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## "PAST & PRESENT"

JOANNE MALAZITA BESWICK, 1958
3105 N. TAYLOR. "ENCLOSED IS A
CHECK FOR POP USE THE
BALANCE FOR THE EXPENSES. I
REALLY ENJOY READING THE JJ.
IT BRINGS BACK MANY HAPPY
MEMORIES OF MY YOUNGER DAYS
THANKS AGAIN."

KAREN VIOLA BEUKERS, 1970, 2119 W. INDIANA. "EVEN THOUGH I WAS ONE OF THE "YOUNGER CROWD" WHEN I MOVED TO FOX CHASE, MY HEART WAS STILL IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I AM THE DAUGHTER OF FRANK & KAY VIOLA. OUR FAMILY CONSIST OF THE JULIANO'S, FIORAVANTI'S CALVANESESE'S, AND PONTICELLI'S ALL OF WHOM I KEEP IN TOUCH WITH. MY AUNT FANNY, (FRANCES VIOLA CALVANESE), OF THE 2000 BLOCK OF INDIANA DIED THIS YEAR. SHE WAS THE LAST REMAINING SIBLING OF THE VIOLA FAMILY. I ALWAYS TALK TO HER SONS PETE AND ANTHONY "HEARTLESS" AND PASS THE JJ ON TO THEM. I GIVE COPIES TO MY BROTHER FRANK. MY OLDER BROTHER, GOD REST HIS SOUL, ARTHUR "SKIPPER" WOULD OF LOVED THIS WHOLE JJ IDEA! I ALSO KEEP IN TOUCH WITH OTHER ST. MARY'S CLASSMATES, THE MAZZA GIRLS, AMELIA, ELEANOR, AND MARY OF TORONTO ST. AND THE LEO FAMILY OF 21ST ST. I AM SURE I CAN GET MORE OF OUR YOUNGER CROWD OUT TO THE NEXT REUNION. I SEE A LOT OF THE YOUNGER CROWD'S PARENTS NAMES IN THE JJ, SO IF MORE OF THEM KNOW THEN I'M SURE MORE WILL SHOW, ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE WOOD CARVING. KEEP THE EXTRA FOR EXPENSES." ANNAMARIE COLANGELO, WOODSTOCK & INDIANA. "RECENTLY I WAS GIVEN A COPY OF THE JJ. I WAS QUITE IMPRESSED WITH THE PUBLICATION AND READING ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE KEEPSAKE. KEEP THE BALANCE FOR EXPENSES."

PHILIP COLASANTI, 3028 WOODSTOCK ST. "RECEIVED 10/15/98 JJ AND I WAS SO HAPPY TO SEE THE NAMES OF PAT CIAMMETTI, DOT PATRIZI RIVIEZZO AND HER HUSBAND RALPH. WHAT MEMORIES DOT BROUGHT BACK ABOUT ST. MARY'S DANCES IN THE GYM. I REMEMBER FREDDIE MARCELLINO'S BAND AND HER FATHER'S SAUSAGE. BUT HIS SHOP WAS AT WOODSTOCK & MAYFIELD STS. MY FATHER WAS ONE OF THOSE PEOPLE WHO HAD HER FATHER SAVE A FEW POUNDS FOR HIM. THE LAST TIME I SAW DOTTIE AND RALPH WAS AT MY SISTER-IN-LAW, EDITH PICIONE COLASANTE'S FUNERAL. IF IM NOT MISTAKEN DOTTIE, OUR FATHERS CAME FROM LA PROVINCIA DI AQUILA. THEY WERE BUDDY BUDDIES. PASQUALE CIAMMETTI, IT WAS GOOD TO SEE YOUR NAME IN THE JJ. IT BROUGHT BACK MEMORIES ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD WITH YOUR PARENTS & COUSINS, ASSUNTA & GIOVANNA AND ALL THE OTHER RELATIVES. I HAVE BEEN LIVING IN BURHOLME FOR 29 YRS. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE KEEPSAKE, BUT IF WE DON'T MEET THE QUOTA KEEP IT ANYWAY. DAN COLL, ST. COLUMBA'S 1953, 2964 N. RINGGOLD, "ENJOY READING ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR POP AND EXPENSES. BEN DIGENNARO, PIERCE 1937, 3019 N. HEMBERGER ST. " ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR POP AND EXPENSES. PAULA DIGIACOMO FAN, 1965, 3033 N. 23RD ST. "ITS ANOTHER FRIEND FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I HAVE BEEN WANTING TO GET ON YOUR MAILING LIST FOR THE LAST YEAR OR SO, AND FINALLY RECEIVED YOUR ADDRESS FROM MARIA STAFIERI. I WAS SO FORTUNATE TO HAVE GROWN UP IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. THE PEOPLE WERE LOVING, CARING NEIGHBORS, ALWAYS WILLING TO HELP OUT THE NEXT PERSON. IT WAS A GREAT LIFE, WE SHARED GREAT TIMES AND NOW HAVE THOSE MEMORIES TUCKED IN OUR HEARTS. PEOPLE, WHO I MEET TODAY, NOT FROM THIS TYPE OF NEIGHBORHOOD, REALLY DON'T UNDERSTAND. IT WAS A TIME THAT WE WILL NEVER FORGET, AT LEAST I WON'T. MY MOM LUCY IS 79YRS OLD AND LIVES WITH ME AND MY HUSBAND DAVE. DAVE IS CHINESE AND ENJOYS HEARING THE STORIES ABOUT OUR LIVES BACK THEN."

