

"PAST & PRESENT"

MSGR. J. JOHN BUSCO
"ENCLOSED IS THE FORM REQUESTED FOR THE CONTINUANCE OF THE JUDSON JOURNAL. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK. I ENJOY READING IT BECAUSE IT BRINGS BACK VERY HAPPY MEMORIES OF OUR FAMOUS ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL PARISH. IT WAS A SPECIAL PARISH BECAUSE WE FELT LIKE A BIG AND HAPPY FAMILY. VERY MANY OF THE NAMES ARE STILL IN MY MIND. BUT I NEVER CAME ACROSS ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE ALMOST EVERYONE HAD A NICKNAME. I AM ALSO ENCLOSING A PRAYER CARD OF BLESSED PADRE PIO. BLESSED PIO WILL BE CANONIZED ON JUNE 16, 2002 IN ROME. IN THIS PARISH THE HOLY SAVIOUR PRAYER GROUP WAS STARTED 42 YEARS AGO. I AM THE SPIRITUAL DIRECTOR AND WE HAVE OVER 250 MEMBERS. THE ROSARY IS RECITED AT 9:30 FOLLOWED BY MASS AT 10:00 ON THE FIRST SATURDAY OF

EACH MONTH PRAYING FOR VOCATIONS AND ALL INTENTIONS OF THE MEMBERS. OVER FIVE MILLION PEOPLE TRAVEL TO ITALY TO VISIT THE HEADQUARTERS AND PRAY THERE. MAY THE SPECIAL BLESSINGS OF OUR LORD, HIS BLESSED MOTHER, AND BLESSED PADRE PIO DESCEND UPON YOU, YOUR STAFF, AND ALL OF ST. MARY OF ETERNAL PARISH. BUONA PASQUA A TUTTI."

JOE & EILEEN AMICI "HERE IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH EXPENSES. PLEASE PUBLISH OUR MAILING INFORMATION. WE WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM OUR FRIENDS. THANKS!"
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GUY ANTONINI "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES! GREAT WORK!"

JOAN BEHNKE "COULD YOU PLEASE SEND MY SISTER ANNA CIMINI AND I A NEWSPAPER. WE BOTH GRADUATED FROM ST. MARYS. SHE GRADUATED IN 1950 AND I GRADUATED IN 1951. WE BOTH WENT TO DOBBINS AFTER THAT AND LIVED AT 22ND AND INDIANA AVE. MY COUSIN IS PAUL CARSELLO WHO ALSO LIVED ON 21ST; HIS DAD HAD THE CHICKEN STORE THERE. I WAS LOOKING FOR ANGIE LAVANGA. SHE WAS A FRIEND OF MINE BACK THEN, BUT I HAVE NOT HEARD FROM HER IN YEARS. MY COUSIN SENT ME ONE OF YOUR COPIES AND WE REMEMBER SO MANY THINGS ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. DO YOU REMEMBER THE OLD BEER DISTRIBUTOR NEXT TO THE CONVENT. I MET THE GENTLEMEN WHO OWNED THAT YEARS AGO. REMEMBER AL AND CERINA GUERRA, THE REAL ESTATE OFFICE, CAFAGNA'S PRINTING SHOP, AND THE CANDY STORE?"

JOE CALCI, 3013 N. 23RD
ST. "THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR THE JJ. IT IS SUCH A PLEASURE TO DRIFT DOWN MEMORY LANE AND SMELL THE TOMATOES. THE MEMORIES TUG AT YOUR HEART STRINGS AND YOU REALIZE THAT IS WHAT IT'S ALL ABOUT; HAVING GOOD FAMILY AND GOOD MEMORIES TO PASS ON FOR THE NEXT GENERATION SO THAT THEY CAN BUILD THEIR OWN. WE DID NOT REALIZE UNTIL WE TOO BEGAN TO EULOGIZE THE PAST, THAT OUR PARENTS DID THE SAME THING AND HOW PRECIOUS WERE THOSE STORIES. BECAUSE YOU HAVE TAKEN ON SUCH A TASK WE HAVE THESE MEMORIES DOCUMENTED. ENCLOSED IS OUR CHECK TO HELP WITH EXPENSES."

ART & CAROLYN BRASCETTA
"MY WIFE AND I ENJOY THE JJ VERY MUCH. SHE IS NOT FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. WE HAVE BEEN MARRIED FOR FIFTY FOUR YEARS SO SHE STILL FEELS LIKE ITS HER OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. THE MEMORIES ARE THE BEST. THANK YOU."

PAUL & MARGE CARSELLO, 2923 N. 21ST ST, "WE JUST RECEIVED THE LATEST EDITION OF THE JJ. WE REALLY LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING IT AND BEING ABLE TO CATCH UP ON THE LIVES OF FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS FROM THE PAST. WE HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH GUY AND NICKY ANTONINI; AGNES DEVECE, AND LUCILLE IOBBI. IT'S REALLY BEEN GREAT TALKING WITH THEM. OUR E-MAIL ADDRESS IS MPCARSELLO@AOL.COM. WE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO HEAR FROM OTHERS. OUR DONATION IS ENCLOSED. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK ON PUBLISHING THE JJ AND THANKS FOR THE

MEMORIES THEY BRING INTO OUR LIVES."

HARRY E CERINO "COULD YOU KINDLY PUT ME ON THE MAILING LIST FOR THE JJ AND SEND ME BACK COPIES? IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY READ THE BOOK, CHECK OUT BRUCE KUKLICK'S TO EVERY THING A SEASON, IT HAS SOME INTERESTING THINGS ABOUT ST. MARY'S PARISH AND NEIGHBORHOOD."

