

"PAST & PRESENT"

GERRY GIONTA ALBANO. "I JUST WANTED TO THANK YOU FOR SENDING MY CALENDAR. I WAS TRULY ELATED WHEN MY DAUGHTER BROUGHT IN THE MAIL AND THERE WAS MY CALENDAR. SINCE I HADN'T HEARD FROM YOU I ASSUMED YOU DIDN'T HAVE ANYMORE. I AM SO GLAD MY HUSBAND PUT A CALL IN TO YOU TO ASK FOR ONE. THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH. IN THE CALENDAR THERE WAS A GRADUATION PICTURE OF THE CLASS OF 1949 AND THERE WAS A PICTURE OF MY SISTER ELEANA. I WAS TICKLED TO SEE THE PICTURE. I NOTICED THAT YOU HAVE HAD PICTURES OF THE SME BASKETBALL TEAM IN THE CALENDAR. SO I'M SENDING YOU MY PICTURES FROM WHEN I WAS ONE THE TEAM AT SME. I WOULD LIKE "ROCKY BUMPS" SENT TO ME. YOU AND YOUR STAFF DO A PHENOMENAL JOB PUTTING OUT THE NEWSLETTER, CALENDAR, ETC. THERE WAS A GREAT TRADITION WE WERE ALL A PART OF AS MEMBERS OF SME PARISH. ONE IN MY OPINION WILL NEVER BE DUPLICATED AGAIN; WE WERE PEOPLE WITH PRIDE, LOVE AND HAPPINESS FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS. I AM SO GLAD I WAS A PART OF SUCH A GREAT TRADITION. MANY THANKS AGAIN."

RAYMOND "SOURGRAPES" BELLO AND JOYCE BELLO, 2117 W. INDIANA AVENUE, "DEAR AARON"/"MR.

NOSTALGIA," THANK YOU FOR ALL THE MEMORIES OF LAUGHTER AND AN OCCASIONAL TEAR. OFTEN FROM THE "PAST" FRIENDS AND FAMILY ARE REFERRED TO WITH NICKNAMES. AS WE ADVANCE IN YEARS, OUR MEMORIES ARE NOT AS SHARP AS IN PREVIOUS YEARS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE A REPRINTING IN THE JJ OF ACTUAL NAMES VERSUS NICKNAMES. EVERY SUBSCRIBER TO THE JJ TRULY APPRECIATES THE TIME AND CARING THAT IS REFLECTED IN EACH NEW EDITION. ENCLOSED PLEASE FIND A CHECK TO HELP WITH EXPENSES."

MARIE CLIMALDI BROWN. "PLEASE SEND ME THE BOOK "ROCKY BUMPS." I REALLY ENJOY READING THE JJ. I LIVED IN CORPUS CHRISTI PARISH, 27TH AND SOMERSET, BUT WENT TO ST. MARY'S. MY GRANDMOTHER WAS VERY ACTIVE IN THE PARISH. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE BOOK. USE THE BALANCE TO KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK."

FR. MIKE CALLAGHAN, C. M., CDHS '66. "HI AARON, I'M ON THE COMMITTEE FOR RELIGIOUS FOR THE DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN. AT A RECENT MEETING WITH OUR BISHOP, NICHOLAS DI MARZIO, I MET A SISTER FROM THE SAME CONGREGATION: MISSIONARY FRANCISCANS OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION. THE SISTER IS SISTER EILEEN SWEENEY, MFIC. SHE NEVER

TAUGHT AT SME SCHOOL BUT WAS MISSIONED IN PHILADELPHIA AT ANOTHER PARISH IN SOUTH PHILLY STAFFED BY THE SAME CONGREGATION OF SISTERS. I GAVE HER MY OLD COPIES OF THE JJ, AND SHE SHARED THEM WITH THE SISTERS IN TENAFLY, NJ: IT SEEMS THAT'S WHERE SOME OF THE SISTERS WHO TAUGHT AT SME ARE NOW STATIONED, PROBABLY IN RETIREMENT.

