII veteran and resided at Jerusalem, Israel at the time of his death.

Hyman "Hy" Boyar (nee Boyarsky) served in the U.S. Army during WWII and participated in both the Battle of the Bulge and the invasion of the beaches at Normandy. At the time of his death, Boyar resided at Atlanta GA.

William W. Brown, Jr. served in the U.S. during WWII. Brown, who was disabled, died, when an electrical fire erupted in his lift chair in

the living room of his Parkville home.

John T. Jones Jr. was the father of the late **John T. Jones III BCC '67.**

Leon H. Kaplan served during WWII in the U.S. Navy, attended the University of Virginia, and earned a degree from JHU in 1950. Retired since 1991 after a career with the State Highway Administration; Kaplan enjoyed watching baseball, bridge, conversation, and reading.

Hyman D. Klein was the brother of the late **Sidney Klein BCC '30.**

James Krometis served in the Pacific Theater during WWII as a U.S. Army code breaker then attended JHU and Loyola College. After running a restaurant for a time, Krometis became a career financial planner and insurance broker for New England Mutual and Bankers Life/Principal Financial Group before retiring. James Krometis, whose hobby was enjoying gourmet food and fine wine, was the brother of the late **August Krometis BCC '38.**

BCC '42

C. David Haacke obtained his degree in chemical engineering from Johns Hopkins University and worked for Bruning Brothers Paint Co. before joining and eventually buying Lehigh Chemical Products Co. at Chestertown (MD) and operated it until its sale in 1966. During his residency on the Eastern Shore Haacke served as Mayor of Chestertown, a Kent County commissioner, and a two-year as Grand Master of the Masons in Maryland.

Isidore "Ike" Moskowitz was retired from Bethlehem Steel Co. where he worked as an

engineer.

Steven O. Nichols was a U.S. Navy veteran and was a brother of the late **Ridgely E. Nichols BCC '39**.

William S. Stack Sr. worked at Bethlehem Steel Corp.'s Key Highway shipbuilding facility before serving in Europe as a U.S. Army Air Corps clerk during WWII. After his military service, Stack rose from his first position as a clerk to eventually own the old Ballard-Zimmerman Agency that sold insurance in downtown Baltimore. At his leisure, Stack sang solo at funerals and weddings and grew fruits and vegetables on a plot at his Anne Arundel County home.

BCC '43

Edward L. Biller instructed U.S. Army Air Corps B-29 flight crewmen during WWII and was recalled to duty in the Korean conflict. A navigator/radar operator, Biller was decorated for flying B-26 light bombers on dangerous night reconnaissance missions over enemy territory. In civilian life, Biller earned a degree from what's now Towson University and started as a student teacher at the old Clifton Park Junior High School. During his education career; Biller taught, was principal of Roland Park Elementary/Junior High School, a curriculum coordinator, and co-authored popular geography and social studies textbooks before retiring in 1980. Edward Biller was the brother of **Terry D. Biller BCC '49** who is also a retired city school teacher and principal.

BCC '44

Louis W. Ehrlich was the brother of **I. Henry Ehrlich BCC '47**.

Gene Ward Meekins, Sr. participated in the latter stages of WWII as a U.S. Navy boatswain aboard the destroyer U.S.S. Duffy operating in the South Pacific. A career salesman, Meekins retired in 1996 after selling furniture and rugs for Hutzler Bros., Shaivitz, and Thomasville Galleries. As a hobbyist, Meekins collected articles from military campaigns ranging from the U.S. Civil War to Vietnam.

Meyer Harris was the brother of **Harry Harris BCC '41** and the late **Samuel Harris BCC '35** and **Leon Harris BCC '38**.

Bernard Naiditch was the brother of the late **Eugene L. "Gene" Naiditch BCC '51**.

BCC '45

Harry M. Burdette Jr. Ph.D. earned a master's degree from Morgan State University and his doctorate from Johns Hopkins University. Burdette was retired after 20-years service with the U.S. Army/Army Reserve. In civilian life, Burdette worked in city schools for 35 years before retiring in 1985 as assistant principal at Southwestern High School. A 22-year resident of Clearwater FL, Burdette enjoyed physical fitness activity and running.