IRENE COLAVITO - NEMEROFF "HI MY NAME IS IRENE COLAVITO OF 3016 N WOODSTOCK ST, CLASS OF 1965 AT ST MARYS. I AM BROWN EYES' DAUGHTER. UNFORTUNATELY, WE MISSED THE REUNION IN 2000. I AM SURE WE WOULD HAVE ENJOYED SEEING MANY OLD AND FAMILIAR FACES. MY MOM IS NOW 85 AND LIVES WITH ME AND MY FAMILY IN PUNTA GORDA, FLORIDA. WE JUST MOVED HERE FROM ELKINS PARK, PA. IN AUGUST 2001. SHE IS STILL FEISTY AS EVER AND BROWN EYES THROUGH AND THROUGH. HOWEVER, SHE JUST UNDERWENT A QUADRUPLE BY-PASS AND AN AORTIC VALVE REPLACEMENT. SHE IS IN A REHAB CENTER RIGHT NOW AND GETTING STRONGER EVERYDAY. I HAVE ENJOYED READING THE JJ AND I KEEP MY MOM POSTED AS WELL. MY EMAIL ADDRESS IS italy4us@comcast.net. I AM NOW MARRIED WITH 3 SONS. I MANAGED A CENTER CITY LAW FIRM FOR MANY YEARS. I MARRIED AN ATTORNEY, WHO IS NOW RETIRED. I COULDN'T STAND THE COLD ANYMORE SO WE HEADED FOR FLORIDA. I HAVE SO MANY WONDERFUL MEMORIES OF ST MARYS AND THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I WISH MORE OF MY CLASSMATES WOULD

CONTRIBUTE TO THE JJ. I WOULD LOVE TO KNOW WHERE THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY ARE DOING. I SEEM TO REMEMBER SEEING SOMETHING FROM LISA BARRA AND SALVATORE MATTOCCIA, BOTH OF WHOM WERE IN MY CLASS."

DORIS CLAUSER-PALUMBO "I RECEIVED THE LATEST COPY OF THE JJ AND WAS GLAD AS EVER TO READ ALL THE NEWS. I WAS RAISED IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD OF 28TH & LEHIGH, ATTENDING ST. COLUMBA'S SCHOOL AND THEN HALLAHAN WHERE I GRADUATED IN 1956. IN 1957 I MARRIED NEIL PALUMBO, AND WE MOVED TO 3044 JUDSON ST. OUR SON, NEIL, WAS BORN ON OUR FIRST ANNIVERSARY, AND OUR DAUGHTER, DEBBIE, IN 1962. I HAD TO WORK DURING THE FIRST YEARS OF OUR MARRIAGE, AND MY MOTHER-IN-LAW, ROSE PALUMBO, WAS OUR BABYSITTER. WE CONSIDERED OURSELVES BLEST TO HAVE THE CHILDREN STAY WITH THEIR GRANDMOTHER. AFTERNOONS AND EVENINGS I WAS HOME TO SPEND THE REST OF MY TIME WITH MY CHILDREN, AND WE WOULD TAKE WALKS TO 22ND ST OR TO THE PLAYGROUND NEARBY. SUNDAYS WE ATTENDED MASS AT ST. MARYS. MY SON HAS A FEW STUFFED ANIMALS HE WON AT THE PENNY PARTIES/CHRISTMAS BAZAARS AT ST. MARYS. BECAUSE I WAS A WORKING MOM, I DIDN'T GET TO REALLY KNOW ANYONE TOO WELL, OR DO ANY SOCIALIZING, BUT NONETHELESS I HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND I RECOGNIZE MANY OF THE NAMES IN THE JJ. MY HUSBAND AND I MOVED TO HORSHAM IN 1967, HE HAD AN ICE CREAM AND SANDWICH PLACE ON EASTON RD. AND WE WANTED

TO LIVE CLOSER TO HIS PLACE OF BUSINESS. NEIL PASSED AWAY IN 1981. HIS MOTHER AND FATHER PRECEDED HIM JUST ONE YEAR BEFORE. NEIL HAD BEEN A NAVY MAN IN HIS YOUNGER DAYS BEFORE WE MET AND HE WAS A TERRIFIC COOK. MY SON NEIL IS NOW A SCIENTIST, WORKING CLOSELY WITH THE NAVY & NASA. HIS DAD WOULD BE SO PROUD OF HIM. HE ALSO TEACHES AT CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY. MY DAUGHTER, DEBBIE, IS MARRIED AND CO-OWNS A SMALL RESTAURANT HERE IN THE SUBURBS. SHE WRITES NOVELS BUT THEY HAVEN'T BEEN PUBLISHED YET. HER FATHER WOULD BE PROUD OF HER AS WELL. I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SEND THE JJ. I AM ENCLOSING A DONATION TO HELP WITH POSTAGE. GOD BLESS YOU! MY E-MAIL IS verdi677@aol.com.

MARY JANE COLELLA-CAIRONE "I CONTINUE TO ENJOY EVERY EDITION OF THE JJ AND HAVE PASSED IT ALONG TO SEVERAL FAMILY MEMBERS. I AM A 1957 GRADUATE OF ST MARYS AND LIVED AT 3148 N TAYLOR ST. I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANY OF MY FORMER CLASSMATES AND WONDER IF THERE ARE ANY PLANS FOR A 45TH - 8TH GRADE REUNION. MY E-MAIL ADDRESS IS mjcairone@yahoo.com. I AM ALSO TRYING TO CONTACT MARGIE MARRONE OF VAN PELT ST. AND BARBARA HEFFREN."

LOU DATTLO "I JUST WANTED TO MAKE A DONATION. I GRADUATED ST MARYS IN 1949. MY ADDRESS WAS 2824 N 22ND ST. MY MOTHER CLEANED THE CHURCH FOR FR. BUSCO. MY FATHER HAD A BARBER SHOP AT 2223 W CAMBRIA. AFTER MY DAD RETIRED, I TOOK IT OVER

FOR 7 YEARS. I HAD A BARBER SHOP IN THE NORTHEAST FOR 30 YEARS. I AM RETIRED NOW AND I ENJOY READING THE JOURNAL. I TOLD YOU AT LAST ISSUE THAT MY BROTHER-IN-LAW CORKY LAURENZI PASSED AWAY 6/14/01. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

JO D'AMBRA - GULINO "WE CANNOT SAY ENOUGH ABOUT HOW WONDERFUL YOU ARE. WITHOUT YOU WE WOULD NOT HAVE THIS GREAT BOND WITH OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND FRIENDS. WE LOVE AND PRAY FOR YOU."

SANDY DIBRICIDA "MY ADDRESS WAS 3023 N 21ST ST AND MY PARENTS ARE DOMINIC (85) AND LENA (86) CINCOTTI. THEY ARE DOING WELL AND LIVING IN ROXBOROUGH. I READ THE JJ TO THEM. WE ALL ENJOY THE JJ. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION."

CARMELA DIDOMENICO "I WENT TO A 1957 REUNION FOR ST MARYS ON 21ST ST. I WAS LOOKING FOR DOROTHY FEDAILY, MARRIAGE NAME DEPALMA. I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FOR HER SINCE 1987. THANK YOU FOR ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE ME."

