

"PAST & PRESENT"

FR. CONNELL JOE MAGUIRE :
 "CONGRATULATIONS ON A GREAT JOB OF BRINGING US ALL TOGETHER FOR A GREAT LOVE FEAST. THANKS FOR INVITING ME! IT WAS WONDERFUL TO MEET WITH SO MANY WHOSE MARRIAGES I WAS PART OF, SO MANY I BAPTIZED, HAD AS ALTER BOYS AND BELOVED FRIENDS. NO MEETING COULD GIVE THE SWEET WARM FEELINGS, SO UNIQUE. SORRY I DID NOT GET TO TALK WITH YOU MORE. ALSO IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE TO SPEND THE TIME I WANTED TO WITH SO MANY PEOPLE. POSSIBLY YOU COULD COLLECT YOUR WRITINGS INTO A BOOK. YOU COULD INCLUDE SOMETHING ABOUT THE MEN KILLED IN THE WAR. YOU MIGHT NEED TO ADD A LITTLE TWIST OR COMMENTARIES AT THE END OF THE STORIES FOR A WIDE AUDIENCE, BUT EVERYONE WOULD ALL TREASURE THE BOOK."

MARIO AMICI 2132 W. CLEARFIELD ST. 1958: "I TALKED TO MSGR. BUSCO ABOUT THE WONDERFUL REUNION WE HAD. HE WISHED HE COULD HAVE ATTENDED, BUT RECENT ILLNESS IS LIMITING HIS ACTIVITIES. CURRENTLY, HE IS FEELING BETTER AND SENDS HIS REGARDS TO EVERYONE. HE ENJOYED LOOKING THROUGH THE CALENDAR VERY MUCH AND SAID THE PICTURES REMINDED HIM OF THE GOOD TIMES WE ALL HAD IN OUR PARISH AND NEIGHBORHOOD. WHEN AARON AND I RECENTLY VISITED THE CHURCH, WE FOUND IT IN VERY GOOD CONDITION, BUT WITH MANY INTERNAL CHANGES. ALL THE

FRESCO PAINTINGS BEHIND THE ALTAR HAVE BEEN PAINTED OVER WITH A CREAM COLORED PAINT. THE CEILING PAINTING IS STILL INTACT AND IS IN VERY GOOD CONDITION. MANY OF THE STAINED GLASS WINDOWS ARE STILL IN PLACE. ALL THE SIDE ALTARS, STATUES ETC. HAD BEEN REMOVED AND GIVEN TO OTHER PARISHES."

LISA BARRA 2233 W. CLEARFIELD ST. "THANK YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE FOR A JOB WELL DONE. IT WAS ABSOLUTELY BEAUTIFUL. THERE DIDN'T SEEM TO BE ENOUGH TIME, BUT THEN AGAIN THERE NEVER IS. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT TIME. IT WAS SO GOOD TO BE BACK HOME AGAIN. HOW LUCKY WE ARE TO HAVE THAT PLACE OF COMFORT."

NANCY TIRENTO (PICARDO) BELLIA 2916 N. 25TH ST. "I RECEIVED A COPY OF YOUR APRIL NEWSLETTER FROM AN OLD FRIEND THAT I HAVEN'T SEEN IN FIFTY YEARS, WHAT A NICE SURPRISE. MY SISTER RAMONA AND I WERE SO EXCITED TO SEE NAMES OF THE PEOPLE WE KNEW FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. "OUR LITTLE VILLAGE". IT WAS SO UNIQUE. I REMEMBER THE CORNER STORES, SHOPPING ON 22ND ST., MY BROTHERS FURNITURE STORE WHERE WE MADE SO MANY GOOD FRIENDS, ST. MARY'S CHURCH, FR. BUSCO, AND SUNDAY NIGHT DANCES. THE JJ HAD REVIEWED SO MANY GREAT MEMORIES FOR US. ENCLOSED ARE CHECKS FROM RAMONA AND ME TO HELP DEFRAY EXPENSES."