George A. Kimmett, who served in the U.S. Marine Corps after WWII, was the brother of Coach **George A. "Bucky" Kimmett BCC '47**.

BCC '46

Samuel J. Abrams, M.D. earned both under graduate and medical degrees from JHU. As a surgeon, Dr. Abrams was on staff at both Sinai and what was then known as Baltimore County General hospitals. A collector of antique medical instruments, Dr. Abrams also served as co-curator of the historical medical museum at Sinai Hospital.

Harold Adler earned degrees at University of Pennsylvania and Catholic University of America before starting his career as an architect nearly 50 years ago. Besides working for others, Adler owned his own firm – Adler Rosenthal Architects – in Alexandria VA. After moving to South Carolina in 1975, Adler joined Save Charleston Partnership and started a firm that won awards for designing Charleston's Market

Square project. Upon returning to Baltimore in 1980, Adler was supervising architect for the **Joseph Meyerhoff (BCC '16)** Symphony Hall. Adler was semi-retired and still writing architectural specifications at the time of his death.

Arnold E. Better was the brother of **Herbert Better BCC '61**.

William James "Bill" Evans, while editor of the *Collegian* newspaper, interviewed famed journalist H.L. Mencken. A Korean Conflict veteran, Evans retired as a partner after 29 years with the law firm of Miles & Stockbridge. An expert on Parliamentary Law, Evans was selected by the founder's family to participate in and edit several revisions of "Robert's Rules of Order" – the "Bible" for conducting meetings. At his leisure, Evans kept bees and made wine from grapes grown in his backyard.

BCC '47

James Emanuel "Dimitri" Andrew served in the U.S. Marine Corps as a staff sergeant/drill instructor during the Korean Conflict. A long-time presence in the restaurant business, Andrew managed and/or owner many eating places – the Barn, Boom Town Restaurant, Lancer's Pub, the Light House, and My Brother's Place in Anne Arundel County and Dimitri's Torch Club on U.S. Route 40W in Baltimore County. Andrew was also active in Greek community philanthropic causes.

John Noon started his government career with the postal office before going to work as a customs inspector in the Port of Baltimore. Retired as a regional director of the U.S.

Customs Service, Noon resided at Wilmington NC at the time of his death.

BCC '48

M. Larrie Blue, M.D. graduated from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and was chief pediatric resident at Sinai Hospital before serving in the U.S. Navy as head of the pediatrics division at Newport (RI) Naval Hospital. After returning to Baltimore, Dr. Blue established a practice as part of Valley Pediatric Associates with offices in Northwestern Baltimore County. Retired since being diagnosed with a serious illness in 2003, Dr. Blue enjoyed dining out, big band and classical music, the theater, and traveling.

Walther K. Cohen was the brother of the late **Henry Cohen BCC '50**.

Jules J. Levin's, D.D.S. degrees were earned at old Western Maryland (now McDaniel) College and U of MD Dental School. While in the U.S. Public Health Service, Dr. Levin was stationed at U.S. Coast Guard facilities at Cape May NJ and New London CT. For 34 years, Dr. Levin practiced at an office on Park Heights Avenue near Pimlico Race Course until Parkinson's disease hastened his retirement in 1992.

Seymour M. Seff was the brother of the late **William Seff BCC '44**.

BCC '49

Rev. Charles Hodges Benson Jr. worked for the old B&O Railroad and served three years in the U.S. Army before starting his clergy studies. Educated at Bangor Theological Seminary, Farmington State

Teachers College, and Boston University's School for Supply Pastors, Rev. Benson was ordained as a deacon in 1962 and as a pastor in 1964 by the Maine Methodist Conference. After serving several churches and teaching second grade in Maine, Rev. Benson was assigned to the Ecumenical Institute to work in Alaska, Illinois, and Massachusetts. Retired from the church work since 1978, Rev. Benson worked for the Alaska Department of Natural Resources and was an activist in the Fairview community of Anchorage until being diagnosed with a serious illness in 1999.

