

WHS NOTE

Class of 1963 Association

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Hi Posters of W-Graffiti,

Helen Gottlieb Neadel (6/64) and Judy Gottlieb (6/68) eulogize their brother:

It is with much sadness that our brother, Howard Gottlieb (6/60), passed away suddenly on Saturday, February 8, 2020. Howard was one of a kind. He was a true gentleman. His greatest love was for his family. Howard was there for everyone, including many wonderful friends. He loved retirement and what came with it, Pickleball and playing cards. Howard was very proud of his days at Weequahic and the many friendships he kept over the years with those he met in high school.

As two of his three younger sisters (our youngest sister, Abby Gottlieb Nudle [Hillside 72] passed away 7 years ago), we can say he was the best big brother a sister could ask for. He played a major role in raising his three siblings as our parents worked to provide for the home.

Howard leaves his wife Suzanne, daughter Melissa, our mother, Thelma Goldberg Gottlieb who graduated Weequahic High School in 1937 and the two of us. His obituary can be read at

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/livingston-nj/howard-gottlieb-9031003>. Helen & Judy

Mel Brodsky (58) shares notes on a special connection:

I invite you to read my recollection of the personal relationship I have been lucky and privileged to share with Weequahic great and soon to be NBA Hall of Fame inductee, Alvin Attles ([LINK TO PDF FILE](#)). Mel



In response to an archival note (2/18/06) from Jerry Wichinsky (64) and the Boys Club:

Fred Goldman (6/62)

The photo, below” was taken on January 14, 1958 during a trip sponsored by the Newark South Ward Boys Club to Washington, D.C. NJ Senator Clifford Case is in the back in front of the blinds and two to his left is Congressman Robert Kean, father of NJ Governor Tom Ken and grandfather of State Senator Tom Kean, Jr. I'm standing third from the front on the left side, the one with all that dark hair. I now have more gray hair. I have outgrown my *HEBRO* (that's a Jewish Afro) and now have a ponytail. Fred



Clark Lissner (6/63)

Just turned 12 a month before the DC trip. I can ID some of those pictured around the table. Rich Fertell (6/62), 1st seat on left. Fred Goldman's (6/62) is the third kid standing on the left, but his hair was blocking the two in front of me (6th standing on left). To my left and eight at the edge of table) is runt turned rock star Howie (Richard) Tepp (6/64). Two behind me is Rich Blecker and behind him is Councilman/Boys Club President, David Warner. Lenny Levine (6/63) is the last one at the table on right. I think Johnny Teeple is two in front of Lenny. And tall Cal Schwartz (6/63), big grin, is standing at right behind Teeple. Clark

Calvin Schwartz (6/63)

I actually gave a copy of former Governor Kean, who treasured it and remembers I gave it to him. Going around the table. Richard Fertell (first seat left); Matthew Benoun (6/62) standing behind him; Fred Goldman standing 3rd to the left; Mark Fincke (6/62) (5th); Richard Blecker (8th); Dave Warner (behind Blecker to the right); Sen. Case in front of the blinds); Howard Korn, Jack Grossman, Linda Benoun (6/63) (two to left of the senator); Congressman Kean (next to Linda); Harry Katz (6/64) (JUST BELOW Kean's left shoulder); Lenny Levine (seated on right, last one at the table); Ken Frieder (6/63) (peeking out from behind my shoulder as I was making a funny face); Ron Libman, Cal

Armand Assayag

My family lived on 368 Hawthorne Avenue, one block from the Boys Club right above a bar. I was one of the first 25 members of the Boys Club. I remembered that Jerry Wichinsky's (64) dad worked at the Boys Club or volunteered there. I was in Asbury Park Convention Hall when Alan Wichinsky represented us against other boys' clubs and won the competition hands down. He could sing! Where would I be without the exposure the Boys Club gave me! It was a wonderful place in that time of my life! Armand

References to schooling in the W-District:

Fran Horowitz August (64)

To Ron Sedaille (60), I'm quite impressed with your memory as a five-year-old. I think standing in the corner was very traumatic for you and that's why you remembered. I, myself, remembered in Bragaw Avenue school, 2nd grade, Mrs. Golden, taking me out of the classroom and scolding me behind the door for talking during class to another classmate twice. She scolded me and then whacked me across the face. It was quite a surprise and it did hurt. In today's world she would have been sued. I dared not tell my Parents though, as they would have then known I was a bad girl. That was my traumatic experience, which I will never forget the sting from that slap across my face. Fran

Jerry Krotenberg (1/60, Faculty 1964-69)

To Arthur Chausmer (59), I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference. I took Shop and liked it so much that I taught it for 44 years. That included 6 at our Alma Mater, WHS and 38 at Miami Killian SHS. Although I

should have taken typing also as I am on the computer daily typing info for signs, we produce for the world's cruise lines in Corel Draw. Jerry

Natalie Cohen Price (64)

Correction to Joel Enda (6/62), the last class to graduate was January 1965. Only about 11 students. Natalie

Bonnie Bunin Danetz (1/64)

Please let Joel Enda know, his was not the last January class, mine was. There were 27 of us in the class of January 1964 who chose not accelerate to graduate in June 1963. We definitely stood up to Benny Epstein as he tried to cancel our graduation ceremony and make us *promless* and without a yearbook. Our parents made sure we got our ceremony. Yearbook and prom were to be included with June of 1963. My only negative memory of Weequahic, unfortunately, it is long and accurate.

Bonnie

Ellen Meyerstein Cohen (6/59)

I sat in Mr. Martino's class for one day and was MORTIFIED! When I found out I didn't need his class for my academic courses, I immediately dropped it! Ellen

Beryl Lieff Benderly (6/60)

I agree that our Weequahic education has stood us in good stead all our lives. Our excellent teachers were the reason, the finest of whom, in my opinion, was indeed Hannah Litzky. Beryl

Steve Epstein (6/63)

As I sit here in my den and read about the Weequahic area it makes the heart of an old man of 73 pound and eyes tear to think we grew up at a great time and in a great area. Yes, those students who came to Weequahic instead of West Side were truly lucky and privileged to be able to attend someplace so special as the school high on the hill.

Until 3rd grade, I grew up living at 51 Summit Avenue always wondering who were the rich people who lived on the corner of Summit and Kerr. Not many of my friends lived in single-family homes. I never did until I bought my first house here In Kankakee, IL. A year after opening my dental practice, I eventually met the young man (Melvin Ortner) again who lived in that house. As most of my friends

lived in duplexes, I was naive and thought only well to do people live- in single family homes.

I'll stop my rambling on and just say we probably didn't realize it at the time that those were great years of our lives. Cherish them and be thankful you can still recall them. My best to all my ex-Weequahicites. Steven

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