JULIA NORBURY BENSON, 22ND & TORONTO STS.: "I READ THE

ARTICLE IN THE SUNDAY INQUIRER, OF OCTOBER 8, CONCERNING "THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD" SWAMPOODLE. I ATTENDED ST. MARY'S, GRADUATING IN 1961. THE MENTION OF CATS, EMILY'S THE SCN, THE CITIZENS CLUB, ANNIE'S STEAKSHOP, PAONI'S GROCERY STORE, LARRY'S BEAUTY PARLOR, ALL PLACES THAT WERE IN THAT NEIGHBORHOOD. I THOUGHT OF THE GREAT NEIGHBORS THAT LIVED THERE, THE WARMTH, THE CAMARADERIE THAT WE ALL HAD. I REALLY MISS THE PLACE." Cormacben@aol.com

HARRY BOCK, 2930 N. VANPELT ST.: "THANKS FOR THE REPLY! IN ANSWER TO YOUR QUESTION, YE S I WAS THE SNAKE GUY! THIS IS ALSO THE BUSINESS I STOOD IN MOST OF MY LIFE. IT WAS VERY REWARDING. I WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL TO 53 COUNTRIES, BECAUSE OF IT. IT ALSO ENABLED ME TO RAISE 7 KIDS, QUITE A LOT. STILL WITH THE SAME WOMEN 35 YEARS, ROSEMARIE CANNATARO FROM INDIANA AVE. I THINK SHE WAS IN VINNY CHANG'S CLASS." Mantella@hotmail.com

ADELE MARINELLI BRUN, 2952 N. 24TH ST.: "MY HUSBAND ELIO AND I WOULD LIKE TO THANK YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE FOR THE MOST BEAUTIFUL REUNION I HAVE EVER ATTENDED. TO BE ABLE TO SEE PEOPLE I HAVEN'T SEEN IN ALMOST 50 YRS. WAS JUST AMAZING. IT WAS THRILLING TO BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THEM AFTER SO LONG. AGAIN MY GREATFUL THANKS TO EVERYONE. LOOKING FORWARD TO ANOTHER ONE."

MICHAEL CERVONE, 2817 N. 21ST ST.: "I DO ENJOY READING THE JJ, ABOUT THE PEOPLE AND STORIES OF THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD AND ST. MARY'S. ENCLOSED ARE A FEW THINGS I HOPE YOU FIND INTERESTING TO READ. I ALWAYS THINK OF WRITING YOU, BUT DON'T UNTILL I GET UP ENOUGH NERVE. THERE ARE PEOPLE WHO THINK THEY KNOW ME. THEY KNOW I'M NOT A PROFESSIONAL COOK OR BAKER. THEY TELL ME NOT TO QUIT MY DAY JOB. COOKING HAS ALWAYS BEEN A HOBBY WITH ME. UNFORTUNATELY I DON'T GET TO COOK OR BAKE ANYMORE LIKE I'D LIKE TO. I CARE FOR MY MOTHER-IN-LAW WHO LIVES WITH US NOW AND HAS CANCER AND CAN'T WALK ANYMORE. I MAKE HER BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AND GIVE HER MEDICATION. MY WIFE BETTY WHO HAS BEEN A CATHOLIC SCHOOL TEACHER FOR 20 YRS. TAKES OVER WHEN SHE GETS HOME FROM WORK. I WILL CLOSE NOW TO MAKE BREAKFAST. GOD BLESS YOU IN ALL YOUR EFFORTS."

ROSE MAGGITT FERRARA, 2236 W. ALLEGHENY AVE.: "THANKS FOR A WONDERFUL REUNION PARTY. IT WAS ESPECIALLY NICE FOR ME, SINCE IT WAS MY BIRTHDAY AND ITS ALWAYS FUN TO SEE PEOPLE THAT WE HARDLY EVER SEE, EXCEPT AT FUNERALS. I'M AT THAT AGE NOW! I MET YOUR SISTER THERE AND I FIND OUT THAT YOUR MOTHER MARY PANICO WAS A VERY DEAR FRIEND OF MY MOTHER. I KNOW THIS IS A VERY LARGE UNDERTAKING AND I WAS GLAD TO BE ABLE TO HELP. GOD'S BLESSING ON YOU FOR CONTINUING THE WONDERFUL TRADITION OF

OUR OLD COMMUNITY."