William Robinson Cook served during the Korean Conflict as a musician aboard the battleship USS Missouri before earning a degree in musical education from the Peabody Conservatory of Music. Proficient in playing both the French horn and the lute, Cook was a longtime member of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra and a skilled technician with Lawson Instrument Repair Co. Retired after a 20-year career teaching music in city public elementary schools, Cook sang with the choirs for many years at First English Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter in Govans.

Patrick Richard O'Neill, Sr. was the brother of **Thomas Edward O'Neill BCC '51**.

Theodore Setron was a brother of the late **Abe Setron BCC'39**.

BCC '50

Ira J. Wagonheim was the brother of the late **Howard A. "Boots" Wagonheim**.

BCC '51

John M. Davis was the father of **James E. Davis BCC '70**.

Anthony Day was a son of Pulitzer Prize winning journalist and war correspondent Price Day and one of four brothers who had careers in journalism. Day served in the U.S. Army after graduating from Harvard University before starting his career as a reporter with the old *Philadelphia Bulletin* newspaper. In 1969 Day moved to California as head of the editorial board at the *Los Angeles Times* newspaper. After retiring to Santa Fe NM, Day enjoyed classical music, travel, and reading and reviewing books. Anthony Day was the brother of **Joseph Day BCC '54** and **Thomas Day BCC '56**.

Stanley J. "Yank" Meizlish was the

brother of **William "Willie" Meizlish BCC '44**.

Kevin X. Mooney served in the U.S. Air Force and graduated from the University of Maryland. A Salisbury MD resident, Mooney was retired as claims manager for Peninsula Insurance Co. and active in church and fraternal endeavors.

Albert J. "Al" Smith graduated from The Citadel in South Carolina and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. During a 25-year military career, Smith earned advanced degrees from Emory and Pepperdine Universities before retiring as a lieutenant colonel. For the next 19 years Smith served as dean at Lord Fairfax Community College in Middletown (VA) before retiring for a second time and moving back to the Bel Air MD area. Albert J. Smith was the brother of **Warren A. Smith BCC '54**.

BCC '52

Richard C. Grauer was the brother of **Wayne C. Grauer BCC '56**.

Walter Q. "Nick" Nicholas went to work at Bethlehem Steel Co.'s Penwood Power Plant before serving in the U.S. Army and earning his electrical engineering degree via night classes at Johns Hopkins University. Nicholas continued working for fifteen years after being diagnosed with muscular dystrophy in 1972. In retirement, Nicholas enjoyed camping, travel and raising tropical fish and West Highland white terriers.

BCC '53

James R. Neuner was retired from the Baltimore County Police Department where he worked as a detective.

BCC '54

John R. "Jack" Frazier joined the U.S. Naval Reserve while attending **City** and soon transferred to the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve where he spent the remainder of a 43-year career as a citizen-sailor. In civilian life, Frazier devoted 38-years to the Baltimore City Fire Department before retiring in 1995 as commander of the Fire Prevention Bureau. Chief Frazier also studied fire technology at Catonsville Community College, the National Fire Academy at Emmitsburg (MD), and the University of Maryland-College Park. Earlier on the day of his sudden death, Chief Frazier spent time in Annapolis working as the fire department's legislative representative to the Maryland Legislature. The BCFD perpetuated the memory of Chief Frazier by naming its new state-of-the-arts fireboat in his honor.

BCC '57

Ronald P. Fish earned a history degree from Williams College and his law degree from University of Maryland Law School. Specializing in real estate law, Fish was a member of firms such as Frank Bernstein Conway and Goldman and Ballard Spahr Andrews and Ingersoll. Among the projects worked on by Fish were the Mercantile Safe Deposit and Trust headquarters, Lochwood Place, the new Quarry Lake Center, and Fenwick Island

Shopping Center in Delaware. Fish succumbed last summer to spinal injuries suffered in 2006 in an auto accident near his North Baltimore Home. Ronald Fish was the son of the late **Herman J. Fish BCC '32**.

