

## "PAST & PRESENT"

MARY FIORAVANTI BUCAFURNI, 3001 N. BONSALE ST. "THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME THE JJ. READING ABOUT FORMER NEIGHBORS BRINGS BACK FOND MEMORIES. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH EXPENSES. SORRY I CAN'T ATTEND THE REUNION, BUT ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR A DOOR PRIZE."

JOE CRESCENZO, 2121 W. INDIANA AVE. "ENJOY READING THE JJ AND MAY GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR TIME GATHERING THE NOSTALGIC INFORMATION AND PUTTING IT IN PRINT. I CAN'T ATTEND THE REUNION, BUT ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR A DOOR PRIZE."

JOE "BALLOONS" GIANNETTI, 2946 N. JUDSON ST. "A COUPLE OF YEARS AGO I WAS IN ATLANTA ON BUSINESS. I MET A GIRL FROM VEGAS. I TOLD HER I WAS FROM PHILLY, ETC.

THE NEXT YEAR MY BOSS AND ANOTHER GUY AND MYSELF WERE AT THE SAME CONFERENCE THIS TIME IN NEW ORLEANS. AS WE WERE WALKING THROUGH THE FRENCH QUARTER MARKET WE HEAR A VERY LOUD VOICE, "JOEY FROM PHILLY!" I TURNED AROUND AND IT WAS THE SAME GIRL FROM VEGAS. AS THE NAME JOE BALLOONS HAS FOLLOWED ME THROUGH THE YEARS, IT SEEMS FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS I AM AKA "JOEY FROM PHILLY."

I WAS RECENTLY IN KANSAS CITY IN A BAR AND MET JIMMY FROM THE PRACTICE. I WALKED UP AND SAID, "HEY! I'M JOEY FROM PHILLY AND INVITED HIM TO OUR TABLE. A FEW WEEKS LATER HE SENT US PHOTOS AUTOGRAPHED. MY PHOTO READS, "TO JOEY FROM PHILLY. FROM- MIKE FROM BROOKLYN." GO FIGURE!"

ANNE GAGLIARDI MAULO, "THIS LETTER IS TO LET YOU KNOW THAT MY FATHER, JOSEPH A. GAGLIARDI, PASSED AWAY IN OCTOBER 2002. THANK YOU SO MUCH!"

DOLORES VASSO MULLOY, 3157 N. 24<sup>TH</sup> ST. "THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. I REALIZE HOW MUCH TIME IS PUT INTO HAVING A REUNION. GIVE MY THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE!"

PASQUALE NICASTRO, 2955 N. RINGGOLD ST. "CLASS OF 54 AND AN ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE JUDSON ST. GUYS. MY WIFE AND I HAVE ANOTHER GRANDSON, GIANCARLO PASQUALE DEFILIPPIS. ANOTHER ITALIAN JOINS THE RANKS OF THE OTHER FINE ITALIAN-AMERICANS IN THIS COUNTRY. THE SAD NEWS IS THAT HIS TWIN WAS A STILL BORN. HIS NAME WAS DOMINIC ALESSIO DEFILIPPIS. ALSO I LOST TWO AUNTS RECENTLY, MILDRED NICASTRO MCDONALD AND FLORENCE GIANNINI GETCHEN. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR THE GOOD WORK OF THE JJ."

MARY WEISS INNAMARATO, 2820 N. BAILEY ST. "YOU WON'T REMEMBER ME, BUT I'M SURE YOUR BROTHER TONY WILL. HE USED TO BABY SIT WITH ME FOR MILLIE AND PEPE DIGIOVANNI IN THE 50'S. I GRADUATED CORPUS CHRISTI IN 1952 AND THEN HOLY SOULS COMMERCIAL. I KNOW MOST OF THE PEOPLE FROM ST. MARY'S WEDNESDAY NIGHT DANCES AND FROM THE NORTH PHILLY ANGELS FOOTBALL GAMES."

VALERIE PARISSE WHITE, "ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A CHECK FOR THE REUNION CALENDARS. I REALLY CANNOT EXPRESS THE OVERWHELMING FEELING OF NOSTALGIA. AFTER AN EMOTIONAL MOMENT, ALL THE

JOY OF OUR RICH HERITAGE CAMEBACK. THIS IS TRULY WONDERFUL, MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN WILL NOW UNDERSTAND WHY WE ALWAYS TALK ABOUT OUR CHILDHOOD."