HARRY & JULIE DIGIACOMO "WE ENJOY READING THE JJ PAPER VERY MUCH. I ORIGINALLY LIVED AT 2134 W TORONTO ST WITH MY PARENTS, ARTHUR & LILLIAN DIGIACOMO. AFTER I WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY (WWII) I LEFT THE NEIGHBORHOOD TO GET MARRIED. I MADE MANY TRIPS BACK AND FORTH SO I HAVE A VERY GOOD IDEA WHAT HAPPENED TO THE WONDERFUL NEIGHBORHOOD WE ALL ENJOYED. YOU ARE DOING A WONDERFUL JOB AND

ENCLOSED IS A DONATION. THANK YOU!"

REGINA DIGIACOMO-TRAITZ "THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR CONTINUING TO SEND ME THE JJ! PAT AND I ENJOYED READING THE NEWS OF OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND OLD FRIENDS. WHEN IT COMES NOW ALTHOUGH HE IS GONE WE SHARE A SPECIAL MOMENT WITH EACH OTHER AS I READ IT. WE DID HAVE A GREAT NEIGHBORHOOD, CHURCH, SCHOOL, WONDERFUL PRIESTS, NUNS, AND CLOSENESS WITH NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS. AARON, MAKING PEOPLE HAPPY IS TRULY A GIFT AND YOU DO JUST THAT WITH YOUR BEAUTIFUL CREATION FOR SO MANY OF US. THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION! HERE IS A DONATION TOWARDS YOUR HARD WORK. MAY GOD BLESS YOU AND YOURS!"

ROSEMARY FARABELLA "I JUST GOT DONE READING THE NOV. ISSUE THAT I GOT THROUGH A FRIEND OF MY SISTERS. WE LIVED AT 3139 FOX ST. OH, HOW I MISS THAT NEIGHBORHOOD! PLEASE SEND ME THE JJ! THE STORIES I HAVE READ ALONG WITH THE NAMES SEEM TO BE FROM MY BROTHER BILLY'S TIME OR MAYBE EVEN JOHN'S, BUT NO ONE NEAR ME THOUGH I AM A 1965 GRADUATE OF ST MARYS AND JOHN GRADUATED IN 1961. YOU REFERRED TO A BOBBY FARABELLA IN THE NOV. ISSUE. I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OTHER FARABELLAS BESIDES MY BROTHERS AND MY COUSIN WHO ALSO IS JOHN. I WOULD LOVE TO FIND OUT. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES YOU SHARED. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS!"

ERNEST FINIZIO "THANKS FOR THE JJ. IT'S BEEN SAID THAT IT TAKES A VILLAGE TO RAISE A

CHILD; SO ALL I WANT TO SAY IS THANKS. I AM THE SON OF ALBINA FINIZIO (NEE PIRACCI) OF 2030 W INDIANA AVE. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH EXPENSES."

LOUIS FRATTINI "THANK YOU, YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB. IT MEANS A LOT TO US OLD-TIMERS TO BE ABLE TO KEEP IN TOUCH AND FIND OUT WHAT IS GOING ON WITH OUR OLD FRIENDS. I HAVE BEEN IN TOUCH WITH SYLVESTER MARCH FROM CROSEY ST. WE HAD A GREAT PHONE CONVERSATION. HERE IS A DONATION TO HELP, ALTHOUGH NO AMOUNT CAN COMPENSATE YOU FOR YOUR EFFORT TO KEEP THE NEIGHBORHOOD IN OUR HEARTS AND MINDS. IT WAS A GREAT TIME, A GREAT PLACE, AND SOME EXTRA GREAT PEOPLE."

CELESTE RITALDATO (GENTILE): I LIVED AT 2917 N 23RD ST WITH MY THREE SISTERS; VIVIAN, CONNIE, AND ROSE; AND TWO BROTHERS; LOUIE, AND TONY (EGOR). MY PARENTS WERE ANTOINETTE AND ANTONIO. SADLY, EVERYONE HAS PASSED ON BUT ROSE AND ME. SHE LIVES IN SO. PHILA AND I LIVE IN NE PHILA. I CAME ACROSS THE JJ THROUGH MARTHA DOMENICO. WHEN I READ IT SO MANY GOOD MEMORIES CAME BACK, LIKE EMILY'S PIZZA ON 23RD & INDIANA (NO ONE MADE PIZZA LIKE HER), GUIFFRIDA'S, VICTOR'S THE BUTCHER, THE B&G ON 22ND & INDIANA, THE HOLLYWOOD MOVIES WHEN TUESDAY NIGHT WAS DISH NIGHT (I STILL HAVE ONE). FATHER PASTORI, WHO WOULD SAY MASS IN ITALIAN AND WHO COULD EVER FORGET FATHER BUSCO WHO PERFORMED MY WEDDING 45 YEARS AGO. THEN THERE WAS THE ST. LUCY'S

PARADE IN JUNE, WHEN WE WOULD TAKE THE STATUES FROM ST. MARYS AND MARCH IN THE PARADE. MY FATHER WAS ONE OF THE GRAND MARSHALLS. THEY WOULD STOP IN FRONT OF OUR HOUSE AND WE HAD TO BE READY WITH COLD DRINKS FOR EVERYBODY. GREAT MEMORIES. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP KEEP THOSE MEMORIES COMING."

FRANK GUARNOCCIA
"ENCLOSED IS A CONTRIBUTION FOR THE JJ. I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT MY BROTHER, DANNY, DIED ON DEC 17, 2001. HE PUT UP A GOOD FIGHT WITH LEUKEMIA FOR ABOUT 9-10 MONTHS. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. I AM AMAZED TOO AT YOUR ABILITY TO RECALL SO MANY PEOPLE AND EVENTS. TAKE CARE."

MARIO GREGORIO (MATTY), SCOUT MASTER TROOP 245.
"PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION TO KEEP THE JJ ALIVE. I AM SURE EVERYONE APPRECIATES YOUR TIRELESS EFFORT AND TIME IN KEEPING OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD MEMORIES AND FRIENDSHIPS ALIVE. THANK YOU AND GOD BLESS YOU!"

PAUL KATONA "I RECEIVED A COPY OF THE JOURNAL FROM THERESA TUSCANO AFTER THE ST MARYS REUNION. JUST GOING OVER SOME THINGS OF THE PAST AND WANTED TO BE ON YOUR MAILING LIST, THANKS."

ANN LEX "PLEASE SEND ME FOUR CALENDARS. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH POSTAGE"

MICHAELINE DAVINO-LODISE
"PLEASE ACCEPT THIS DONATION FOR THE JJ. THANK

YOU FOR ALL THE GREAT MEMORIES! IT'S WONDERFUL TO LOOK BACK AND REMEMBER JUST HOW GOOD LIFE WAS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS YOU."