HOW ABOUT THIS FOR A CHALLENGE? WHERE ARE THE CLASSES OF THE 1960S IN ALL THIS? YOUR SME CLASS AND OTHERS FROM THE 1950S DO FINE ON REPORTING. NEVER DO I HEAR STORIES FROM THE SME 1960S CLASSES. SOME COMPLAINED THAT THEY ONLY READ STORIES FROM THE 1950S: WHOSE FAULT IS THAT? LET'S CHALLENGE THE CLASSES OF 1960, '61, AND '62 TO REPORT: LET EACH CLASS TAKE AN ISSUE TO TELL THEIR STORY.

WE REMEMBER. FOR EXAMPLE, THE SUMMER OF 1964 ON COLUMBIA AVENUE. ALL OF US WERE AFFECTED BY THE RIOTS AND THE CIVIL RIGHTS STRUGGLE THAT FOLLOWED, OR, SHOULD I SAY, OVERFLOWED BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER 1964. GRANTED, THE NEIGHBORHOOD WAS ON THE MOVE THEN, BUT LET'S HEAR FIRST-HAND ACCOUNTS. IT DOESN'T HAVE TO BE ALL BAD NEWS, EITHER. I'M SURE YOU VIEWED THE BRIEF BUT SHINING SERIES "AMERICAN DREAMS" ON NBC: THAT COVERED SOME OF NORTH

PHILLY AND ITS 1960S ISSUES. PERHAPS ON A HEAVIER NOTE: WHAT WAS IT LIKE WHEN PEOPLE MOVED TO NEWER NEIGHBORHOODS? HOW MUCH DID/DO THEY MISS SWAMPOODLE?

HERE'S A QUESTIONARE: WHERE WERE YOU WHEN KENNEDY WAS ASSASSINATED? WHAT WAS A TYPICAL SME 8TH GRADE GRADUATION DANCE LIKE? PROBABLY A LITTLE DIFFERENT THAN WHAT WE HAD IN OLNEY, WHICH WERE NEXT TO NOTHING. DOES ANYONE REMEMBER THEIR FIRST COMMUNION DAY OR CONFIRMATION DAY? REPORT ON THE GOOD PRIESTS—FORGET THE OTHERS—WHO TRAINED THE ALTER BOYS. WHAT WAS THE ROMAN CATHOLIC EXPERIENCE AFTER THE CDHS SWITCH FOR SME TO RCHS? DID SOME GUYS GO TO NORTHEAST CATHOLIC? DID SOME GRADUATES GO TO DOBBINS? IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD, RIGHT? KEEP ON WRITING! IF I CAN HELP, I WILL BE GLAD TO DO SO, BUT REMEMBER: I GREW UP IN OLNEY, SO AT BEST I'M A SECONDARY OR TERTIARY SOURCE."

JAMES M. CAREY, "DEAR AARON, I ENJOY YOUR JOURNAL. I LIVED ON 3012 NO. STILLMAN ST. WE MOVED OUT THERE WHEN I WAS 13. BUT ST. MARYS BRINGS A LOT OF MEMORIES. I WENT TO CORPUS CHRISTI, BUT WE HAD ONE DAY A WEEK TO PRACTICE AT ST. MARYS. THEY HAD THE ONLY INDOOR

COURT AROUND. I HAD A LOT OF FRIENDS BETWEEN 20TH AND 25TH STREETS. BILL RAPONE AND HIS WIFE JO INTRODUCED ME TO THE JJ. BILL'S SISTERS LUCILLE WAS MARRIED TO MY LATE BROTHER TOM CAREY. I STILL HAVE HER PICTURE HANGING IN MY BEDROOM. WHAT A BEAUTIFUL GIRL—PHYSICALLY AND IN HER HEART. THE REASON I'M WRITING TO YOU IS TO ASK A FAVOR OF YOU. DURING THE TONY BENNETT DAYS THERE WAS A BOUNCER OR A DOORMAN WHO STOOD OUTSIDE THE DANCE. HIS NAME WAS TOM MCNULTY. HE WAS THE HEAD OF MY UNION, PLUMBER LOCAL NO. 690 OF PHILADELPHIA AND THE HEAD OF THE BUILDING TRADES. HE WAS LIKE A FATHER TO ME. I AND HIS FOUR CHILDREN WOULD LOVE TO HAVE A PICTURE OF HIM STANDING OUTSIDE. I KNOW I'M ASKING A LOT, BUT I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU MIGHT HAVE ONE. I SENT A DONATION, AND WILL CONTINUE TO SEND WHATEVER I HAVE. YOUR JOURNAL MUST BRING A SMILE TO HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE. THAT IS PRICELESS. CONTINUE YOUR FABULOUS WORK."