Richard Stuart Labovitz earned degrees from Johns Hopkins University and U of MD Law School. Retired from a practice specializing in bankruptcy law, Labovitz resided at Big Coppitt FL at the time of his death.

BCC '58

Thomas Dudley Johnson "Tim" Byrd was a member of the **Knights'** football teams and team captain in his senior year. Byrd was a member of the U.S. Army Reserve and worked as a BGE lineman before joining the Baltimore City Fire Department in 1970 where he drove Engine #18 and Truck #5. Retired since 1990, Byrd moved to Glendale AZ. There he spent retirement visiting Native American reservations, museums, and national parks. Tim Byrd was the son of the late **William E. Byrd Jr. BCC '24** and the brother of **William E. Byrd III BCC '55**.

James Leroy Magee was the brother of **Thomas L. Magee BCC '57**.

Robert K. Myers served in the U.S. Air Force and was retired as an employee of the Maryland Mass Transit Administration. Residing at Roanoke (VA), Myers was active in church and fraternal affairs in that area.

William Eaton Perryclear, Sr. earned an undergraduate degree from Washington & Jefferson College in PA. After working as an insurance agent for 13 years, Perryclear moved to Delta PA in 1975 where he operated William & Mary Enterprises – a worm and organic dirt farm. In a second move Perryclear relocated to the island Republic of Palau in the South Pacific in 1989 where he was curator of a maritime museum until returning to the Annapolis MD area in 2007.

BCC '61

James Gilbert Sauerwald served in the U.S. Air Force during the 1960s. At the time of his death, Sauerwald resided at Satsuma on Florida's east coast where he enjoyed boating, cars, fishing, and gardening.

Harvey Sheldon Spector was a salesman and resided on the eastern shore at the time of his death. Harvey Spector was the son of the late

Daniel S. Spector BCC '35 and the brother of **Marvin Spector** who is also a **City** alumnus.

BCC '63

Alan Royer Gnau operated heavy equipment before founding the Gnau Construction Co. that specialized in building water treatment plants for Anne Arundel County communities. In his spare time, Gnau enjoyed deep-sea fishing off Ocean City MD from his 53-foot boat "*Gnautilus*."

BCC '64

John Robert Kruh was born in The Bronx NY but moved to Baltimore at an early age and excelled in track at **City**. Kruh paid for his legal education by driving a cab, teaching driving students, and working as an insurance adjuster. As an attorney; Kruh tried cases, worked as a lobbyist, and served as legislative liaison for state agencies. Kruh died suddenly when stricken while driving on I-695 (the Baltimore Beltway).

BCC '65

Vincent J. Sanzone was a U.S. Air Force veteran, former Baltimore City police officer, and a candy and tobacco salesman for F.A. Davis & Son for 26 years.

BCC '70

Ralph R. Brave was an activist and frequent contributor to the Baltimore City Paper and Sacramento News & Review newspapers. Brave's writing usually centered on ways science, society, and policies often clash. Among Brave's interests were solar energy and

the usage of DNA evidence to solve crimes. Ralph R. Brave was 54 when he died in Davis CA of lung cancer

Charles Millard Presbury was the brother of **Gerald J. Presbury BCC '64.**

BCC '71

David Ross graduated with honors from **City** and studied for a year in France at University of Lyon as a Fullbright Scholar. A city middle school language teacher, Ross taught English to high school students in Zaire as a Peace Corps volunteer. Fluent in several languages – French, Italian, Lingala, Portuguese, Spanish, Swahili, etc. – Ross taught at Southwestern High School and Milford Mill Academy before retiring in 2006.

