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#### Alumni Edition

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## Who We Are



#### **Background Information**

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We will soon launch our Official Website. It is under construction right now and we expect it to be fully functional by the end of July 2012. Our website will have all the year books online for viewing and keep you up to date with our latest activities.

The main purpose of the association will be to support and give back to the JFK community, to maintain a continuing relationship with the community, and to channel the potential for alumni service - not to mention renewing old friendships and having a great time along the way.

Over the years it has been difficult for alumni to reach out to one another and to organize class reunions and support the JFK community. It seems that we would always have to go through a professional reunion

The level of interest we have received so far has been outstanding.

We had our first major event on October 21st, a multi year reunion with over 350 alumni.

Our list is not being assembled nor will it be used for any commercial purpose, but just so our organization can get in touch with you in the coming months as we get our organization off the ground.

Here is a direct link to fill in our form with your information. (copy and paste in your browser address line) https://docs.google.com/spreadsheet/

hl=en US&pli=1&formkey=dDV|bTR pUVQ2aDVxUWEzckFEZnNJYWc6 MA#gid=0

Please help us and spread the word via email and Facebook to other alumni. We are also looking for a representative from each of the class years since 1968 to join our committee. If you have an interest please contact us.

Thank you and we hope you enjoy our first newsletter./

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#### The Mission of the Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc.

#### Shall be to;

Foster a spirit of loyalty and camaraderie among graduates and former students of Bellmore JFK high school.

Promote and support the programs and activities of Bellmore JFK High School and its alumni.

Encourage Bellmore JFK alumni to maintain continuing relationships with the school.

Better utilize the potential for all alumni services to the school through constructive endeavors.

Develop social events, educational, and scholarship programs to meet the needs of both the students and the alumni of JFK.

# Feel free to print a copy of this newsletter Facebook Link https://www.facebook.com/#1/groups/bellmoremerrickjfkalumni/

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## Just Another Win For JFK Alumni

Over 300 Alumni show for the Bellmore JFK Multi Year Reunion Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. held its very first function as 37 YEARS OF GRADUATES from JFK CAME TOGETHER on Friday October 21st at Mulchay's Concert Hall in Wantagh LI.



Mark Meyerowitz Maury Josephson Craig Maltz Gary Morganstern Ronald Steiger Eileen Connelly Harry Tsotso Tony Luparello.

If you were a LIRR commuter coming home last Friday night in Wantagh, you saw an orderly lineup out-side of Mulchay's. While it is not unusual to see people going into the concert hall, this was different.

You saw a table with a green table skirt and the words "Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc.. This was a first event for the newly created official not for profit alumni association called "Bellmore IFK Alumni, Inc."

"Our board only came up with the idea in August to have a launch event for our alumni association" said Gary Morganstern the President of the Board. Howard Kaden the VP of the board said "we were hopping to have a decent turn out, maybe 100 people or so". Well while Maury & Beth Josephson, who were high school sweet hearts at JFK, gave out the name tags, Mark Meyerowitz and David Weiss made sure that many raffle tickets for the Giant Flat Screen TV were sold. Craig Maltz the Treasure, kept a watchful eye as the money came in. When asked what are you going to do with the money your making tonight, Elyse Singer Lowe and Amy Gaon replied almost in unison, "We are going to support and promote many social, educational and scholarship programs to meet the needs of both the students and the alumni of JFK. We need to maintain continued relations between JFK and it's alumni."

Gwen Rappel Rosenberg a board member & Professional Photographer Steven Buchbinder took photos of the over 300 guests and placed them on facebook for all to see.

Eileen Connolly, who we owe much thanks to, is the Vice Principal of Kennedy High School. Eileen and Jay Fishbein worked the crowd telling all the alumni about our future directory that will be published and about our website that is under development and how it will have all the past yearbooks posted online for viewing.

The 300 Alumni were having such a phenomenal time reminiscing about the past and listening to the band "BIG SHOT" they forgot about how annoying Ronald Steiger, the Public Relations person for the board was, in sending out 100's of facebook, emails and press releases pushing the event

Steiger said "I really didn't care if I sent out too much info— too many times, I just wanted to make sure that we had a turn out ...and that everyone would have a great night. He wanted the event to be so good, that the alumni come Monday morning that didn't make it to the reunion, would feel as if they really missed out on something special and be upset. They won't miss our next event!