JOHN CARLUCCI, "HI GUYS, LET ME INTRODUCE MYSELF, AS MOST KNOW ME AS HOTWIRE'S SON. I DIDN'T HAVE MY OWN NICKNAME, AND I WASN'T REALLY KNOWN ON MY OWN. I LIVED UNDER MY FATHER'S NAME

AND WAS PROUD TO BE HOTWIRE'S SON. AS YOU PROBABLY ALREADY KNOW, HE PASSED IN MARCH 2001. NOW, HIS WONDERFUL WIFE AND OUR MOTHER, MARY CARLUCCI, ALSO KNOWN AS HOTWIRE'S WIFE, PASSED ON LAST YEAR IN JUNE 2006. WHAT A GREAT LIFE AND TIME IT WAS LIVING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOOD AT 3009 N. LAMBERT STREET, WITH THE SONS OF ITALY CLUB AT THE END OF THE BLOCK AT TORONTO STREET. OUR BLOCK WAS JUST THE ONE BLOCK LONG, BETWEEN INDIANA AVE AND TORONTO ST. I COULD SHARE IF YOU WOULD LIKE SOME OF MY MEMORIES OF MY YEARS IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD BEFORE IT BECAME THE 'HOOD. LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. THANKS AND TAKE CARE."

RITA BELLO CIARLANTE, SME '39, "ST MARY OF THE ETERNAL WAS THE BEST PARISH AND HAD THE BEST PARISHONERS. THE PROOF IS IN THE MANY LETTERS THAT YOU ARE RECEIVING. YOU ARE TO BE COMMENDED FOR STARTING THE JOURNAL AND MAKING SO MANY PEOPLE HAPPY. GOD BLESS YOU AND KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP DEFRAY THE COSTS.

JOE CIASULLO, SME '50, "ENCLOSED IS A CHECK MADE OUT TO THE JJ. PLEASE SEND ME A CALENDAR. THANKS FOR THE MEMORIES. BUT I HAVE ONE THOUGHT TO PASS

ON. I RECOGNIZE A LOT OF THE SURNAMES THAT GET PUBLISHED IN THE JOURNAL, BUT I NEVER KNOW WHICH GENERATION IS WRITING. IT WOULD BE REALLY GREAT IF THE WRITERS PUT THEIR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION YEAR AFTER THEIR NAMES."

JULIE MIGNONE CIAUDELLI, "I RECENTLY RECALLED SOMETHING THAT I WOULD LIKE TO TELL YOU. MY OLDEST SON FRANK WHO LIVES WITH HIS FAMILY IN OAKLAND CALIFORNIA ATTENDED ST. MARY'S KINDERGARTEN, FIRST AND SECOND GRADES. IN 1954, 1955, AND 1956. WE MOVED HERE IN JULY 1956. HE STILL REMEMBERS THE NAMES OF THE NUNS WHO TAUGHT HIM. ANOTHER ONE OF MY SONS, MARTY, MOVED TO CALIFORNIA RECENTLY. MY REMAINING SON, JOE, LIVES IN ERWINNA, PA. AND OF COURSE I HAVE FELICIA, MY DAUGHTER. AND HER SON JOE WHO LIVES HERE WITH ME IN ANDALUSIA (A SMALL TOWN PART OF BENSalem, PA) AND INCIDENTALLY, BARELY ONE MILE FROM THE MOTHERHOUSE OF SAINT KATHERINE DREXEL. I THINK I ALREADY TOLD YOU THAT I WAS IN ROME FOR HER CANNONIZATION. AT THAT TIME, I ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEND TIME WITH MARIA SABATINI DEL TOSTO AND HER HUSBAND, WHO LIVES IN ROME. MARIA'S BROTHER IS SAL SABATINI AND YOU PROBABLY KNOW HIM OR KNOW OF HIM. SAL

STILL LIVES IN PHILADELPHIA, IN FACT JUST A FEW MINUTES AWAY FROM WHERE I LIVE, AND IN ST. KATHERINE OF SIENA'S PARISH.