GERRI MARMERO YANNELLI, 3008 N. 22<sup>ND</sup> ST. "THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU TO ALL WHO WORKED ON THE 22<sup>ND</sup> ST. REUNION! THE FOOD WAS GREAT. THE MUSIC WAS GREAT. I DANCED AND DANCED. MY HUSBAND ANDREW WHO IS FROM SOUTH PHILLY LOVED IT AND FELT AT HOME. THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING WAS SEEING MY GIRLHOOD FRIEND VIVIAN CATALDI, HER MOM AND HER SISTER. SR. PAULA NAPOLI SSJ, DIRECTOR OF MUSIC AT ST. MARTHA'S CHURCH ON ACADEMY ROAD LOVED THE CALANDAR. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR THE JJ."

## REPORT ON RECENT ITALY TRIP

By Mario Amici

Forty-five of us arrived in Lake Como Italy on May 20<sup>th</sup>. From there we went to Venice, Florence, with side trips to Siena and San Gimignano. We also found time to visit Pisa and Verona. On our way to a two day stay in Rome we made a stop in Orvieto. Our stay in Italy ended with a "Tenor's Dinner."

Everyone had a great time being with old friends and making new ones.

On our next trip to Italy we will visit Sicily and Sorento, five nights each with side trips to Positano, Capri and surrounding areas- October 2005.

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FIT IN A BOOK. OF COURSE YOU MAY HAVE OTHER USES IF THE BONGOS PHASE HAS PASSED—SUCH AS THE JUDSON JOURNAL.”

BEN NATALI, “I AM SORRY THAT I WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND THE REUNION DUE TO WORK CONFLICT. EVEN THOUGH MOST OF THE WRITERS OF THE ARTICLES IN THE JOURNAL ARE OLDER THAN I AM, I STILL ENJOY READING THEM AND PASS THEIR STORIES ALONG TO MY CHILDREN AND GRAND CHILDREN BECAUSE THEY ARE MY ROOTS. THE STORIES AND PEOPLE ARE PART OF ME AND HELP SHAPE ME AS A CHILD INTO THE PERSON I AM TODAY. THE MANAGER OF THE BOWLING ALLEY WHERE I BOWL, (BUD WHITMAN), ALSO CAME FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, AND EVERY TUESDAY, HIM AND I REMINISCE ABOUT IT AND SOMETIMES OTHER BOWLERS COME IN TO ASK HIM A QUESTION AND WE BEGIN TO TELL THEM ABOUT HOW PROUD AND THANKFUL WE ARE THAT WE WERE ABLE TO BE IN THAT PARTICULAR NEIGHBORHOOD AT THAT PARTICULAR TIME OF OUR LIVES. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE CLASS OF 1967 REUNION, BECAUSE THERE IS NOT A DAY THAT GOES BY THAT I DON'T THINK OF MY CLASSMATES AND MY FRIENDS. I SINCERELY WISH THAT THEY ARE ALL DOING WELL AND ARE HEALTHY. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK AND

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU!”

ANN PAGANO OXENFORD, “PLEASE SEND ME A CALENDAR. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK. SORRY I COULDN'T MAKE IT TO THE REUNION! HOPE TO GO IN SPRING OF '05. THANKS.”

AL PASTRE, 3055 N. BONSALE ST. “THE REUNION MAY BE OVER, BUT THE MEMORIES STILL LINGER ON. YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE DID A GREAT JOB, AS USUAL. I COULD SEE THAT DIANA, AND HER SISTER BEATRICE, AND HUSBANDS JOE AND TONY WERE REALLY BEAT. I WAS HOARSE THE NEXT DAY FROM TALKING AND SHOUTING OVER THE MUSIC. I MISSED SOME OF THE PEOPLE WHO WERE THERE THE LAST TIME, BUT COULDN'T MAKE IT THIS YEAR. I MIGHT NOT HAVE SEEN SOME, AS WE HAD A GOOD CROWD. I MISSED MARY JULIANA AND HER DAUGHTER TERRY. I RAN INTO PAT CIAMMETTI WHO I HAVEN'T SEEN FOR QUITE A WHILE. I WAS GLAD TO SEE GERALDINE MARMERO, AND HER HUSBAND ANDY, EVEN THOUGH I SEE THEM OFTEN AT OUR SENIOR CENTER. EMILY LAURENZI IS STILL EMILY. I MISSED HER SISTER MARY. EMILY TOLD ME SHE WAS HAVING PROBLEMS. MARY—TAKE CARE, AND HOPE TO SEE YOU AT THE SENIOR CENTER. WELL THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE EVENING FOR ME WAS SEEING VIVIAN CATALDI, HER SISTER NANCY, BUT ESPECIALLY HER MOM. HER