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MARGE BRISTOW HAELE, 3114 N. STILLMAN ST.: "I AM THE DAUGHTER OF MARGE FERRANTE THE SISTER OF DOLLY FERANTE MALOPOLSKI. I REMEMBER YOU. I THINK WE LIKED EACH OTHER FOR ABOUT 3 WEEKS IN 6TH GRADE, (YOU KNOW HOW LONG THOSE GRADE SCHOOL CRUSHES LAST). MY AUNT ANN, AUNT LUCY, UNCLE VINCENT AND UNCLE LOUIE ARE MY MOTHER'S SIBLINGS THAT ARE STILL LIVING. IT'S SUCH A SMALL WORLD WITH THE INTERNET. I LOVE TO BE ABLE TO CONTACT PEOPLE FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD." mhaelle@sju.edu

LAURA BERLANGERI JAMES, 3045 N. 26TH ST., 1957: "DEAR ARRON & COMMITTEE; THANKS FOR YOUR HARD WORK AND SUCCESSFUL REUNION. MY HUSBAND AND I ALONG WITH MY BROTHER NICK, ENJOYED IT VERY MUCH. THE LAST ONE I ATTENDED WAS OUR 20TH FROM ST. MARY'S IN 1977. AT THE 10/29 REUNION WE SAT WITH TERRY JULIANA MILLER AND HER HUSBAND JOE, GOOD FRIENDS AND THROUGHLY ENJOYED REMINISCING WITH PEOPLE OF LONG AGO!! IT WAS A GREAT PARISH AND NEIGHBORHOOD."

EMILY LAURENZI LUCIANO, 2949 N. 23RD ST.: "BETTER KNOWN AS "EMILY PIZZA PARLOR". MY DAD HAD A GROCERY STORE NEXT TO THE "PIZZA PARLOR" AND MY SISTER "CHUCK" HAD A LEMONADE STAND NEARBY. MY SON PETE WAS 50 YRS. OLD IN JULY AND I GAVE HIM A BIG SURPRISE BIRTHDAY PARTY! IT WAS SO NICE SEEING ALL OUR

OLD NEIGHBORS THERE! A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!!! IT LOOKED LIKE A 23RD ST. REUNION! I HAVE 11 GRANDSONS ALL OF WHOM ARE 6FT TALL AND OVER. ALSO I HAVE ONE GRANDDAUGHTER WHO IS MY PRINCESS."

SR. LENORA JULIANI, 2837 N. JUDSON ST.: "I FEEL SO BAD THAT I CANNOT BE PRESENT FOR THE REUNION. PLEASE EXPRESS MY THANKS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR BEING SO KIND AND EXTENDING ME A TICKET. I HOPE THAT SOMEDAY I WILL HAVE THE PRIVELEGE OF ATTENDING ONE OF THE REUNIONS. GOD BLESS YOU FOR ALL THE WORK THAT YOU DO."

MARY STEM MCCORMICK, BAMBREY ST.: "I READ THE ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER. I CAN'T TELL YOU WHAT A DELIGHT IT WAS TO HEAR ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. WE BELONGED TO ST. COLUMBA'S PARISH. YOU MIGHT REMEMBER MY BROTHERS, GEORGE, JOHN, BILLY, AND JOE STEM. I WOULD BE SO GREATFULL TO RECEIVE THE JJ., MY MOM IS STILL LIVING AND WHEN SHE READ THE ARTICLE, SHE GOT SO EXCITED. SHE LOVED THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. ACTUALLY WE ALL DID."

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TERRY JULIANA MILLER, 3056 N. 25TH ST.: "JUST A NOTE TO THANK YOU AND ALL THE COMMITTEE FOR A "JOB WELL DONE" AT THE REUNION. MY MOM HAD A WONDERFUL TIME AS WELL AS JOE AND I. IT WAS SO NICE RENEWING OLD ACQUAINTANCES AND SEEING SO MANY FAMILIAR FACES. WE

LOOK FORWARD TO OUR NEXT GET-TOGETHER AND AGAIN MANY, MANY THANKS FOR ALL THE MEMORIES!"