JOHN SNIZ DILACOUA, "OUR **NEIGHBORHOOD WAS NOTORIOUS** FOR NICKNAMES, HERE ARE SOME I REMEMBER. TORY, BUGGY, BEN, NAGS, BOGGY, CHIPPY, SPIDER, WEASEL, YAUTS, COCKY, PUSSY CAT, BOMOLO, JARE, CATYUMP' BLUEWHITE, JOE WEB, CHICKEN, DINGY WATER, BUCKEMUP, BUCKY, TP, BIG NOSE, SHEAN. CICHY, MARCH OF DIMES, MCCOYS, MUMBLES, BIG HEAD, MUSHY, MINUE, BOMBA, EARS, VALLI, TRICKY DICK, MOE, JIMMY BROWN, DADS, DONDIE, ROMO, PIKE, GUMPS, PIDDLE, RAFTY, SHARKEY, GITI, MAUDS, ZIGGY, PRUNT, DOGS, PASKY, AND IRON MIKE. MAYBE SOMEONE CAN MATCH THESE UP WITH THE REAL NAMES."

JOHN DIRADO, 3058 N JUDSON. "I HAVE RECENTLY STARTED TO RECEIVE THE JJ, THANKS TO PETE LUCIANO, PLEASE ADD MY MOTHER, RITA TOMASSI ROHRBACH TO YOUR LIST. ALSO PLEASE USE THIS DONATION AS YOU SEE FIT."

DIANE MARINO FALCONE, 1956. 2956 N. 24TH. " I JUST RECEIVED MY COPY OF THE JJ. AS USUAL IT IS **FULL OF HAPPY MEMORIES AND** GOOD OLD FASHION CHARM. I READ IT TO MY MOM WHO HAS TROUBLE REMEMBERING **EVERYTHING. JUST THE MERE** MENTION OF THOSE NAMES BRINGS A SMILE TO HER FACE AND GETS HER TALKING ABOUT THE GOOD OLD TIMES THEY HAD AT THE BLUE RIBBON CLUB AND ST. MARY'S BINGO, WHERE MY AUNT FRANCES MARINO AND MY MOM AND YOUR AUNT MARTHA, TURK, AND THE WHOLE GANG WORKED SO DILIGENTLY EVERY WEEK WHILE US KIDS SOLD PIZZA AND

OTHERS. IT WAS NICE TO HEAR ABOUT THE REUNION. I DID ATTEND ONE IN ROXBOROUGH. MAYBE WHEN YOU HAVE THE NEXT ONE, I WILL ATTEND. I ENJOYED "JUST A MID- SUMMER DAY MEMORY." IN THOSE DAYS, IT SEEMS LIKE WE WERE ALWAYS HUNGRY! ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP DEFRAY SOME OF THE EXPENSES YOU HAVE IN DISTRIBUTION AND POSTAGE." CARMELA FERRARA SCHIAVO, 1947, 2036 W. INDIANA. "PLEASE SEND ME POP."