MOM LOOKS GREAT, AND SURE DOESN'T LOOK HER AGE. I THINK SHE COULD STILL MAKE ALL THOSE FANCY FOODS AND SNACKS WE ALL ENJOYED SO MUCH. WE SURE HAD GOOD TIMES AT HER HOUSE. GOD BLESS HER AND STAY WELL JOSEPHINE, VIVIAN, AND NANCY. HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL AT THE NEXT REUNION, GOD WILLING! KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP YOU WITH YOUR EXPENSES.”

JOHN PETRUZZELLI, 2935 N. 24<sup>TH</sup> ST. “I LOVE RECEIVING THE JUDSON JOURNAL, IT KEEPS ME IN TOUCH WITH THE “GANG UP NORTH”! SO I DO NOT LOSE THIS CONNECTION. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MY E-MAIL ADDRESS UPDATED FROM 'AOL.COM TO EARTHLINK.NET. I AM LEAVING AOL BECAUSE THE PROGRAM SEEMS TO BE FREEZING MY COMPUTER. MY NEW E-MAIL ADDRESS IS [YLPDP@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:YLPDP@EARTHLINK.NET). THANKS SO MUCH!

ERNEST PISACANO, 2011 W. INDIANA AVE. “THIS IS TO ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE JUDSON JOURNAL SUMMER EDITION AND TO CONTINUE MY SUPPORT FOR YOUR EXPENSES AS PER THE ENCLOSED CHECK. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!”

CARMELA PISACANO, “ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR TWO JUDSON JOURNALS. PLEASE SEND ONE TO GENE DEMARCO AND ONE TO ME. THANK YOU!”



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CELESTE RITALDATO, 2917 N. 23<sup>RD</sup> ST., "ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR ALL YOUR GREAT WORK, KEEP IT UP. I LOOK FORWARD TO READING IT EVERY FEW MONTHS. THANK YOU!"

ROSEMARIE (CINCOTTI) ROWE, "PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF THE CALENDAR FROM THE REUNION. APPLY THE BALANCE TO THE JOURNAL EXPENSES. AND THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK PUBLISHING THE JOURNAL! YOU HELP KEEP THE MEMORIES ALIVE."

DOMINICK & DOLLY RAGNO, 23<sup>RD</sup> & INDIANA AVE. "THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME THE JJ. IT BRINGS BACK FOND MEMORIES!" ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE CALENDAR AND THE JJ EXPENSES

JOE ROSMINI, 2854 23RD ST. "PLEASE SEND ME TWO CALENDARS AND USE THE BALANCE OF THE CHECK AS A DONATION FOR THE JJ. THANK YOU!"

FRANK SABATO, 3029 N. WOODSTOCK ST. "THANKS FOR ALL THAT YOU DO KEEPING THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD ALIVE! ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH EXPENSES."

ROSE SALVATORE, "PLEASE SEND A CALENDAR TO MY COUSIN, JOSEPH ALFIERI IN VOORHEES, NJ. THANK YOU!"

EDDIE STINSON, "I AM FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I

LIVED AT 26<sup>TH</sup> & INDIANA. I HUNG OUT AT SEVERAL DIFFERENT PLACES IN OUR AREA. WOULD YOU PUT ME ON YOUR MAILING LIST FOR THE JOURNAL? I WAS A CAPTAIN WITH THE POLICE DEPARTMENT. I JUST RETIRED AFTER 37 YEARS. I AM NOW SELLING REAL ESTATE FOR REMAX PREMIERE IN SOUTHAMPTON, PA. I AM ALSO A PUBLIC ADJUSTER DOING HOMEOWNER CLAIMS REPRESENTING THE HOMEOWNER AGAINST THE INSURANCE COMPANIES. I KNOW JULES PETRONE, WHO LIVED ON BAMBERY STREET. MY BROTHER JIMMY, HUNG OUT AT ROSIES ON 22<sup>ND</sup> STREET. HE IS NOW IN BOULDER, COLORADO. JIM AND HIS WIFE OWN A HAIR CUTTING BUSINESS. THANKS!"