FRANCINE SHORT OTTINGER, 2710 N. JUDSON ST.: "ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR THE CALENDAR. I HAVE A SISTER WHO ALSO WENT TO ST. MARY'S. HER NAME IS ANNA SHORT GANGI. HOPEFULLY I WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE NEXT REUNION. THANKS FOR KEEPING OUR CHILDHOOD MEMORIES ALIVE."

DORIS PALUMBO, 3044 N. JUDSON ST.: "THANK YOU FOR A VERY QUICK RESPONSE TO MY INQUIRY REGARDING THE JJ. IT WAS SO GOOD TO READ THE ARTICLES AND TO GO OVER ALL THE NAMES, MANY OF WHICH I RECALL. I LIVED IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD WITH MY HUSBAND NEIL FROM 1959 TO 1967, AT WHICH TIME WE MOVED TO HORSHAM. I WORKED EVERY DAY WHILE MY MOTHER-IN-LAW TOOK CARE OF MY SON AT HER HOUSE AT 32ND AND ALLEGHENY, THEN MY DAUGHTER WHEN SHE ARRIVED IN 1962, SO I DIDN'T GET TO KNOW MOST OF MY NEIGHBORS. SOME OF THE PEOPLE I RECALL WERE ANTONACCI, ZOCCOLI, PARISI, CARSELLI, VENERI, CHARLIE'S STEAK SHOP, CARLO'S SHOE REPAIR, FR. BUSCO AND FR. CARACCILOLO, MELI'S BAKERY AND WILLIE'S GROCERY STORE AT 24TH & CLEARFIELD, PICCARDI'S RESTAURANT, THE BEST MARKET, MASTRIOENI'S FURNITURE STORE, DICK CREAN'S ON ALLEGHENY. FOR SOME OF THOSE YEARS I WORKED AT PETER'S SPORTSWEAR IN THEIR OFFICES AT 24TH & ALLEGHENY. I

REMEMBER WE COULD HEAR THE PEOPLE ON SUMMER EVENINGS, CHEERING AT THE BALL PARK; WALKING MY CHILDREN TO THE PLAYGROUND ON 22ND ST.; THE PENNY PARTIES AT ST. MARY'S; WALKING MY SON TO KINDERGARDEN ACROSS FROM ST. MARY'S SCHOOL AND CHURCH. ALL IN ALL, I HAVE VERY FOND MEMORIES OF OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. IF ANYONE WOULD LIKE TO WRITE TO ME, I'D BE GLAD TO HEAR FROM THEM."

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ANTHONY PASSAMANTE, 2913 N. VANPELT ST.: "THANKS FOR ANOTHER GREAT REUNION, I ALONG WITH MANY OTHERS APPRECIATE THE TIME AND EFFORT EXPENDED BY YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE IN PLANNING AND EXECUTING THESE AFFAIRS. THEY DO OFFER US A RARE OPPORTUNITY TO REMEMBER AND MEET OLD FRIENDS."

VALENTINE PISTILLI, 2313 W. CLEARFIELD ST.: "HERE IS A PHOTO TAKEN BY ROGER SERPICO AT THE REUNION. HANDSOME BUNCH, EH? THIS REUNION WAS THE BEST! I THOROUGHLY ENJOYED SEEING MY OLD SCHOOLMATES AND CHIEF HALFTOWN TOO!! TOO COOL! WHEN I WENT TO BED THAT NIGHT, I WAS SO WIRED, I COULDN'T GET TO SLEEP! MAYBE NEXT REUNION, WE CAN FIND THE REST OF OUR CLASSMATES. I'M GOING TO START LOOKING NOW!"

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FRED J. RICCARDI, 3042 N. HEMBERGER ST. "STRANGER THAN FICTION", I USED TO WORK IN THE CHURCH WITH

