

## De Niro took home 2 of 6 Oscar nominations

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### **Dear Ken: How many Oscars has Robert De Niro won? Where did he grow up and what was his first movie appearance?**

The native New Yorker, 67, who grew up in the Little Italy section of Manhattan and later Greenwich Village, has been nominated for six Academy Awards and won two. His wins came in the films "Raging Bull" and "The Godfather: Part II." The other nominations came for "Taxi Driver," "The Deer Hunter," "Awakenings" and "Cape Fear." He first appeared onscreen in 1965's "Three Rooms in Manhattan" but received no screen credit. His first credit came in "Greetings" in 1968, and his first boffo performance came in 1973's "Bang the Drum Slowly."

### **Dear Ken: What is Charlotte Rae of "Facts of Life" doing these days?**

The actress, who portrayed Edna Garrett, the housekeeper/chaperone on "Diff'rent Strokes" and "Facts of Life," most recently appeared in an episode of "Pretty Little Liars." Born Charlotte Rae Lubotsky in Milwaukee, Rae, 85, has done it all from cabaret and Broadway to film and TV. Of her best-known TV role she says, "We really worked very hard to give the shows quality and not go into things like sex as a sport, or things that are very misleading to young people. We had a social responsibility and we kept to it, which made me very happy." Her first TV role came as Sylvia Schnauser on the 1961-63 sitcom "Car 54, Where Are You?" That show's first season was recently released on DVD, and it is hilarious.

### **Dear Ken: Now starring in the new series "Body of Proof," what other TV shows has Dana Delany starred in?**

Delaney, 55, was a regular on "Desperate Housewives," "Kidnapped," "Presidio Med," "Pasadena," "China Beach" and "Sweet Surrender." She also has provided the voice of Lois Lane in a couple of animated series. Several weeks back, she placed ninth in "People" magazine's annual 100 Most Beautiful list.

### **Dear Ken: Who did the original voices of Fred, Wilma, Barney and Betty on "The Flintstones"?**

Yabba-dabba-do! So glad you asked. Alan Reed was Fred Flintstone, and Jean Vander Pyle

was Wilma and Pebbles. Mel Blanc did Barney Rubble, and Bea Benaderet was Betty Rubble. As for Dino, that was Blanc again.

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