THERESA ZITO TUSCANO, 3121 N. HEMBERGER ST. "THANK YOU FOR SENDING ME THE JOURNAL! I ENJOY READING IT SO MUCH. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH EXPENSES. SORRY IT TOOK SO LONG TO SEND IT! IT'S BEEN A TOUGH SIX AND A HALF YEARS. MY HUSBAND WAS ON KIDNEY DIALYSIS AND IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL THE WHOLE TIME. HE PASSED AWAY CHRISTMAS DAY 2003. MY HEAD IS JUST STARTING TO CLEAR UP. I WASN'T PUTTING THIS OFF ANOTHER MINUTE, AS IT IS [5:00 A.M.]."

PHYLLIS DEMORA WALL, "PLEASE SEND ME THE CALENDAR! ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE CALENDAR AND EXPENSES. KEEP SENDING ME THE JJ. I ENJOY THEM SO MUCH. THANK YOU!"

## **REUNIONS BEING PLANNED:**

ST. MARYS THE ETERNAL, CLASS OF 1963 THROUGH 1967 IS PLANNING A REUNION FOR THE SPRING OF 2005. IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN ATTENDING OR HELPING, PLEASE CONTACT PAULA DIGIACOMO-FAN AT [REDACTED] OR SALVATORE MATTOCCIA AT [REDACTED] THIS IS A CORRECTED E-MAIL ADDRESS FOR SAL.

St. Mary of the Eternal Class of 1955 will celebrate their 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Please call for further information: Antoinette Crisafulli Daly at 215-349-4979, or Joseph Bettachi 972-664-1890, or Dolores Vasso Mulloy at 215-639-9478, or James Martosella at 610-647-7598.

RAYMOND SPERA FORMERLY OF TORONTO STREET PASSED AWAY ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2004 HE WAS 58 YEARS OLD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE PATRICIA AND CHILDREN VITO, ANTONIO, CATHERINE OF EFFORT, PA. - AND RAYMOND OF PHILA; AND STEPMOTHER BARBARA SPERA.



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## St. Mary's Reunion....

What a wonderful and joyous evening!!! It touched our hearts to see so many old friends, school chums and neighbors. Hats off to the remarkable committee who worked so diligently to make it such a success!

How happy I am that my mom, Josephine Tozzi Cataldi, sister and husband, Nancy and Dan Stella, our cousins, Bob and Ted, (amazing for 92 years old), Tozzi and I all attended that affair on April 30. My mom enjoyed herself immensely and talked about it for days afterwards. It was so great to see Gerry Marmero, Al Pastre, Jill & Gene Lucarini, Angelo & Mary Juliani, Rose & Bill Ferrara, Mary & Tom Saitta and so many other old and dear friends, too numerous to mention. Old friends are the best! What a night to remember! Now it is with a sad and heavy heart that I tell our JJ friends that my adorned and cherished mother passed away on August 16. She was sick in the hospital for about a month after a fall. She had excruciating pain and tried so hard to fight it all, but the pain and suffering were such a strain on her heart.

In the end, her great big, caring and generous heart just stopped. She was tired; she could not endure the pain any more. She kept saying that she did not want to leave her beautiful family; family was everything to her, especially her grandchildren and great grandchildren. But the Lord wanted her back.

Last October, I had written a tribute to her for her 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday party, which was held at the Logan Inn in New Hope. It was entitled "This Is Your Life, Josephine Cataldi".

She loved it so and would read it over and over again in the days after.

At her funeral Mass Reverend Raymond Tribuiani, (the well known Father Tribbs), read it as her Eulogy and he said, "At least, she had heard and enjoyed her own Eulogy!"

I have included the memorial card with the poem "Mother". Truly, it expresses exactly how we feel. I am sure many others will be able to relate to it in their own lives. I find consolation in the thought that someday we will unite with our dear departed loved ones and we will have the Grandest Reunion of all. And what an Italian feast that will be! Enclosed please find a donation for the JJ from my sister Nancy and I. Again, our heartfelt gratitude to you for all that you do to keep the JJ coming, thus, keeping alive the beautiful memories of a "Time and Place" that was so very special to us. Know that we will always cherish the fond memories of those precious, priceless and most unforgettable "Yesteryears".