EMILY LUCIANO "WHAT A GREAT TIME I HAD AT THE LAST REUNION. I NEVER DREAMED I WAS SO POPULAR."

EVELYN MARCELLI-HOWARD "I WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW HOW MUCH WE ENJOYED THE REUNION AND LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE. MY SISTER CARMELLA AND I GREW UP ON THE 3000 BLOCK OF RINGOLD ST UNTIL WE WERE 13 YEARS OLD. WE THEN MOVED AWAY AND RETURNED A FEW YEARS LATER TO 3100 N 24TH ST A FEW DOORS AWAY FROM OUR COUSIN, VIRGINIA. WE NEVER ATTENDED ST MARYS SCHOOL BUT DID ATTEND CHURCH AND THE DANCES THERE. FIFTY YEARS AGO I MARRIED RALPH HOWARD OF 2800 N 20TH ST. HE ATTENDED PIERCE GRADE SCHOOL AND DOBBINS VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

BERNIE MILLER-HAMERA
"THANKS AARON, I REALLY ENJOY EACH ISSUE."

LUCILLE (BETTACCHI) MOODY
"I AM JOE BETTACCHI'S LITTLE SISTER. WHAT FUN IT IS TO READ ALL THE STORIES IN THE JJ. IT BRINGS BACK SUCH GREAT MEMORIES. JUST STANDING ON THE CORNER AT 23RD & INDIANA OR ON JUDSON & INDIANA, THE NIGHTS AT THE HOT SHOPPE, FRIDAY NIGHTS AT EMILY'S PIZZA, THE PARTIES AT A FRIENDS HOUSE, WHAT A GREAT TIME IT WAS. THANKS FOR BRINGING A LITTLE OF THAT BACK TO EVERYONE."

FERDINAND PANEBIANCO, 3031 BONSALL ST. - 1954. "THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES. I WAS MARRIED TO SARAH SUN AND HAVE ONE DAUGHTER, MALISSA, AND ONE SON FERDINAND WHO ARE BOTH IN COLLEGE. I AM A RETIRED PHILADELPHIA COP."

AL PASTRE "I AM GLAD TO RECEIVE THE JJ AGAIN. IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECALL THE NAMES THAT ARE IN THE PAPER, THEN TRY TO PICTURE SOME OF THEM. I AM STILL IN TOUCH WITH A LOT OF PEOPLE. AS WE TALK WITH EACH OTHER, WE RECALL ALL THE GOOD TIMES IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, HOW TIMES USED TO BE AND WISH THEY WERE STILL THE SAME. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION, TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU!"

CARMINE & BETTY PATULLO
"ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A DONATION. IT IS A PLEASURE TO READ ABOUT PEOPLE AND EVENTS FROM A NEIGHBORHOOD, WHICH WILL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN. MY HUSBAND LIVED THERE FROM 1922 UNTIL 1971 AND MYSELF FROM 1949 THROUGH 1971. WE OFTEN THINK BACK TO THOSE DAYS."

TURK & MARY PERILLO
"THANKS A MILLION FOR THE WRITE-UP IN THE JJ. IT REACHED A LOT OF PEOPLE AS WE RECEIVED MANY PHONE CALLS FROM OLD FRIENDS. IT WAS GREAT SEEING YOU AND AUNT MARTHA AFTER ALL THESE YEARS. IT BROUGHT BACK LOTS OF GOOD MEMORIES. GOD BLESS!"

LEONARD PIRACCI "SURE MISS THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND ALL THE GOOD OLD TIMES WE DID WITHOUT A LOT OF MONEY."

MY MOM & DAD PASSED AWAY IN 1991 & 1995. WE MOVED TO 3024 JUDSON IN 1926 AND LIVED NEXT DOOR TO THE MOCCIOS. GEORGE MOCCIO WORKS FOR THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY HOUSE FOR A JUDGE. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AS I ENJOY THE JJ VERY MUCH. IT BRINGS BACK TRUE GOOD OLD DAYS AND TIMES. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION, BEST REGARDS."

RITA TOMASSI DIRADO ROHRBACH "I ENJOY READING EVERY ISSUE OF THE JJ. THANKS TO YOU AND YOUR STAFF FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO. I STOP EVERYTHING WHEN THE JJ LETTER ARRIVES. IT BRINGS BACK A TIME WHEN WE WERE ONE BIG FAMILY, ALWAYS THERE FOR EACH OTHER. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR YOUR EXPENSES."

ROSEMARIE ROWE "STILL LOVE THE JOURNAL, THANKS FOR PUBLISHING OUR MEMORIES OF THE PAST."

FRANK SABATO "JUST A NOTE TO SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO AND A DONATION TO HELP OUT."

FRANK SALVATORE "I RECEIVED THE JJ, AND AS ALWAYS I ENJOY READING IT AND TAKING TRIPS DOWN MEMORY LANE, RECALLING THE NEIGHBORHOOD, GOOD TIMES AND GOOD FRIENDS. LIFE CERTAINLY HAS THINGS IN STORE FOR US AT EACH AND EVERY TURN. WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT BACK THEN THAT I WOULD HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO SPEND 28 YEARS IN GOVERNMENT AS A STATE REPRESENTATIVE AND THEN AS A STATE SENATOR. WAY BACK WHEN, I WOULD HAVE SAID IT WAS A CRAZY THOUGHT. THEN TO BUILD A BUSINESS FROM A

ONE-MAN COMPANY TO 65 EMPLOYEES WAS ANOTHER DREAM COME TRUE - AND NOW HERE I AM AT THIS YOUNG AGE IN LIFE, STARTING OVER AGAIN WITH HANK'S BEVERAGE. I HAVE JUST SOLD L&M AND NOW AM CONCENTRATING ON HANK'S BEVERAGE. IN READING THE JJ I RECOGNIZE A LOT OF THE NAMES. I AM THE ONLY ONE LEFT OF THE SALVATORES. ANGELO DIED LAST YEAR, AND BUTCH'S KID IS GETTING MARRIED IN APRIL. YOU MAY ALSO RECALL THAT MY WIFE IS A LEGGERI. I JUST WANTED YOU TO KNOW HOW MUCH I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING THE JOURNAL. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND I WISH YOU GOOD HEALTH."

RAE SANTAINELLO-AUTUORI "I SEE YOUR SISTER EVERY MONDAY AT THE NOVENA AT IHM. COULD YOU PLEASE MENTION THE CLASS OF 1930 CELEBRATING 72 YEARS? WE WERE THE FIRST CLASS FROM THE NEW BUILDING. IS THERE ANYONE INTERESTED IN OUR CLASS REUNION?"

