

Irvington Varsity "I" Club Newsletter

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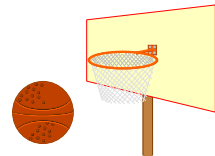
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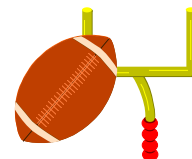
This is what we call an EXTRA folks.

Do you recall, if you were old enough, in the early 30's before television and the constant radio news that we get today the Star Ledger and the Newark News, if some breaking News occurred, they would come out with an EXTRA.

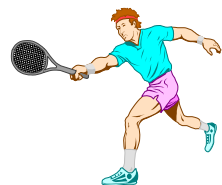
On Easter morning after church I went to pick up my Star Ledger at the A & P Super Market in Ortley, by the way, we do not have a super market in Lavallette and the Eckerd Drug store, where I usually get the paper, burned down this pass week, On the front page of the Star Ledger was this headline, IN DECAYING IRVINGTON, INACTION REMAINS THE NORM. I thought you would be interested in this article written by Mary Jo Patterson, a staff writer of the Star Ledger. I know your local papers don't give a care about Irvington and perhaps you missed it, but it is important to all of us who were raised and educated in this wonderful Town.



Do you recall me asking you to send in to the Newsletter, where you lived in Irvington etc? I recently received this email from Joan Jennings Santoriello,. She writes: We were 10 girls mostly all the same age, who grew up together on Myrtle Ave in the big 50 family apartment house across from Myrtle Ave Jr. High and Vocational School. Our names were Myrna Applebaum, Eileen Reilly, Sondra Tenner, Kathleen Winkelholz, Jackie Dobowitz, Elaine Teiger, Irma Sumka, Patsy Heath, Joan Maracsna and me, Joan Jennings. As you can see by those names, our apartment house was a true melting pot. We girls were – and still are – like sisters.



When we were young we did everything together. We played "RUSSIA" (A GAME PLAYED AGAINST A WALL WITH A TENNIS BALL) Roasted potatoes and marshmallows at sundown in the vacant lot across the street; went to the "Castle" movies every weekend; jumped rope and rode our bikes. But when we left Myrtle School and went to the high school we began to drift apart. Yet, although each girl went her own way, now after almost 70 years we are still like sisters. We sadly lost two, Jackie & Sondra, in the past five years.



There were also many boys around our age living in our apartment house too. "Snooky" Carbone, Irwin Lehrhoff, Stuart Schnitzer, Steve, Giffy & Phil Eisler, Harvey Marks, Marty Singer, Billy Dutcher and Allen "Dumbo" Strassmam. We also had neighborhood friends like Jackie Kuhnen, Jerry Yurick, Kenny Dobach, Norman Huntley, John & Phill Sciortino, Elliseo DeFeo, Eddie Zielinski, Bobby O'Hara, Joe Totorello, Ray & Stas Szymanski, Stas Jarosz, Albie Ackerman and Dick "Pinhead" Manning. Some of the boys belonged to the "Buccaneers" sports club. There was a local candy store (Sophie/McClure's) that we all went to as young teenagers. The point is that we made life long friends in our wonderful neighborhood and those friendship are as strong today as they were 65 years ago. At the Friday night Florida Reunion, Jackie Kuhnen, Ray Szymanski, Bobby O'Hara and their wives sat together with my husband Monty Santoriello and me. So. We came full circle, we were back where we all began remembering our old



neighborhood and all the wonderful times we had as kids. – Joan Jennings Santoriello

We certainly would appreciate letters, email or whatever means you have to tell us of your relationship and what you feel about our Town of Irvington. As Varsity Club members and as athletes many cannot sit down and express their feelings in writing as well as your spouse (now admit it, most women can write better than men. and our survey shows that a big percentage of the Irvington Athletes have married some young lady from Irvington H. S.) So I hope you men are showing these Newsletter to your Spouses.

REMEMBER THIS IS AN EXTRA . AND I AM NOT SENDING TO ALL 332 LISTING THAT I HAVE, ONLY THOSE FROM LAST YEARS PAID LIST AND THOSE FOLKS WHO HAVE SENT IN THEIR CHECKS FOR THE COMING NEWSLETTERS. So if you have not sent in your check please do so, as you may have read in the papers stamps are going up to .37 each. VITO

70 HAS BEEN MADE UP WITH THE newspaper Easter clipping concerning the Inaction in Irvington.