In Loving Memory of

Josephine Cataldi

October 15, 1913  
August 16, 2004

MOTHER

A million times we have needed you.  
A million times we have cried.  
If love alone would have saved you,  
You never would have died.  
In life I loved you dearly,  
In death I love you still.  
In my heart you hold a place  
No one can ever fill.  
It broke my heart to lose you,  
But you did not go alone.  
A part of me went with you  
The day God called you home.  
Your precious memory is my keepsake  
With which I'll never part,  
God has you safely in his keeping,  
But I have you forever in my heart.

Koller Funeral Home

Vivian Cataldi  
3150 N. 24<sup>th</sup> Street

Aquinda-Marzano Family  
3016 N. 23<sup>rd</sup> Street.

Most of you probably remember my mother, Hilda, her sisters and brothers. My mother was christened Brunella. My grandmother, Antonette Marzano, had nine children and six stepchildren. Two of her children died in early childhood. The following is some information about the ones you may remember.

## Aquinda

\* Louise Esposito resides in a nursing home in Northeast Phila.

\* Hilda DeLuca resides with her husband of 51 years John DeLuca in Philadelphia.

\* Mary Capraro died on September 25, 2004 in Florida – her husband Angelo, lives in Fort Lauderdale.

## Marzano

\* Julia DioData resides in Philadelphia with her husband, Danny DioData.

\* Nicola "Nick" is deceased. He is survived by three daughters.

\* Ernesto "Tom" died on May 15, 2004.

\* Carmen Marzano resides in Philadelphia.

## Marzano Stepchildren

\* Jenny Petrillo resides in Philadelphia.

\* Albert, Freddy, Tony, Buck and Stevo are all deceased.

Submitted by Rose Deluca.



## "CALLING ALL NEIGHBORHOOD COOKS!!!"

Remember those days waiting in line at Jules Capriotti's grocery store? How about Melillo's Meat Market on the 2900 block of 22<sup>nd</sup> Street? Even better, waiting for that perfect chicken at Carsella's! This was no chicken like they sell today. The 'dressed' up Perdue's today are nothing like the chicken's we experienced in the neighborhood. Better yet, what about waiting in line at the B&G for the 'FISHES'??? Does this stir up wonderful memories in your mind? That is exactly where we want you to go. Remember 'thee' ultimate comfort foods of the past? Who could forget Giuffredi's at 23<sup>rd</sup> & Indiana and Paone's at 21<sup>st</sup> and Indiana. Visiting the corner store at least two times a day was a mainstay. We prepared Amanesta, Pasta Ceci, and Eggplant Parmigano. How about those early mornings of stale bread and coffee? Nowadays they get \$4 for an iced coffee that we invented 40 years ago!!! Who could forget the ladyfingers with cream---I think they call it Tiramisu these days! We had so many more memories that we have only touched upon. The Judson Journal would like *YOU* to dig down deep into your family traditions and find your most treasured recipes. After all, these traditions could only be sustained with your help. We want to preserve the heart of our neighborhood and pass it along to the next generations. How could our children and grandchildren understand what it's like to pick the figs from the tree in the backyard and make a dessert out of it? Send us your proudest family recipes and we will create a masterpiece for you to offer to the next generation. Please forward your recipes to Deborah Mancini, Executive Chef in care of the Judson Journal!

## THANK YOU!

To our reunion committee for all their hard work. The following is the committee list:

Mario Amici  
Joe Amici  
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Ron Tucci

## Calendars from the 2004 Reunion Available!

If you would like to have a calendar that was given out at the reunion held on April 30, 2004, you can obtain one by mailing a \$5.00 check made payable to the "Judson Journal." Mario Amici who once again did a fantastic job designed the calendar.

Don't miss this opportunity to have an impressive piece of yesterday. I guarantee it will be worth the effort and who knows, it might be the last time that

this type of nostalgic publication of the old neighborhood will be in print.

**Many Thanks** for the calendar. It's priceless! The S.C. N. club was never the site of St. Mary's. The S.C. N. club was built in 1909 by the men from Montecorvino as a social club. It was built as the Societa di Castella Nobelano for the men.

St. Mary's Church was built in 1911 on the 20<sup>th</sup> St. side of Toronto St. by the men from Montecorvino. The first pastor came from Italy. His name was Fr. Materra. Enclosed is a donation! Al Tordella, 3029 N. 21<sup>st</sup> Street.

## 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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