LINDA SENESE "ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP DEFRAY SOME OF THE COSTS. I VERY MUCH ENJOY READING THE STORIES FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. IT WAS A UNIQUE TIME OF CLOSENESS AND CONSIDERATION FOR EACH OTHER THAT SEEMS TO HAVE GOTTEN LOST IN TODAY'S WORLD. THAT FAMILY-LIKE CLOSENESS IS A PRICELESS GIFT WE ALL HAVE TO REMEMBER. THANKS SO MUCH FOR KEEPING THE MEMORIES ALIVE. HOPE WE SEE EACH OTHER SOON AT ANOTHER REUNION. YOU ARE DOING A GREAT JOB, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

LOIS DAVINO SMITH "I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING MY JJ EVERY FEW MONTHS. SINCE I MOVED TO VIRGINIA THREE YEARS AGO I LOVE REMINISCING ABOUT THE GOOD OLD DAYS AS TOLD BY AARON. PLEASE KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS."

JOHN SPRAGA "THANKS SO VERY MUCH FOR MAKING THE JJ SUCH A GREAT COMMUNICATION VEHICLE. IT HELPS TO KEEP ALIVE THE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF OUR CHILDHOOD. MY THREE DAUGHTERS READ EVERY ISSUE AND STILL DO NOT BELIEVE SUCH A NEIGHBORHOOD EXISTED WITH ALL OF THE STORIES AND INDIVIDUALS DEPICTED."

MARIA STAFFIERI-SCARDUZIO "THE JJ IS THE FIRST LETTER I OPEN WHEN I RECEIVE MY MAIL. I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO READING AND REMINISCING. I AM THRILLED TO SEE SO MANY OLD NEIGHBORHOOD FRIENDS AND FACES IN BRIGANTINE. PLEASE ACCEPT A DONATION FOR POSTAL COSTS. GOD BLESS!"

BILL TACCALOZZI "I WANT TO THANK GENE LUCARINI FOR MAKING ME AWARE OF THE JJ AND HAVING MY NAME ADDED TO YOUR MAILING LIST. I AM FORMERLY FROM THE 3100 BLOCK OF TAYLOR ST. MY BROTHER RAY AND I AND TONY MILANI HAD LUNCH WITH GENE AND HIS BROTHER ERNIE AWHILE BACK AND WE TALKED FOR HOURS ABOUT THE WONDERFUL OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. IT BROUGHT BACK SO MANY GOOD MEMORIES OF VALUED FRIENDSHIPS. PLEASE ACCEPT MY DONATION IN SUPPORT OF

YOUR CONTINUED SUCCESS WITH THE JOURNAL."

AL TORDELLA "ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A DONATION FOR THE JJ. YOUR ARTICLE ABOUT YOUR MOM, MARY AND YOUR TRIP TO CALIFORNIA BROUGHT BACK SO MANY MEMORIES TO THIS OLD GUY. MARY PANICO AND MY SISTER ANN TORDELLA-NAVARRO WERE VERY CLOSE AS KIDS AND OF COURSE THE PANICO FAMILY AND OUR FAMILY WERE BONDED FROM ITALY. ALMOST FORGETTING YOUR MOM FOR THE TRIP, ALONG WITH MY COUSIN JIM FARABELLA MUST HAVE BEEN A RIOT. YOU CERTAINLY DON'T NEED A ROSE TO REMEMBER MARY. SHE AND THE ENTIRE PANICO FAMILY WERE GREAT. I STILL MISS YOUR GRANDFATHER GOUBA GIOVANNA. HE AND MY FATHER GUISEPPE WERE VERY CLOSE. THIS PAST JANUARY MY YOUNGER SISTER, ENEZ, PASSED AWAY. SHE WAS 82 YEARS OLD AND THE BABY OF THE FAMILY. I'M SURE AUNT MARTHA REMEMBERS HER."

TERRY TROIANO "I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS MY DEEPEST SYMPATHY WITH MY LOVE AND PRAYERS TO MIDGE FERRIZZI AND FAMILY WHO LOST HER HUSBAND, RALPH FERRIZZI ON SEPT 26TH IN 2001. ALSO, TO MY BEST FRIEND ROBERTA SIRESI-BRANCATO WHO LOST HER BOYFRIEND JIMMY BASILE, "KANERTZ", ON FEB 26TH OF 2002. I ADMIRE YOU FOR THE FAITH YOU HAVE IN ST. RITA. I ALSO GO TO HER NOVENA ON WEDNESDAYS; SHE IS A FEMALE ST. JUDE. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR THE GREAT AND FRUITFUL JOB YOU ARE DOING. YOU ARE A SPECIAL PERSON. THANK YOU, GOD BLESS AND LOVE TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY."

DOLORES VIANELLO-FADAKO "WE RECENTLY MOVED TO JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA IN DECEMBER, (MY DAUGHTER MOVED HERE FOUR YEARS AGO), TO BE CLOSE TO MY THREE GRANDCHILDREN. MY MOM IS DOING MUCH BETTER DOWN HERE WITH ALL HER PAINS. SHE IS STILL DRIVING AND FINDING HER WAY AROUND VERY WELL. SHE JUST GOT BACK FROM ALABAMA. SHE WENT ON A BUS TRIP WITH OUR CHURCH TO VISIT MOTHER ANGELICA. IT'S AMAZING HOW SHE STILL DOES THINGS, SHE WILL BE 87 IN NOVEMBER. SHE SURE IS MY INSPIRATION. WE LOVE IT DOWN HERE, IT TOOK AWHILE TO GET USED TO THE CLIMATE. AT LEAST WE DON'T HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE SNOW AND SLEET. MY HUSBAND WENT TO TRUCK DRIVER SCHOOL FOR THREE WEEKS AND GOT A JOB WITH THE SECOND LARGEST COMPANY IN THE COUNTRY. I AM VERY PROUD OF HIM FOR HIS ACCOMPLISHMENTS AT HIS AGE. I AM REALLY ENJOYING MY GRANDCHILDREN, 15, 13, & 8. WE ARE LIVING WITH MY DAUGHTER UNTIL I SEE WHERE WE WILL RELOCATE WITH MY HUSBAND'S JOB. MY MOM IS GOING TO PHILLY IN JUNE TO SPEND THE SUMMER WITH MY SISTER. I THINK IT WILL BE TOO HOT FOR HER IN FLORIDA FOR THE SUMMER. I WISH WE HAD THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD BACK, THEY WERE GOOD OLD DAYS."