JUST A COUPLE OF DAYS AGO I SAW MARY MINNE SALE VIANELLO. THEY WERE A LARGE FAMILY OF ALL DAUGHTERS AND LIVED ON INDIANA AVENUE NEXT TO CRESCENZO'S SLAUGHTER HOUSE. SHE'S 92 NOW AND WALKS TO CHURCH EVERY DAY. SHE LOOKS GREAT. SHE USED TO LIVE IN ST. DOMINIC'S PARISH ON FRANKFORD AVE, BUT NOW SHE LIVES IN ST. MARTIN'S PARISH, ON ACADEMY ROAD.

GOD BLESS YOU ALL. BE ASSURED THAT YOU AND ALL OF ST. MARY'S PEOPLE, LIVING AND DECEASED, ARE IN MY PRAYERS AT DAILY MASS. OF COURSE THAT INCLUDES ALL THE PRIESTS AND RELIGIOUS, ESPECIALLY MSGR. BUSCO."

LINDA M. CONTE EDGAR, "I JUST WANTED TO COMMEND YOU IN MY WAY OF SAYING "THANK YOU FOR THE MEMORIES." YOU SEE, I WAS BORN IN 1948. MY MAIDEN NAME IS CONTE. I WAS BAPTIZED IN SME WHEN I WAS ONLY 5 WEEKS OLD, IN MAY 1965. MY GRANDPARENTS WERE MR. & MRS. EDITH LUCARINI. NOW KNOWN AS EDITH SPEARA. I DIDN'T GO TO YOUR DANCES OR SCHOOL, BUT I SURE HAVE VERY WONDERFUL MEMORIES FROM WHEN I GREW UP IN NORTH PHILLY. I HAD GONE TO CORPUS CHRISTI SCHOOL AS A

YOUNGSTER. I GRADUATED FROM GRADE SCHOOL IN 1962. I THEN WENT ON TO MERCY VOCATIONAL HIGH SCHOOL AND GRADUATED IN 1965. MY OLDEST SISTER TERRY WENT TO THE DANCES AT ST. JOSEPH'S HOME FOR BOYS. DO YOU REMEMBER THOSE DANCES ALSO? THEY WERE AT 17TH AND ALLEGHENY AVE. I USED TO LIVE AT 3232 NORTH BAILEY ST. IN NORTH PHILLY. THIS IS BETWEEN 26TH AND 27TH AND ALLEGHENY AVE. PLEASE PUT ME ON YOUR MAILING LIST SO THAT I CAN KEEP ENJOYING MEMORIES OF LONG AGO. IT DOESN'T MATTER IF YOU RAN OUT OF CALENDARS. PLEASE TAKE THE CHECK YOU'RE YOUR COSTLY ISSUES! I STILL HOPE I CAN SEE SOME PICTURES THOUGH. THANK YOU AND GOD SPEED TO YOU. MUCH BLESSED SUCCESS IN YOUR WORK."

PAULA DIGIACOMO-FAN, "I THINK THIS FELLOW BELOW IS DEFINITELY SOMEONE WITH WHOM WE WENT TO SME. I KNOW THE NAME VERY WELL AND I KNEW A COSIMO MARCOZZI FROM OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. NICK MORELLI SAID HE THINKS HE'S RELATED TO GREG RICCARDI AND CARLO NICASTRO. ALBERT RIVIEZZO JUST MENTIONED TO ME THAT IT IS DEFINITELY OUR CLASSMATE FROM SME 1965.

'MARCOZZI, COSIMO, OF LAS VEGAS, NV, LEFT US ON FEB. 7, 2007. COSIMO, 55, WAS BORN AND RAISED IN PHILA. HE WAS A RESIDENT OF LAS VEGAS

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FOR THE PAST 7 YRS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE SHERRY, 2 STEPCHILDREN, A DAUGHTER AND 4 GRANDCHILDREN. FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE INVITED TO THE RAMS HEAD INN, GALLOWAY, NJ ON FRI., APRIL 20, 2007 FROM 7-10 P.M. TO HONOR COSIMO. MASS WILL BE HELD ON SAT., APRIL 21, 2007 AT OUR LADY OF GRACE CHURCH, 35 NORTH WHITE HORSE PIKE & SOMERDALE, NJ AT 11 A.M.' (PUBLISHED IN THE PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER & PHILADELPHIA DAILY NEWS ON 04/15/2007)