GERI CARUSO STAUFFER, 1960, 2425 W. ELKHART. "I WOULD LIKE A COLLECTABLE OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK. IT IS SUCH A TREAT TO BE ABLE TO TOUCH BACK TO THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, I FOLLOW YOUR PATH IM MY MIND AS I AM READING IT. IF YOU NEED ANY HELP PLEASE DON'T HESITATE TO CALL OR WRITE TO ME." ROSEMARIE CATRINI SULZBACK, 1952. "DAD AND I ENJOY THE JJ, **ALTHOUGH THE CLASS OF 1952** GRADUATES ARE NOT IN IT VERY OFTEN-TONY FRISCO, RITA CATRINI AUTERI, LUCILLE LANCIA

AND MY COUSINS." HARRY VARRONE, 2906 N. 23RD."SO THE NEW DANCE RAGE IS CALLED SWING DANCING(JITTERBUGGING) SOME OF THE BEST SWING AND BALLROOM DANCERS ATTENDED THE ST. MARY'S DANCE ON SUNDAYS. FROM 9PM TILL MID NIGHT, I HAD THE GOOD FORTUNE TO HAVE HAD A FRONT ROW SEAT. I PLAYED GUITAR WITH THE TOMMY VARRONE BAND, AND LOOKING DOWN OVER THE DANCERS WAS LIKE SEEING POETRY IN MOTION. MY MEMORY HAS NEVER DIMMED, I COULD SEE ERNIE LUCARINI, RALPH LUDOVICI, ANTHONY MELFI, ALBERT, (SHOWBOAT AL), MANDIA, WHOM I ALWAYS THOUGHT WAS ONE OF THE BEST STRAIGHT DANCERS, AL PORTA COULD DANCE A GREAT POLKA. AS FOR THE LADIES, THERE WERE THERESA VITALE, AGNES ROSSI AND OF COURSE SO MANY MORE GREAT DANCERS. THE YOUNG MEN AND LADIES WERE DRESSED SO NICE. THEY LOOKED LIKE THEY STEPPED OUT OF A FASHION MAGAZINE. OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WAS ENDOWED WITH SOME EXCELLENT MUSIC TALENT. IN THE LATE 30'S AND UP UNTIL WWII BEGAN, YOU COULD WALK UP ANY ST. IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND SOME ONE WOULD BE PRACTICING A MUSICAL INSTRUMENT. THEIR PATIENCE AND PERSEVERING PRODUCED MARVELOUS RESULTS. I AM STILL VERY ACTIVE IN MUSIC. I ARRANGE AND PLAY GUITAR FOR A GROUP AND IN MY TRAVELS I MEET SO MANY OF OUR OLD NEIGHBORS, AND WE SEEM TO HAVE SO MUCH TO TALK ABOUT. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION." RAY BALESTRUCCI, 3118 N. TAYLOR AND MARIE MASSARO BALESTRUCCI, 2931 N 22ND. "IT WAS A PLEASURE MEETING YOU AT THE MEMORIAL MASS SUNDAY, 11/8/98. IT'S KIND OF YOU TO BE INTERESTED AS TO THE "WHEREABOUTS" OF THE MEMORIAL THAT WAS IN FRONT OF THE TORONTO ST. "SONS OF ITALY" LODGE IN NORTH PENN. ON APRIL 12,

1953, THE

**GUILIO** 

CEASAR

LODGE NO.

SOLD, VENERABLE BILL FESTA, REMOVED THE BRONZE PLAQUE FROM THE GRANITE STONE SUPPORT AND GAVE IT TO ME, FOR SAFEKEEPING. ON MEMORIAL DAY, MAY 30, 1986, GOV. KEAN DEDICATED NEW JERSEY'S FIRST STATE-OPERATED VETERANS CEMETERY. MY WIFE AND I VISITED THE CEMETERY AND SPOKE TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE. WITH THE SUPPORT OF GOV. FLORIO AND THE MAJ. GEN. VITO MORGANO, ADJ. GEN. OF VETERANS' AFFAIRS, THE PLAQUE WAS ACCEPTED INTO THE **CEMETERY IN 1991. TODAY THE** BRONZE PLAQUE IS LOCATED AT THE "BRIGADIER GENERAL WILLIAM C. DOYLE VETERANS MEMORIAL CEMETERY". THE ADDRESS IS ARNYTOWN, WRIGHTSTOWN, NJ. DIRECTIONS --TAKE ROUTE 537 EAST TO PROVINCE LINE ROAD, THEN A LEFT TURN TO THE CEMETERY. CONTINUE ON ROAD -- CEMETERY ENTRANCE WILL BE ON THE LEFT. THE **PLAQUE IS** BENEATH THE

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SODA. JUST TO SEE HER LIGHT UP IS MARVELOUS. WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A COLLECTABLE AND 2 COPIES OF POP AND KEEP THE REMAINING FOR POSTAGE. AFTER RECEIVING MINE AT THE LAST REUNION, I GAVE IT TO MY MOM, SO THAT SHE COULD KEEP REMEMBERING THE GOOD OLD TIMES."