MARY VIANELLO "I HAVE ENCLOSED A DONATION. WHEN I LEFT PHILADELPHIA ON DEC 1ST I FELT SO BAD TO LEAVE ALL MY FAMILY AND FRIENDS ESPECIALLY ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH. YOU GET USED TO LIVING IN FLORIDA. IT IS MAKING ME FEEL GOOD, NO SNOW AND NOT TOO COLD. I

THANK GOD FOR GIVING ME ANOTHER CHANCE TO LIVE. I NEVER DREAMED THAT I WOULD LIVE AWAY FROM PHILADELPHIA BUT I AM VERY HAPPY HERE."

ROSE & PHIL VISCONTO "WE HAVE MANY FOND MEMORIES OF OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. WE WERE MARRIED IN ST MARY OF THE ETERNAL CHURCH. REMEMBER THE DOUBLE WEDDING AND FATHER BUSCO'S FIRST DOUBLE CEREMONY? IT WAS A BEAUTIFUL DAY, A BEAUTIFUL WEDDING IN A BEAUTIFUL CHURCH. ROSE GIUFFRIDA MARRIED PHIL VISCONTO AND JOSEPHINE GIUFFRIDA MARRIED PETE TARS. MOM AND POP (ANNA & ALFRED) "GIUFFRIDA'S GROCERY STORE", PURCHASED THE HOUSE NEXT DOOR TO THEM CONVERTED IT INTO A DUPLEX AND WE EACH HAD AN APARTMENT THERE WHERE WE LIVED FOR 10 YEARS. WE PAID \$35 A MONTH FOR RENT THEN. WHAT A GREAT START THEY GAVE US. THAT DOESN'T EVEN PAY OUR NEWSPAPER BILL TODAY. THINGS WERE TOUGH THEN. POP SOLD A HOAGIE AND A SODA FOR \$0.35. WWII WAS JUST OVER AND THE BOYS WERE ALL COMING HOME LOOKING FOR JOBS AND LOOKING TO GET MARRIED. WE MOVED FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD IN 1960 TO OUR OWN HOMES IN ROXBOROUGH & LAFAYETTE HILLS AND ARE ENJOYING OUR RETIREMENT. OUR BABY BROTHER (ALFRED GIUFFRIDA) FREDDIE ALSO WENT TO ST. MARY'S AND THEN TO LASALLE COLLEGE AND IS MARRIED TO BARBARA SULPIZIO AND LIVING IN WAYNE, PA. WE TELL HIM HE'S TOO YOUNG TO RETIRE (LUCKY HIM). HE SAYS HE IS LOOKING FORWARD TO IT IN THREE YEARS. WE ARE SO THANKFUL

TO GOD, OUR PARENTS, AND OUR COUNTRY. YES, INDEED, WE THANK GOD EVERYDAY. OUR DONATION IS ENCLOSED. THANKS FOR SENDING US THE JOURNAL."

ROSE MAURIELLO WOOSTER, 3107 N. 25TH ST., CLASS '54 ST. MARY'S & CLASS OF '58 HALLAHAN. "ON A RECENT VISIT TO PHILLY MY COUSIN JOE MAUREILLO GAVE ME A COPY OF THE JJ. I LOVE IT AND WANT TO BE ON THE MAILING LIST. I SAY HELLO TO ALL MY OLD NEIGHBORS, FRIENDS, CLASSMATES, AND ST. MARY'S CLERGY. I WONDER IF FR. MAGUIRE REMEMBERS THE TIME HE CAME TO BLESS OUR HOUSE AND MY MOTHER (NON-CATHOLIC) DIDN'T KNOW YOU GAVE A STIPEND, SHE OFFERED HIM A PIECE OF CHOCOLATE CAKE AND A GLASS OF MILK! LEST WE FORGET THE MEN WHO PLAYED CARDS NIGHTLY ON THE CORNER OF 25TH & CLEARFIELD. MY DAD WAS A REGULAR. I REMEMBER RENTZ'S STORE AS CANDY HEAVEN, 1 PENNY GOT YOU A TIN PIE PLATE WITH CANDY AND A LITTLE SPOON. MELI'S BAKERY AFTER CHURCH ON SUNDAY FOR MY VANILLA CREAM DONUT. ST. MARY'S CARNIVALS, SR. MARY GERMAINE, THE TIME WE BURNED ST. MARY'S MORTGAGE! I MISS HAVING MY AUNTS, UNCLES, COUSINS, AND GRANDMOTHER ALL LIVING ON 25TH STREET. I HAVE LIVED IN ARIZONA FOR 20 YEARS, BUT PHILLY IS HOME. I WOULD LOVE TO HEAR FROM ANYONE WHO REMEMBERS US rmwooster@raytheon.com. GOD BLESS AND KEEP THE JJ GOING!"

MARION ZOCCOLI-ZELLER
"JUST A BRIEF NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW THAT CAROLYN

ZUCCARI-MCFADDEN DIED ON JUNE 11, 2002. ALSO DEANNA PAONE-VARILLO AND RICHARD PAONE'S MOTHER, ANNIE PAONE DIED ON JUNE 10, 2002. MY DONATION IS ENCLOSED."

NEWS OF OUR RECENT TRIP TO ITALY

MARIO AMICI
2132 W. CLEARFIELD ST.

SOME OF YOU KNOW THAT A GROUP OF US (43) WENT TO ITALY ON MAY 20TH TOURING SORRENTO AND ROME. A HIGHLIGHT OF THE TRIP, ON 5/23, WAS A VISIT TO MONTE CORVINO ROVELLA. THE TOWN IN SALERNO, WHERE MANY OF OUR ANCESTORS WERE BORN. (my maternal great-grandparents emigrated to Phila. In 1887, they were Fortunato Marino and Guiseppina Scoles). WE WERE WELCOMED BY THE MAYOR AND ESCORTED TO THE CHAPEL OF MADONNA DELL'ETERNO, NAMESAKE OF OUR OWN ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL. THE CHAPEL RESEMBLES ST. MARY'S WITH A LARGE PAINTING ON THE CEILING. ON THE MAIN ALTAR IS A STATUE OF MARY, QUEEN OF HEAVEN, EXACTLY THE SAME ONE AS IN ST. MARY'S WE VISITED THE GROTTA, WHICH WAS A LONG WALK INTO THE WOODS. A WATERFALL IS THERE AND MANY ROSARIES AND MEDALS ARE ON THE GRANITE WALLS. IT WAS VERY COLD DOWN THERE DUE TO THE ICY SPRING WATER CONTINUOUSLY SPLASHING ON THE ROCK GROTTA. LATER THAT AFTERNOON AT A RECEPTION, ONE OF THE LADIES MADE "PASTICELLES", THE FRIED CAKES FILLED WITH