BESIDES BOB RISNYCHOK PASSING AWAY, RITA DICESARE LONGO, VICTOR THE BUTCHER'S DAUGHTER FROM 23RD AND INDIANA AVE., PASSED IN EARLY APRIL. I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH HER DAUGHTER. LOIS LONGO: AND ALBERT "BEETLE" RIVIEZZO, 88 YEARS OLD, MY CLASSMATE AL RIVIEZZO'S FATHER, PASSED AND WAS BURIED ON 4/14/2007. NOW I HEAR ABOUT COSIMO...IT SCARES ME SO MUCH. I WISH LIFE WAS NOT SO DIFFICULT. THANKS FOR THE SPRING EDITION."

VIOLET GARBARINO, "MY COUSIN TERESA DIGIACOMO GARBARINO WOULD REALLY ENJOY HAVING A CALENDAR—IT WOULD BRING BACK MANY MEMORIES FOR HER. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE CALENDAR AND ANY OTHER EXPENSES. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. GOD BLESS."

THERESA RUGGIERI GERHART, SME 1959, 2915 N. JUDSON ST.. "ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR TWO CALENDARS. PLEASE KEEP THE REMAINDER FOR EXPENSES FOR THE JJ. I ALWAYS LOOK FORWARD TO READING IT AND THEN I SHARE IT WITH MY PARENTS ATTILIO "TIM" AND MARIA RUGGIERI. IT BRINGS BACK SO MANY MEMORIES FOR ALL OF US. THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO! A GREAT JOB & WELL DESERVING! THANKS TO EVERYONE!"

FRANK GUARNOCIA, "DEAR AARON, I HOPE THAT YOU ARE WELL! I ENJOYED YOUR ARTICLE ON BOOSTER BOYS AND ADMIRERED YOUR PRIORITY OF SELLING BOOSTER TICKETS BEFORE GOING HOME "TO FACE THE MUSIC." PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF "ROCKY BUMPS" AND USE THE BALANCE TO KEEP THE JJ GOING! TAKE CARE! P.S. WHEN IS THE NEXT REUNION?"

BUD GIANNETTI, "MY WIFE KATHY AND I LOOK FORWARD TO READING EACH ISSUE OF THE JUDSON JOURNAL. WE JUST CELEBRATED OUR 45TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON JUNE 9TH. WE HAVE NOT LIVED IN THE PHILADELPHIA AREA SINCE GETTING MARRIED BUT STILL HAVE FAMILY THERE AND GET UP AT LEAST SEVERAL TIMES A YEAR. I HAVE ENCLOSED A CHECK FOR EXPENSES AND A COPY OF "ROCKY BUMPS." THANK YOU FOR THE OUTSTANDING

JOB YOU DO IN EDITING AND PUBLISHING THE JJ."

CHALIE LAFONTANO, SME 1955, RCHS 1959, "AARON, I WAS SO HAPPY AND THRILLED AS USUAL TO RECEIVE THE EDITION OF THE JJ. THAT WAS UNTIL I READ THE NOTE ABOUT BOBBY. IT REALLY HURT, AS BOBBY AND I WERE VERY CLOSE FRIENDS AND PLAYED FOOTBALL TOGETHER AT WHITTIER EVERY SATURDAY AFTERNOON. BOBBY WENT ON TO PLAY WITH THE WISSAHICKON HAWKS AND I WENT TO PLAY WITH THE NEW YORK JETS IN 1965. THE ONE COMMENT WHICH I REMEMBER MOST FROM BOBBY WAS WHEN WE WERE PLAYING AT WHITTIER ONE SATURDAY AND HE WAS DEFENDING ME. HE LOOKED ME SQAURE IN THE EYE AND SAID, "DAMN CHALIE, DON'T YOU EVER STOP RUNNING?" WE PLAYED WITH ANDY, AS OUR QUARTERBACK. "CARROTS CARRACCIO", SAL VITALE, JOEY MARINO, MARTY DUNNE, AND A BUNCH OF OTHERS. IT WAS A TIME I WON'T EVER FORGET AND I WILL MISS BOBBY TERRIBLY. MY ONLY REGRET IS THAT WE DIDN'T STAY IN CONTACT OFTEN ENOUGH. THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME KNOW, AND MAYBE WE CAN START SOME SORT OF MEMORIAL FUND IN HONOR OF 'BOBBY RISNYCHOK'."