(LITTLE) SAL MATTOCCIA, 1965, 3027 N. CROSKEY. "JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT I ATTENDED A 33 YEAR REUNION THE OTHER NIGHT. WHAT A SUCCESS! SOME OF THE PEOPLE THERE WERE NICKY DUCK, CHUCKIE MOOSE, MAGGIE, BOGGIE, BEAVER, FONSE, AND LITTLE HEARTLESS,. (HOW COME THE GIRLS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD NEVER HAD NICKNAMES?), DISCUSSION ABOUT THE JJ WAS LIKE WILDFIRE. BECAUSE SOME OF US ARE YOUNGER THAN THE GROUP YOU HUNG AROUND WITH, WE DON'T ALWAYS RECOGNIZE THE PLACES YOU REFER TO, BUT WE SURE CAN IMAGINE WHAT THEY MUST HAVE BEEN LIKE. IN 2 YRS. WE'RE PLANNING A REUNION FOR THE ST. MARY'S GRADUATING CLASSES 1963 THROUGH 1967. IF ANYONE **OUT THERE IS INTERESTED IN** ATTENDING OR HELPING OUT, PLEASE DROP ME A LINE AT 650 EAST RIVELY AVE., COLLINGDALE, PA 19023. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK. MY COUSINS PATTY HORN, HARRY POTATO CHIP EARS, AND BIG SAL SEND THEIR REGARDS."

MARIE BELLA NAPLES, 2403 W. ELKHART. " I LIVED ACROSS THE STREET FROM MOISH'S VARIETY STORE. HE HAD EVERYTHING, YOU NAME IT - HE HAD IT. MY HUSBAND **DOMINIC NAPLES, LIVED AT 2435 ELKHART. ACROSS FROM THE** SQUARE WHERE ALL THE GUYS PLAYED "MARBLES". I LIVED 2 DOORS AWAY FROM JOSEPH, PETE, AND JIMMIE MARTOSELLA AND NEXT DOOR TO THE VASSALO FAMILY AND THE BARBER SHOP. I REMEMBER THE FELLOWS SITTING ON OUR STEPS EATING HOAGIES, THEN PLAYING "BUCK-BUCK" WITH THE GIRLS, AND THE HOT SUMMER NIGHTS WHEN THE

SPRINKLER NEAR THE SQUARE WENT ON AND EVERYONE COOLED OFF AT TWELVE MIDNIGHT. WHEN YOU SEND THE JJ IT REKINDLES ALL THE WARM MEMORIES OF THE GREATEST NEIGHBORHOOD ANYWHERE. ENCLOSED ARE 2 CHECKS, ONE FOR THE KEEPSAKE, AND ONE TO HELP YOU WITH ALL YOUR EXPENSES."

NANCY SPERA NICASTRO, 3016 N. 22ND. LOUIS (GI-GIE) NICASTRO, 2022 W. INDIANA. "GOD HAS BLESSED US WITH 3 SONS & 6 GRANDCHILDREN. WHEN MY HUSBAND READ ABOUT THE CAR OWNED BY SNIZ AND HIS BROTHER JOHN IT BROUGHT BACK FOND MEMORIES OF THE MANY TRIPS HE MADE WITH THEM TO ATLANTIC CITY. WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ST. MARY'S AND THE GREAT TIMES WE HAD IN OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, PEOPLE CAN'T BELIEVE WE'RE SPEAKING THE TRUTH. WHAT WE ALL HAD CAN'T BE FOUND ANYWHERE. THE PEOPLE OF THE NEIGHBORHOOD WERE UNIQUE WITH EVERYONE GOING OUT OF THEIR WAY TO HELP EACH OTHER. WE WERE ONE HAPPY FAMILY (ALL BROTHERS AND SISTERS). WE WERE FORTUNATE TO HAVE SUCH GREAT PRIESTS, AS MSGR. BUSCO. FR. WALKER, FR. JOSEPH MURPHY, AND MANY OTHER. OUR BELOVED PASTOR LOOKED AFTER EACH AND EVERYONE OF US AS INDIVIDUALS AND DID EVERYTHING HE COULD, SO WE COULD BE CLASSIFIED AS THE BEST. HE SAID, "WE ARE SECOND TO NONE." MSGR. BUSCO WE ARE INDEBTED TO YOU. THANK YOU, THANK YOU."

MARY ANN NICOLUCCI, 1957, 2118 STELLA. "WE LIVED IN A GOOD TIME AND A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR 2 COLLECTIBLES, IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE THE REQUIRED NUMBER PLEASE KEEP THE CHECK. LOOKING FORWARD THE NEXT ISSUE."