Our real purpose of the event was to launch the alumni association. We wanted to make sure that alumni all over the country knew about the reunion and THEIR, once again THEIR NEW alumni association with the great things we are going to do in the future, with that in mind, we were very successful".

The alumni here are having the most wonderful time and can not thank us enough said Kaden & Morganstern. Steiger explained to some out of towners, Linda Savino from California and Harvey Cavayero from New Jersey about some future projects. Some of the grads from the years 68—75 were told about a battle of the bands night and reunion event that the alumni association is exploring... with bands that were around in the late 60's and 70's.

A few of the alumni crowd were made up of past teachers and athletes from Kennedy. And as Retired teacher and wrestling coach Bob Wigand looked on, David Weiss a heavy weight wrestler for Kennedy in the late 60's drew a crowd. He was telling the alumni that gathered around him about the athletic and health related alumni events we had in the planning stages such as; a walk a thon and bike a thon. Maury Josephson explained "that we had hoped to have and hold some of these events as joint functions with the Kennedy Athletic department, this way the present Kennedy students, their parents and older IFK alumni could participate together. We really want to instill the pride in the quality education for our children that this JFK community affords us".



We hope and ask for alumni to support our efforts and come and join us at a meeting, get involved on our board or on one of our many committees. The meetings are held at Bellmore JFK High School in room 136 at 7pm.

Our next scheduled meetings are September 2012 & October 2012.. Our Email contact information is Bellmorejfk1@gmail.com Our facebook group page is called "Bellmore Merrick JFK Alumni" and we have a alumni page on the school districts Bellmore JFK web-

To Join The Alumni Association Click on this link:

http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org/ membership\_registration

# Kennedy Hall Of Fame

The Hall of Fame is a school project and not a project of the Alumni Association. This years Hall of Fame will be held on December 1, 2012 at The Coral House in Baldwin. 6:30 - 11:30



The Kennedy High School gymnasium was filled with excitement and transformed into the Kennedy High School ballroom last Saturday evening when six alumni were inducted into the John F. Kennedy High School Hall of Fame. The induction was the first in 17 years.

The six honorees were selected based on their success in their chosen professions and the service they have rendered either in Bellmore-Merrick or beyond. All six embody the visionary spirit of President John F. Kennedy. Kennedy High School takes in students from Bellmore and Merrick.

Kenny Dichter, class of 1986: A 1990 graduate of the University of Wisconsin, Dichter has been an entrepreneur in sports marketing, retail and manufacturing. He is the founder of three companies: Alphabet City (a recording company), Tour GCX Inc. (golf access) and Marquis Jet (travel access). Dichter's entrepreneurial success allowed him to create Marquis Care, which supports more than 50 charities. A participant in JFK's Senior Experience Program, Dichter is a favored guest speaker in Kennedy's classrooms.

Doug Ellin, class of 1986: A 1990 graduate of Tulane University, Ellin has become an acclaimed comic, actor, writer, producer and director. He is creator, Jonathan Fish, class of 1980: After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business in 1984. Fish then studied at Oxford University, earning a diploma in 1988. He is executive vice president and chief financial officer of the Advertising Council. He was also a five-time national rowing champion, a gold medalist in rowing at the 1986 Goodwill Games in Russia and an Olympic participant in Seoul, South Korea, in 1988. He was also a member of the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Lori Horowitz Moran, class of 1979: A graduate of Hofstra University and Hofstra University School of Law, Horowitz Moran was admitted to the New York State Bar Association at 22. She has held a number of county positions, including chief counsel to the Nassau County Board of Supervisors, chief prosecutor of child-abuse cases for the Nassau County District Attorney's Office and chief of operations for former county executive Thomas Gulotta.

Dr. Matthew Kuschner, class of 1977: A graduate of SUNY Albany, Kuschner continued his studies at New York Chiropractic College. Formerly a private practitioner. Kuschner now serves as a medical investigator for a national insurance company. He is also a 15-year trustee of the North Merrick Board of Education and a trustee of the Bellmore-Board of Education, as well as a member Wellness Council, a commissioner for CYO and PAL football, and a three-year trustee of Congregation

David Paul Weiss, class of 1968: A graduate of Buffalo University and Hofstra University School of Law, Weiss is a member of the first graduating class of John F. Kennedy High School. Weiss is the backbone of several organizations and community activities in Bellmore-Merrick, providing pro-bono legal services as well as active support, including the Bellmore Chamber of Commerce, the Bellmore -Merrick Cultural Arts Foundation, the IFK Alumni Wrestling Club, the JFK Sports Boosters Club, the Central High School District Scholarship Program and the Central District Senior

#### The six inductees into the Kennedy High School Hall of Fame

from left, back row,

Jonathan Fish, Dr. Matthew Kuschner, David Weiss, Lori Horowitz Moran, Kenny Dichter, and Doug Ellin.