[Editor's note: Again we publish a listing of BCC alumni who have died and for whom no obituary articles were published in the daily newspaper. Of course, this listing is incomplete as alumni pass away out of the area and their death notices are never printed locally.]
BCC '30: Morton F. Goetz – Henry H. Hyman, BCC '31: Spencer E. Nurkin, BCC '32: Dr. Sydney Steinhorn, BCC '33: Sigmund Cohen – Frank G. Hoerichs – Victor L. Spencer – Vincent C. Valaco, BCC '34: Joseph G. Frank – Sidney H. Singer, BCC '35: Eugene Jacobs – Grafton H. Ray Jr. (Haverhill MA) – Dr. Edwin H. Stewart, BCC '36: William H. Gross – William C. Jackson – William T. McNamara Jr., BCC '37: John J. Kocur, BCC '38: Marston J. Adler – Chester Cohen – Anthony B. Gutowski – William G. Noppinger – William F. Schmidt – Robert J. Scully (Silver Spring MD),

BCC '39: Donald G.W. Funk, Sr. – James E. Henthorn Jr. – Raymond H. Kothe Sr. – Aaron Rosenstadt, BCC '40: Allen “Hank” Greenberg – Salvatore A. Munafo, Sr., BCC '41: Irvin M. Beiner – Melvin S. Cohen – Sylvan Dorenfeld – Milton Milton Ely – Phillip H. Hokemeyer – Joseph B. Smith, Jr., BCC '42: Charles L. “Chuck” Burton – Marvin D. Rosenthal, BCC '43: Norman M. Baer – William B. Chew, IV – Irvin M. Edelberg – Miles W. Hilton – John S. Johnson, Sr. – Theodore A. Newhoff, Jr., BCC '44: Stanley Blank – John B. Patton – Adam R. Rybinski (Columbus OH) – Harry N. Stadler, Jr., BCC '46: George E. Bartow – Leonard Sandler – Norman D. Taylor, BCC '47: Jerry Kotzen – William C. Rogers Sr., BCC '48: George J. Benkovic – Dr. Jules J. Levin – Harry W. Moran – Samuel A. Pelton, BCC '49: Warren D. Bowerman – William T. Paul, BCC '50: Herbert M. Orndorff, BCC '51: Russell B. Brooks (Port Charlotte FL) – James D. Campbell – John E. Johnson, Sr., BCC '52: Jay M. Cheslock – Charles R. Doering – Richard Shofer – J. Seymour Sureff – John H. Webb, BCC '53: Blair W. Donohue – Theodore E. Shargel, BCC '54: William R. Dalker, Sr., BCC '55: Robert L. Baker, Sr. – Walter A. Hedges III – Donald W. Miller, BCC '55: John W. Becker, BCC '57: Earl G. Gladden, BCC '58: Adam J. Milwicz CRTCM-RE, BCC '59: Charles C. Conklin – Richard G. Fox, Jr. – George M. Horn – George L. Pettis, BCC '60: Frederick A. Eklund III – David A. Gaulman III – Walter R. Huff, Jr. – Dewey L. Jennings, BCC '61: Barry H. Cohen – Glenn B. Crabill Jr. – James H. Davis, BCC '62: Irvin J. Brodsky – James E. Johnson – Walter P. “Butch” Neudeck – John A. Shannon, BCC '63: David E. DeLargy – John M. Johnson III – Ronald J. Waldman – Larry L. Yates, BCC '64: Michael D. DeShields – Allen D. Freedman - Gene W. Gibson – Harry “Steve” Hilnbrand – Dennis R. Hoffman – Ephraim D. Ortiz – Clinton Pettiford – William A. Pfeil, BCC '66: John W. Baurenschmidt – Saul Lilienfeld, BCC '67: James L. Johnson – Francis Lee, BCC '68: John T. Foster, BCC '69: Charles C. Tucker Jr. BCC '71: Tyrone Allen, BCC '75: Michael A. Elliott – Martin “Craig” Johnson.

Passing on those who attended or taught at City

Frederick J. Davis attended **City** in the late 1920s or early 1930s before leaving to help support his family during the Great Depression as a messenger for Mercantile Bank & Trust. Interrupting his banking career for WWII service, Davis was a U.S. Navy communications chief, met his future wife who served as a WAVE, and was recalled for Korean conflict duty. A cashier at the old Kingsville Bank when it was absorbed by the old Union Trust Co., Davis finally retired in 1978 as a vice president of that company.