ROSE CARRADORI OLENICK, 1962, 2820 VANPELT. "THE JJ WAS PASSED ALONG TO ME BY LUCY JULIANI HOOPER. IT IS SUCH A JOY TO READ AND REMEMBER. **ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR 2** KEEPSAKES ANY MONIES LEFT KEEP FOR EXPENSES. ANGELO "AO" PACIFICO. " PLEASE RESERVE A REPLICA OF ST. MARY'S CHURCH FOR ME. KEEP THE EXTRA MONEY FOR EXPENSES. I LIVED NEAR 20TH & INDIANA AND WAS A MEMBER OF THE "CASINO A. C." WE PLAYED A LOT OF BALL GAMES AT COLLINS LOT. I LIVE IN PLYMOUTH MEETING AND HAVE FOR 40 YRS., BUT I STILL BUMP INTO MANY OF ST. MARY'S FRIENDS." **DOMINIC PACIFICO, 2118 STELLA.** "ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR 2 COLLECTIBLES. THE BALANCE IS FOR EXPENSES. "CAT" WOULD OF BEEN PROUD OF YOU." **DOLORES PALLOTTA, 1957, 2103** STELLA. "THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR 3 COPIES OF POP. PLEASE KEEP WHATS LEFT FOR POSTAGE." SUSANNE CRUPI PHILLIPS, 1962, 2928 N. 23RD. "KEEP REMEMBERING FOR US! COULD YOU ADD, ANTHONY DEPALMA TO THE MAILING LIST. ANTHONY WAS LIKE THE BROTHER I NEVER HAD AND AFTER 30 YRS. WE FINALLY GOT TOGETHER. WHAT A GREAT TIME THAT WAS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY CHECK FOR YOUR EXPENSES. ALSO SEND POP TO ANTHONY DEPLAMA WITH MY LOVE." SENATOR FRANK "HANK" SALVATORE, 5TH DISTRICT, STATE OF PA., 23RD & CLEARFIELD. "A FRIEND GAVE ME A COPY OF THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE JJ. IN READING IT, I WAS VERY INTERESTED. I RECOGNIZED MANY OF THE NAMES. I WAS PLEASED TO SEE RICHIE VASSALLO WAS RECENTLY HONORED BY THE POPE. HE LIVES IN MY AREA. I MOVED OUT OF THE **NEIGHBORHOOD IN 1947 WHEN I** GOT MARRIED AND MOVED UP TO THE NORTHEAST IN 1951. SO THE ONLY CONTACT I HAVE HAD IS WITH FRED LAURENZI ONCE AND A WHILE, WHO LIVES AT THE SHORE; FRANK "BONES' DIGREGORIO; LEO

THE BARBER ON A FEW

OCCASIONS AND MAYBE A FEW

OF THE CHAPEL AND
ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE. IT IS A
CHOICE AND HONORABLE
LOCATION. THOSE WHO RESIDE IN
NJ AND PA, WHO ARE FAMILIAR
WITH THE AREA, WILL FIND THE
RIDE SCENIC AND ENJOYABLE.
ENCLOSED ARE 3 PHOTOS. YOU
MAKE THE CHOICE! ENCLOSED IS
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IN APRIL WILL
CONTAIN A SHORT
STORY BY ANTHONY
PASSAMANTE TITLED,
"THE CLUB
REMEMBERED"

WE HAVE RECEIVED 54 CHECKS FOR THE ST. MARY'S COLLECTABLE, AS OF THIS MAILING OF THE JJ. WE NEED A MINIMUM OF 150 TO PLACE THE ORDER. WE WILL MAKE THIS OFFER ONCE AGAIN. THE COST IS \$17. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO "JUDSON JOURNAL", PO BOX 58, HADDON HEIGHTS, N. J. 08035. TO ALL OF THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE SENT CHECKS FOR THIS ITEM; PLEASE! NOTE: YOUR CHECK WILL NOT BE DEPOSITED UNTIL WE HAVE MET THE MINIMUM REQUIRED NUMBER NEEDED.

## PRAYER TO SAINT. RITA OF CASIA. MY CONSOLER.

O GLORIOUS ST. RITA, THOU WHO MIRACULOUSLY SHARED IN THE PAINFUL PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, OBTAIN THAT I MAY BEAR THE SORROWS OF THIS LIFE WITH RESIGNATION, AND PROTECT ME IN ALL MY NEEDS.

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