EZIO, GRANDSON OF THE SEXTON AT THAT TIME. ONE DAY HE STARTED TO BUILD A NEW ALTAR AND I DID NOT SEE WHY SINCE THE ALTAR LOOKED ALLRIGHT TO ME. LATER, I MARRIED A GIRL FROM SOUTH PHILLY. SHE WAS A PARISHIONER OF ST. MARY MAGDALEN DEPAZZI, THE FIRST ITALIAN CHURCH IN THE USA. THE FIRST TIME I WENT INTO HER CHURCH I SAID TO MY WIFE, "THAT ALTAR LOOKS VERY FAMILIAR." LATER I FOUND TO MY SURPRISE, IT WAS THE OLD ALTAR FROM ST. MARY'S CHURCH. WHEN I RETIRED, I MOVED TO MYSTIC ISLAND N. J. TO START MY NEW LIFE I WAS IN NEED OF A FEW THINGS. ONE WAS A DOCTOR, AFTER TRYING A COUPLE I CHOSE DR. JOHN KENNY. LITTLE DID I KNOW WE WOULD HAVE SOMETHING IN COMMON. WE ARE BOTH FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I WENT TO SCHOOL WITH HIS MOTHER ANN CASONI. DR. KENNY ALSO MARRIED A GIRL FROM SOUTH PHILLY. SHE LIVED ON THE 700 BLOCK OF ANNIN ST. AND MY WIFE LIVED ON THE 600 BLOCK. THE DOCTOR'S WIFE AND MY DAUGHTER WENT TO THE SAME SCHOOLS TOGETHER. WHAT'S THIS SAYING? YOU CAN TAKE THE BOY OUT OF THE COUNTRY BUT YOU CAN'T TAKE THE COUNTRY OUT OF THE BOY. WELL YOU CAN LEAVE THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, BUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD DOESN'T LEAVE YOU! SMALL WORLD! ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP WITH EXPENSES."

JOYCE SCIARRA LEVIN, 2960 N. 23RD ST.: "I WAS DELIGHTED TO RECEIVE THE SUMMER EDITION OF THE JJ. I SHARED IT WITH MY MOM AND DAD, RITA AND ED

SCIARRA AND UNCLE SAM GIUFFRIDA, WHO ARE ALL DOING WELL LIVING IN BLUE BELL. AFTER 80 YRS. IN BUSINESS AT 23RD & INDIANA, "GIUFFRIDA'S FOOD MARKET" FINALLY CLOSED. SAMMY AND EDDIE ARE RETIRED NOW, AND SEND THEIR REGARDS TO ALL. THANKS JJ FOR RE-KINDLING WARM MEMORIES OF AN AGE GONE BY. WISH MY SONS COULD HAVE EXPERIENCED OUR NEIGHBORHOOD."

GERALDINE CARUSO STAUFFER, 2425 W. ELKHART ST.: "YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE DID A WONDERFUL JOB WITH THE REUNION. THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR TIME AND EFFORT! EVERYONE WAS HAVING A REALLY GREAT TIME. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS."

RONALD TUCCI, 2954 N. JUDSON ST. "THOUGHT I'D DROP A LINE TO CONGRATULATE YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE ON A GREAT JOB WITH THE NEIGHBORHOOD REUNION. THE FOOD WAS GOOD ALONG WITH THE NOSTALGIC ATMOSPHERE. AGAIN A GREAT TIME WAS HAD BY MARLENE AND MYSELF."

PETE & MARY VACCA, 2950 N. JUDSON ST.: "JUST A NOTE TO LET YOU KNOW WHAT A GREAT TIME WE HAD ON 10/29. SO GREAT TO SEE SOME OF OUR OLD NEIGHBORS, ETC. YOU AND YOUR COMMITTEE DID A GREAT JOB & I KNOW IT TOOK A LOT OF TIME & EFFORT. BUT, AS YOU ALREADY KNOW, IT WAS WELL WORTH IT! CALENDARS PUT A SPECIAL TOUCH ALSO. AGAIN THANKS MUCH & WE WISH YOU & YOUR FAMILY A HAPPY THANKSGIVING."