MAURICE MALAIGIA, SME 1958 "HI! I'M SENDING A BIG HELLO FROM ITALY TO EVERYONE

FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. A LOT OF WATER HAS PASSED UNDER THE BRIDGES (NEARLY FIFTY YEARS!), BUT I STILL CAN REMEMBER EACH AND EVERY ONE OF YOU AND THE WAY YOU LOOKED THEN. I'M A SORT OF LIVING CAMERA THAT HAS STORED THE FACES OF THE WONDERFUL PEOPLE I KNEW THEN. I REMEMBER THAT PERIOD, 1954-1960, AS THE BEST IN MY LIFE. I BEGAN SCHOOL IN THE 4TH GRADE NOT KNOWING A WORD OF ENGLISH. OUR HOUSE WAS ON VANPELT ST. NEAR INDIANA AVE. MY BEST FRIENDS WERE MICHAEL FARAGASSO, ANTHONY PASSAMANTE, AND MARIO AMICI (WHO TAUGHT ME ENGLISH). DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 10TH, MARIO AND HIS WIFE RITA CAME TO VISIT ME AND MY FAMILY (I HAVE FOUR DAUGHTERS AND ONE SON) HERE IN ITALY IN THE MARCHE PROVINCE WHICH IS ON THE ADRIATIC SEA, ABOUT 150 MILES EAST OF ROME. WE HAD A WONDERFUL TIME TOGETHER, AND THEY UPDATED ME ON A LOT OF YOU. MARIO GAVE ME THE LATEST ISSUE OF THE CALENDAR AND I REALLY ENJOYED SEEING ALL THE PHOTOGRAPHS. I ENJOY READING THE JJ. I SHOWED MARIO AND RITA THIS BEAUTIFUL PART OF ITALY NOT USUALLY SEEN BY TOURISTS. WE HAD A GOOD TIME AND I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING THEM AGAIN SOON. (CAN'T WAIT ANOTHER FIFTY YEARS, THOUGH!) A GREAT BIG HUG

TO ALL OF YOU. AND GOD BLESS YOU."

JOHANNE BOCCHI PALERMO, SME 1958, "PLEASE USE THE ENCLOSED FOR YOUR EXPENSES. THANKS FOR ALL THE GREAT STORIES. YOU HAVE AN AMAZING MEMORY. PLEASE SEND ME A COPY OF "ROCKY BUMPS."

RON ROCCO, "ENCLOSED IS SOMETHING FOR EXPENSES. ON BEHALF OF EVERYONE WHO READS THE JJ. I SAY THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK AND DEDICATION TO KEEPING THE MEMORIES OF A GOLDEN AGE ALIVE."

ANNA MARIE "TOOTSIE PACIFICO" SALADINO, SME 1966, "MY DAD, TONY NELSON PACIFICO FROM 22ND & INDIANA USED TO SHARE TIDBITS FROM THE JJ WITH HIS KIDS, BUT SINCE LOSING HIM A FEW YEARS BACK, WE MISS HEARING STORIES ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE ADD MY NAME TO YOUR MAILING LIST AND ACCEPT THIS DONATION TO HELP WITH POSTAGE. IF POSSIBLE I'D LIKE TO RECEIVE THE LATEST EDITION. THANKS."

THOSE GOOD OLD DAYS,
By Lou "Rabbit" Frattini, 23rd & Indiana

Why are things so different now?
All the fun was lost somehow.
What was wrong with the jitterbug and bobby sox?

A burger at the diner, a nickel to play the box

They were the good old days of Rock and Roll, Jazz and Soul, Bebop, Doowap, those ballads by Sinatra. There was Bennett, Mathis, and Martin and so many more you could listen too.

Rock Around The Clock, Blue Suede Shoes, I could name so many more.

You danced and danced until St. Mary's closed the door.

Then to the diner or Emily's for a slice or two.

Then to the corner, what else could you do.

You only had a buck or two.

Yes, that was way back when.

I wish those good old friends could come back again

Most of them are gone now; we remember them by name, so many I could never start.

The good old days, those memories are in my heart.

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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