They are joined here by members of the student government

JOHN F. KENNEDY HIGH SCHOOL HALL OF FAME



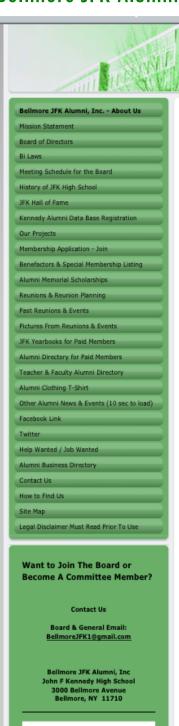
Inductees into the "Hall of Fame"

Arthur Pitts Alix (Barbara) Korey 1969 Andrew Chasano Steve Sackrin Todd Michael Zipnick 1972 George Manaskie Claude W. Bernhard 1968 Mark Meyerowitz 1969 Eileen Korey 1973 Lawrence Steinberg David Paul Weiss Dr. Matthew Kuschner Lori E. Horowitz Moran Jonathan Fish Doug Ellin Kenny Dichter





#### Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc Website Advertising Information



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#### The Alumni Business Directory

Our website has received over 18,700 hits over the last 65 days You may advertise a listing, a business card or a display ad. Ads will be listed by category & services offered.

We reserve the right to accept, decline or remove any ad for inappropriate content at our discretion. Ads will remain on our website until the last day of December 2012 or 1 year whichever is longer.

You may send in your artwork or electronic file via mail. You may also email your electronic files but payment must be received before we start to work on your files for the ad. We will accept a jpeg, gif, word or pdf file. Resolution of your ad will be only as good as the resolution of your file.

Email file to: rsteiger@bellmorejfkalumni.org



Check payable to: Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc

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John F. Kennedy High School
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#### **Advertising Pricing:**

A simple listing is \$50.00,

A business card or display ad is \$150.00 for the year

Ads will remain on the website till December 31, 2012

Sample of what a simple **listing** looks like for \$ 50.00

#### **Clothing**

Merokee Men's & Women's Clothing

1 Merrick Avenue

Merrick, NY 11566

Tel. 516-222-2222

Email: merokee@abc.com

John Smith JFK Grad 1972

Category & or Service

name of business.

address.

tel#,

email.

if a JFK alumni name and year of graduation

A Business Card or a Display Ad is up to 4 inches wide by 9 inches long and is \$150.00

The Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc website is: www.bellmorejfkalumni.org

We are the official alumni organization of Bellmore JFK High School

# Alumni Merchandise available on the website www.bellmorejfkalumni.org





**Aug 18th. 2012** 6 PM

#### K.J Farrell's.

242 Petit Avenue Bellmore, NY

Small Cover to go towards JFK Scholarship Funds



The Core

Larry Schwartz 1980 Rick Gigi 1980 Jack Falco 1970

After Dark Band Ben Abruzzo 1973 Robert Gallo 1973



SIGN UP FOR YOUR MEMBERSHIP At this time. we are launching our website. Within the website you will notice that there is a membership tab. We are asking each of you to please join and become a member of the Alumni Association. The yearly membership fee is \$20.00. This will give you access to areas that only paid membership will allow. (i.e.) You will be able to view all of the yearbooks from 1967 through 2012 and search for your old friends, and post job inquiries for those seeking, as well as employers looking to hire. Additionally, you will have access to the contact directory for past teachers and faculty who wish to be listed. Also, there is an option to advertise your business and services for a small advertising fee. You will also receive a newsletter that will be published twice a year. If you have something to share, please let us know!

Please support J.F. Kennedy High School and the Alumni Association. — It was these strong roots that created your paths in life and put you on your road to success; now you can help us do the same for others. We want, and need your support! Please sign up today for your \$20.00 yearly membership. It is payable by credit card. You can do everything online. We will be in contact with you about future events, programs, scholarships as well as informal and formal gettogethers. Attached you will see the pdf file for our first newsletter. We hope you enjoy it. Thank you very much. We are grateful in advance for your support!