Ernest V. Day dropped out of **City** after WWII broke out to work at the old Glenn L. Martin Co. Middle River plant before serving in Europe as a U.S. Army sergeant. A 40-year employee of the old Savings Bank of Baltimore, Day retired in 1986 as bank treasurer and board secretary.

Stephen T. Hayes attended **BCC** in the early 1930s. After WWII service with the U.S. Army in England, Hayes sold meat to hotels, restaurants, and institutions for the old Corkran Hill & Co. and Swift & Co.

Milton Kolman left **BCC** in the 1930s to work in his father's store and eventually owned his own neighborhood groceries. After WWII U.S. Army Service, Kolman worked in sales with Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. and Montgomery-Wards. A co-founder in 1972 of Golden Radio Buffs of Maryland and the Baltimore Museum of Industry's volunteer resident expert on old time radio, Kolman was honored by having the Museum's

communications gallery dedicated in his name.

Joseph E. Schmidt, Jr. fibbed about his age (17) when he left his studies at **City** in 1942 to join U.S. Marines fighting in the South Pacific during WWII. Schmidt was retired as a Bethlehem Steel Co. boilermaker and owner of Schmidt & Sons fuel company. A 42-year resident of Cedar Beach in Eastern Baltimore County, Schmidt enjoyed boating, fishing, and travel.

Facts About the BCC Hall of Fame

William Russey BCC '57 was the student chair for the initial induction assembly and **Edward Hollander BCC '58** put together the second program.

The initial twelve members inducted on March 27, 1957 included an all-around athlete at **City**, a beloved faculty member/principal who devoted his life to **City**, the chairman of the BCCAA committee who argued for construction of The Castle, a circuit court judge, a dean of the Johns Hopkins Medical School, a minister who founded **City's** Glee Club and *Green Bag* year book, the moderator of the popular "I've Got A Secret" television panel show, a motion picture actor, the owner of two National Football League franchises – the Baltimore Colts and Los Angeles Rams, the president of the McCormick Spice Company, and the first BCC graduate to sit in the U.S. Senate.

The second group of twelve members inducted on March 26, 1958 included an aeronautics authority who helped developed WWII guided missiles and was

deputy administrator of NASA, an artist who created spectacular Baltimore and Maryland murals, a businessman/philanthropist for whom the city's symphony hall is named, a director of the National Gallery of Art, a general who served in both World Wars and had a National Guard Armory named in his honor, a judge on the U.S. District Court of Appeals bench, a player who had an 11 year career in major league baseball, a physician who treated a Vice President of the United States and **City** athletes, a starting pitcher for powerful New York Yankee World Series teams of the 1950s, a professor who headed the mathematics department at **City**, and a Solicitor General of the United States.

An Accepted Method to Contribute Appreciated Securities...

What follows is the recommended process for contributing appreciated securities to benefit Baltimore City College through the Alumni Association Fund: The donor should instruct his or her stockbroker to open an account in the name of the Baltimore City College Alumni Association and transfer ownership of the securities to the organization's account. The stockbroker will want to know that the BCCAA is incorporated by the State of Maryland as a 501 (c) (3) nonprofit corporation, IRS Employer Identification Number 52-1034509. At the same time, the donor's stockbroker should be instructed to sell the appreciated securities at market immediately following transfer of ownership and to forward the proceeds to the BCCAA. To obtain additional information, please call the BCCAA Treasurer at 410-366-4099 or toll free at 1-866-355-1839 and leave a message on the voice mail.

Statistical Department

Knowlegis – which is described as “a government relations knowledge management company” – has ranked the power held by members of Congress based on their seniority, committee assignments, and bills they have sponsored and enacted. Newly elected **Senator Benjamin L. Cardin, BCC '61** and Hall of Fame member, rated 74th in that body. In the House; Representative **C. A. “Dutch” Ruppberger, BCC '63** and Hall of Fame member, weighed in at #36 and Representative **Elijah E. Cummings, BCC '69** and Hall of Fame member, was rated 44th.