A MIXTURE OF CHOCOLATE, MINCED CHESTNUTS, FILBERTS AND PEAR PASTE. SEVERAL RELATIVES OF NEIGHBORHOOD PEOPLE CAME IN. TWO PETRUZZELLI MEN CAME TO MEET US. I MET GIOVANNI SCOLES. OTHERS MET RELATIVES THE DAY BEFORE. A LARGE PLAQUE AT THE TOWN HALL WAS DEDICATED TO MICHELE NICASTRO, A PRIEST IN MCR. THE TOWNSPEOPLE WERE SO INTRIGUED WHY WE WERE THERE AND MANY CAME IN OR STOOD OUTSIDE TO SAY HELLO. IT'S NOT OFTEN THAT A BUSLOAD OF 43 COMES TO THIS TOWN. THIS WAS A WONDERFUL DAY FOR US TO REMEMBER.

ST MARY'S CLASS OF 1950 REPORT

BY JOANN FANELLI

THE 50 YEAR REUNION OF THE CLASS OF 1951 OF ST. MARY OF THE ETERNAL SCHOOL TOOK PLACE ON OCTOBER 28, 2001 AT EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD CHURCH IN SOUTH PHILADELPHIA. IT COMMENCED WITH MASS AT EPIPHANY CHURCH, OFFERED BY FATHER DOMENIC CHIARAVALLE, A GRADUATE OF THE CLASS AND PASTOR OF THE EPIPHANY PARISH. AFTER MASS A DELICIOUS BUFFET WAS SERVED IN THE PARISH HALL. THERE WERE DECORATIONS AND MUSIC FROM THE 50'S, LOTS OF HUGGING, REMINISCING AND PICTURE TAKING AND IT WAS OVER MUCH TOO SOON. RATHER THAN FEELING LIKE FIFTY YEARS HAD PASSED IT SEEMED LIKE WE JUST PICKED UP WHERE WE LEFT OFF. EVERYONE WAS GIVEN A MEMORY BOOK AND SMALL

PHOTO ALBUM WITH PICTURES FROM THOSE "GOOD OLD DAYS" AND ALL WERE IN AGREEMENT THAT WE WERE LUCKY TO HAVE GROWN UP IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AND HAD THE CHANCE TO ATTEND ST.

MARY'S. ALUMNAE IN ATTENDANCE WERE: MARIE BASILE, JOANN DILACQUA, CAROL MANNI, RITA CERINO, LUCILLE LANCIA, PAT BROWNE, PATRICIA SPERANZA, BOBBI FRATTINI, ANNMARIE MCAREAVY, DIANA RONCELLA, AND THERESA SALVATTI. ALUMNI PRESENT WERE: DOMINIC CHIARAVALLE, LARRY TESIO, PAUL LOSCHIAVO, VINCE MANNINO, RAY BELLO, DONALD CRESCENZO, DOMNII PROZZILLO, ANELLO AROT, JOE PALUMBO, BILL DAUTRICH, CHUCK DIGIACOMO, FRANK VERRICCHIA, AND STEVEN JULIANO. IT WAS A GREAT TIME AND THE CLASS PLANS TO DO IT AGAIN IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE. HOPEFULLY MORE CLASSMATES CAN BE FOUND SO IF ANYONE HEARS OF THE WHEREABOUTS OF ANY MEMBERS PLEASE CONTACT EITHER JOANN (DILACQUA) FANELLI AT (610) 356-8328 OR MARIE (BASILE) ROBERTO AT (215) 632-2574."

THE CONTINUING ADVENTURES OF CARMEN AND CECIL

BY CARMEN RICCARDI

"HERE IS ANOTHER SAGA OF CECIL, ORAZIO, AND CARMEN.

CECIL (WIMPY) PALERMO 3100 22ND ORAZIO (MUSH MOUTH) DIGIACOMO 3000 23RD CARMEN (FATTY) RICCARDI 3042 NORTH HEMBERGER STREET ALL CLASS OF '44 OF SMS.

THE THREE OF US WORKED FOR B&G FRUIT AND PRODUCE LOCATED AT 22ND AND INDIANA. WE DELIVERED GROCERY ORDERS WITH A PUSH CART. ONE SATURDAY WE HAD THE BRIGHT IDEA TO MAKE DELIVERIES BY HORSE AND WAGON. SO WE PUT OUR TIPS TOGETHER AND RENTED A HORSE AND WAGON TO DELIVER THE GROCERIES. THERE WAS A PLACE AROUND 26TH STREET BELOW YORK WHERE YOU COULD RENT A HORSE AND WAGON. I DO NOT REMEMBER THE EXACT LOCATION.

NOW FOR THE FUN PART OF THIS STORY. IT WAS ABOUT 3 O'CLOCK AS WE WERE MAKING DELIVERIES WE WERE GOING SOUTH ON 25TH STREET FROM 3100. I THINK RAZ WAS THE DRIVER. WE STOPPED FOR THE STOP SIGN AT ALLEGHENY AVENUE. MIND YOU THIS HORSE'S SPEED WAS ALMOST STOP. WELL THIS HORSE MUST HAVE SMELLED THE BARN, BECAUSE AFTER WE CROSSED ALLEGHENY THERE WAS NO STOPPING THIS HORSE. THE HORSE BROKE OUT TO GALLOP THROUGH THE STOP SIGN AT CLEARFIELD STREET AND EVERY OTHER CORNER UNTIL HE WAS BACK IN THE STABLE. THANK GOD THERE WAS LITTLE TRAFFIC ON THE STREETS IN THOSE DAYS. NEEDLESS TO SAY WE HAD TO WALK BACK TO THE B&G, GET A CART, WALK BACK TO THE STABLE TO GET ITEMS THAT WERE ON THE WAGON AND FINISH THE DAY MAKING OUR DELIVERIES BY FOOT WITH THE PUSH CART. I LIVED ON THE

SAME STREET AS CARLO SAVINI, JJ 11/30/01. IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION ON HIM SEND IT TO ME OR YOU CAN SEND HIM MY INFORMATION. AARON THERE IS NO WAY TO REALLY THANK YOU FOR PUBLISHING THE JJ AND TRYING TO KEEP OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD TOGETHER."