Joe Zogbi & Matt Levine 6-7:30

http://www.bellmorejfkalumni.org/

Please help spread the word about this JFK Reunion event by forwarding, & posting on your facebook page & sharing on your timeline.



#### Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc MULTI-YEAR REUNION -

# YOU'RE INVITED to the BIGGEST & BEST HIGH SCHOOL REUNION THERE HAS EVER BEEN!!

#### 2013 Project—date to be announced

ALL FORMER BELLMORE JFK ALUMNI & FACULTY ALONG WITH THEIR CHILDREN,

GRANDCHILDREN AND PARENTS ARE WELCOME

ALL FUTURE JFK ALUMNI & THEIR FAMILIES ARE WELCOME BBQ & REFRESHMENTS, JFK ALUMNI BANDS & LIVE

MUSIC, PADDLE BOATS & CANOES, TRAINS, MINI-GOLF, SOCCER, INFLATABLES, BASKETBALL, SOFT-BALL, PLAYGROUNDS, FACE PAINTING, TENNIS, GAGA



Tickets go on sale DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED on the web.

Tickets are \$20.00 each.

Ticket sales are final, no refunds!

The event will be held rain or shine!

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Please RSVP by XXXXXXXXX & purchase tickets so that we have an approximate count of those attending. This event takes a lot of planning so please help us by purchasing tickets early!

Tickets MUST BE purchased from the Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. on the web

Click or go to the link below to watch trailer to give you an idea of some of the activities at Coleman Country Day Camp.

http://www.colemancountry.com/



# "BBQ" & Refreshments

Tickets must be purchased in advance.

The Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc. would like to thank the Coleman Family for generously donating their facilities at Coleman Country Day Camp so that we can have a wonderful reunion.

Event will be held at the:

**Coleman Country** 

55 Babylon Turnpike NY Merrick, NY 11566



#### Job Fair

#### Kennedy Networking Event



The **Job Fair Kennedy Networking Event** is being created to connect the older alumni to the younger alumni along with local businesses and JFK parents that are business managers or owners. It will give the younger alumni the opportunity to obtain internships and to network and make connections necessary to obtain jobs for their future.

Older JFK Alumni looking to network and help are needed and welcome.

Bellmore JFK Alumni, Inc with the support of Senator Chuck Fuschillos office, is working on this project with the High Schools SEP Project director Mr Seidman.

All different industries will be represented at the fair as well as businesses from the Senior Experence Project. We are looking for anyone or any business interested in helping put together this event and we hope to see you there.

If you would like to help, have a business to exhibit, want to participate and exhibit or would like to **help financially sponsor the event**, Please contact either one of the co-chairmen from our Young Alumni Committee.

Jesse Ehrlich Class of 2011 <u>Jjehrlich18@gmail.com</u>

Brett Cohen Class of 2009 bbbutton@aol.com



## Job

#### Kennedy Networking Event

We are planning for sometime in 2013

## For Corporate and or Business Sponsorship Opportunities Contact: Gary Morganstern 516 868-0200

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# The Kennedy Cougar Alumni Edition

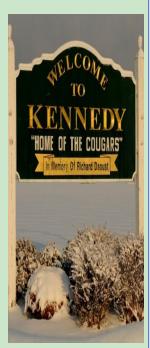
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# Board & Committee Meetings Schedule 2012/2013

JFK Bellmore - Room 136 Held at 7:00PM

September 4, 2012
October 30, 2012
November 27, 2012
January 29, 2013
February 26, 2013
March 19, 2013
April 30, 2013
May 28, 2013
June 25, 2013

Come on down and join us!



#### What Happened to all the Fraternities & Sororities?

Remember the Spartans, Olympians, Athleta, Excalibur's, DeMolay, Tritons, Omegans, Marquis, and of course The Apollo's! How about the Debbettes, Aphrodite's, and all the other Sororities?

Do any of these clubs still exist? We sure had fun with all those groups, beach parties on Ski Beach, or all the Christmas parties.

Maybe we didn't have cell phones, but when the word got out that there was going to be a party, a crowd showed up! How about skating down at Mill Pond? The Hole? City Woods Woodpecker Woods? The Itch? Smiths? Mikes? or Steve's Home Cooking? Bernie's? & The Charcoal Chef?

Vincent P. Calabro SCSI USDA FSIS Class of '70

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