

*Peter L. Arnos*

*Class of 1968*

*Columbia High School*

Peter L. Arnos, is currently a third generation dry cleaner who owns and operates seven days a week the Fashion Care Cleaners business in East Greenbush and Albany. Peter and his family have been a mainstay in the local business community since 1960. Peter was also co-owner at one time of RA Fiberglass from 1972-1975.

Peter "Pete" Arnos is more than just a successful entrepreneur. He is the quintessence of the role model for father, husband, friend, businessman and community activist. This 1970 graduate of Hudson Valley Community College's Associates in Retail Business Management program has always been the first person to volunteer his time and efforts and the last to seek or expect the well-deserved accolade. It is the rare entrepreneur who is able to integrate his/her enterprise into the life-style of a community to the extent that the two are synonymous and inseparable. Who is not aware of and/or does not look for the latest "posting" on the Fashion Care sign when driving through the "heart" of East Greenbush? If you want to know what's going on in our community, check the Fashion Care sign!

Peter Arnos has been more than just involved with his community. He has been generous in terms of finances and effort to an extent seldom experienced. As a member of the East Greenbush Education Foundation since 1999, and its Vice President since 2000, he has been the driving force to increase the organization's efforts to raise funds to enrich students' learning experiences.

Among Peter's continuing efforts and participation in the life of the greater East Greenbush area community is his sponsorship of "Coats for Kids" in which he personally cleans and delivers the apparel to the Nassau Resource Center, Concerns U and Questar. Unclaimed clothing at this store also finds its "way" to battered women shelters and Albany City Mission. Peter Arnos has also served as a coach in both Little League and Girls' Softball on a consistent basis since 1981.

It is people like Peter L. Arnos, who enrich the lives of all of us and seek no recognition or reward that makes the East Greenbush Education Foundation proud to extend its congratulations to Peter, his wife and family upon his induction into the Columbia High School Alumni Hall of Fame.