THE CASINO AC

BY JOHN SALVIA

I WAS HAPPY TO RECEIVE THE JUDSON JOURNAL NEWSLETTER FOR THE FIRST TIME BY MAIL. I WAS SORRY TO HEAR THAT JIMMY DIBENEDETTO PASSED AWAY. MY SYMPATHY GOES OUT TO HIS WIFE AND FAMILY. I REMEMBER HIS WONDERFUL SMILE AND GREAT PERSONALITY. WHEN HIS DAUGHTER IMMACULATA WAS BORN SHE HAD A TOOTH. HE WAS SO PROUD SHOWING EVERYONE HER PICTURE, WHICH WAS IN THE CHAT. IT WAS BEFORE THE WAR. WE WERE TEENAGERS GROWING UP ON TWENTYHUNDRED BLOCK OF INDIANA AVENUE. HERE IS WHERE WE STARTED OUR CLUB THE CASINO AC. THE MAJORITY OF OUR MEMBERS ALL LIVED ON THE SAME BLOCK THEY CONSISTED OF:

ONE SIDE OF THE STREET: JIMMY DIBENEDETTO, ANGELO DEMARCO (SAUCER), HARRY PISACANO, ERNIE PISACANO (ZIPPY), ANGELO PACIFICO (AO), BOBBY PACIFICO, JIM PACIFICO (BIBS), ANTHONY PACIFICO (NELSON EDDIE), DOMENIC BRANCO, ANTHONY CAPPA (ZIGGY). ACROSS THE STREET: HERMAN PISACIANO, JOE NICASTRO, GIGI NICASTRO (TEX), JOE SALVIA (DICK TRACEY), MYSELF - JOHN,

MICHAEL DENARDO (HYDI-DYDI), JOE IOBIE (CHICKEN), JOE DEBRIDGIDA. OTHERS THAT LIVED NEARBY: RUDI DIBENEDETTO, AL (BEAVER), WILLIE, AND OTHERS.

HOW PROUD WE WERE WHEN WE GOT OUR CLUB JACKETS, WHICH WERE BLACK AND GOLD WITH A BASKETBALL EMBLEM ON THE FRONT. I KNOW A FEW OF US STILL HAVE OUR JACKETS. WE HAD A BASKETBALL, AND SOFTBALL TEAM, WHICH PLAYED OTHER NEIGHBORHOODS AT WHITTIER PLAYGROUND. WE WERE TEENAGERS WHEN WORLD WAR II AND KOREA BEGAN, BEFORE THE WAR WAS OVER MANY OF US WERE DRAFTED INTO THE SERVICE. AFTER WE ALL CAME BACK WE HAD SOME GREAT TIMES AT OUR CLUBHOUSE. THE PARTIES WE HELD THERE WERE WONDERFUL, AND MANY OF THE FELLOWS MARRIED THEIR DATES THAT CAME TO THE PARTIES. NELSON EDDIE, AND HYDI DYDI PROVIDED SOME OF THE GREAT ENTERTAINMENT. THEIR FEATURE SONG WAS AN IMITATION OF FRANKY LANE SINGING MULE TRAIN, WHICH WAS A POPULAR NUMBER. WE HAD A LOT OF FUN. WHEN FATHER BUSCO CAME TO THE PARISH, HE STARTED BINGO ON FRIDAY NIGHTS. WE HELPED HIM RUN THE GAME WITH OTHERS. AT THIS TIME BINGO WAS A HUGE SUCCESS. PEOPLE CAME FROM ALL OVER AND WAITED IN LINE TO GET IN. FATHER BUSCO ALSO STARTED THE GREAT SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES, WHICH WERE KNOWN ALL THROUGHOUT PHILADELPHIA. EVERYONE DANCED TO TOMMY VARRONE AND HIS GREAT BAND. FATHER BUSCO DID A GREAT DEAL FOR THE PARISH OF ST. MARY'S. HE'LL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN.

IT IS GREAT REMEMBERING OLD FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS.

THANK YOU! A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

THE RESPONSE TO THE SUBSCRIPTION NOTICE WAS OVERWHELMING. ACTUALLY EACH TIME I OPENED A LETTER IT GAVE ME GOOSE BUMPS OVER MY ENTIRE BODY. AT TIMES I WAS EVEN BROUGHT TO TEARS WITH YOUR KIND WORDS AND MOST GENEROUS DONATIONS.

THE ORIGINAL IDEA OF HAVING THE OPTION OF RECEIVING THE JJ BY E-MAIL WAS SUBMITTED TO ME BY ANTHONY COSSA. TONY, AS HE IS REFERRED TO NOW, WAS CORRECT IN ESTIMATING THAT IT WOULD BE A LOT OF WORK TO GET THE PROCESS ROLLING!

WE HAVE DECIDED THAT TO SENT THE E-MAIL LISTING TO EVERYONE ON THE JJ LIST WOULD BE FRUITLESS, SINCE MANY OF YOU WHO RESPONDED DO NOT HAVE ACCESS TO E-MAIL. THEREFORE WE WILL BE E-MAILING THE "KEEPING FRIENDS CONNECTED" LIST TO ONLY THOSE WHO HAVE SENT US THEIR E-MAIL ADDRESS. HOWEVER, ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN HAVING THE LIST JUST SEND US YOUR E-MAIL ADDRESS AND WE WILL SEND IT TO YOU WITH THE STROKE OF A KEY.

THE JUDSON JOURNAL WILL BE PUBLISHED AT LEAST

THREE TIMES A YEAR UNTIL THE MONEY IS DEPLETED. WITH THE FUNDS ON HAND WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO CONTINUE FOR THREE MORE YEARS.

HOPEFULLY, MANY OF THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE NOT RESPONDED WILL BE ABLE TO DO SO IN THE NEAR FUTURE. THIS COULD PROVIDE THE FUNDS TO CONTINUE UNTIL THE END OF THE DECADE.

PLEASE KEEP THE LETTERS COMING! ALSO WE WILL ACCEPT ARTICLES FROM ANYONE WHO IS INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING ONE FOR PUBLICATION. THE ARTICLE MUST BE NO LONGER THAN 750 WORDS. WE PREFER THE STORIES TO BE TYPED AND DOUBLE FACED. ALL ARTICLES SUBMITTED AND PUBLISHED ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE JUDSON JOURNAL. THE JUDSON JOURNAL RESERVES THE RIGHT TO: REFUSE TO PUBLISH ANY ARTICLE FOR ANY REASON OR EDIT THE ARTICLE WITHOUT APPROVAL OF THE AUTHOR.

PRAYER TO SAINT RITA OF CASIA. MY CONSOLER.

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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