MICHAEL VASSALLO, "READING THE JOURNAL IS SOMETHING THAT I LOOK FORWARD TO DOING. I'VE TOLD STORIES TO FRIENDS IN ATLANTA, (THEY'RE FROM ALL OVER THE US), AND THEY ARE IN JEALOUS DISBELIEF. THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD CAN GENERATE MORE MOVIES AND BOOK SCRIPTS THAN HOLLYWOOD. MY WIFE BETH AND I LIVE IN ROSWELL, GEORGIA. WE RELOCATED HERE IN 1985. AFTER LEAVING THE CORPORATE LIFE IN '90, I STARTED A CONSULTING BUSINESS. BETH HAD ONE TOO! WE STILL DO SOME WORK WITH A HANDFUL OF OLD CLIENTS, BUT ALL OUR ENERGIES ARE FOCUSED ON A BUSINESS THAT WE RUN TOGETHER AND BEST OF ALL, IT KEEPS US OUT OF AIRPORTS! IT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WE CAN MAKE THE REUNION...PLEASE SEND REGARDS TO EVERYONE. ENCLOSED IS A CHECK TO HELP SUPPORT YOUR FINE EFFORTS. AARON, WHEN I SEE A FAMILIAR NAME IN ANY OF YOUR ARTICLES, IT BRINGS IT ALL BACK. THANKS A BUNCH."

JOYCE VECCHIOLLI, 2910 N. 24TH ST.: "I WAS DELIGHTED TO READ THE INQUIRER ARTICLE ON SWAMPOODLE. MY GRANDPARENTS LIVED ON 23RD ST. ALL MY AUNTS & UNCLES, GREAT-AUNTS & UNCLES, MOTHER AND OUR FAMILY LIVED IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD FOR MANY YEARS. MY GRANDPARENTS WERE FROM MONTECORVINO ROVELLO. IN FACT, MY SISTER AND I VISITED THERE THIS LAST SPRING."

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MARY VIANELLO, 3002 N. STILLMAN ST.: "I AM SENDING A CHECK FOR WILLIAM PISTILLI HE WANTS A CALENDAR AND HERE IS THE ADDRESS FROM A LADY I MET IN CHURCH, ELEANOR HALLMAN. I THINK SHE IS RELATED TO THE PICCIONE FAMILY. I THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR TAKING ALL YOUR TIME FOR A PARISH THAT WE WILL NEVER FORGET. THE REUNION WAS BEAUTIFUL EVERYONE HAD A GOOD TIME. I'M GLAD THAT I MADE IT AND MADE A BIG HIT TO SEE EVERYONE. I WILL BE 85 YRS. YOUNG ON 11/28 AND I AM STILL WORKING 6 DAYS A WEEK. I THANK GOD EVERY MINUTE OF THE DAY."

EDITORS NOTE:

As usual, much too much of the credit, praise and accolades are directed toward me for organizing the reunion. The very first lesson anyone who is successful at planning learns is that it's the people you work with that make it all happen. I have had the distinguished privilege to work with the most dedicated and beautiful committee anyone could have desired.

First and foremost the real driving spirit behind this reunion was Joan Walters Crothamel. She put together a group of the most likable and cooperative old neighborhood people. All of the fantastic, numerous door prizes; the nostalgic paraphernalia; the candy we had not seen or tasted since we were kids; the festive balloon decorations were all

because of the creative, hard work of Joan and her committee: Sally Danz Callahan, Salvatore Davino, Mary Luciano Marucci, Helen Giorgi Shaw, John Stuflo and Violet Crupi Stuflo. Secondly, The consulting staff of my wife Patricia Gallagher Domenico and Bob Gatto guided me with the proper choice of food and entertainment. Thirdly, I had an inspired staff of recruiters who spent their time finding and calling people who needed a little coaxing to come to the reunion: Anthony Dello Russo, Salvatore Mattoccia, Frank Nicastro, and Joseph Ravenna. The publicity committee did an excellent job! Renee Ragno was singularly responsible for the Inquirer article being published on 10/8. Mary Rita Galloway Merlino was the contact that arranged for the appearance of Chief Halftown. Mary Rita and her husband Joe also made several press releases. To all the friends who took care of the greeting tables, (Shiela Cutillo, John DiBenedetto, Rose Maggitti Ferrara, Diana Roncella Mazurek, Joanna Giannetti Meyer, Susanne Crupi Phillips, and Beatrice Roncella Schiavo), and kept the deluge of people moving on in to the reunion hall a special thank you! Thanks to all the Old Neighborhood People who attended the reunion or supported it in any way. Especially to Eleanor Campellone, Joe & Josephine Bilardo D'Ambra Gulino, Franny Laurenzi and Frank Sciarra who

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OF CASIA. MY CONSOLER.**
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CHRIST, OBTAIN THAT I
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