

NEWSLETTER # 81

DECEMBER 2003

Hi Folks:

I hope you all enjoyed Newsletter #80, the punishment of those who were lining their pockets in their positions of so called honor while the taxpayer and the people suffered with high taxes and other inconveniences. 0 our Town since they graduated our High School and of course they are more disturbed by what has happened to our town.

We recently got a note from Sebastian, Fl. from Tom Mahon '43.
Dear Vito:

Newsletter #80 concerning the complete demise of Irvington was really sad. I can't understand what's wrong with these people—they don't seem to have any trust that we can compliment them on, as a whole.

Well, we can always say we lived there when it was a really great Town, The current group of residents will probably move on after they destroy the Town. Here's hoping the combined Law and Order people really turn on the heat and put a lot of people in Jail – where they belong.

Incidentally, I don't know if I sent you my birth date. It's Jan. 26, 1926. I graduated from IHS June 1943. Graduated from Seton Hall Univ. In June 1950 with quite a few other Irvington lads.

I was in the Pacific with the 5th Air force from Sept. '43 until April '46 as a Tail Gunner on a B-24.

I'm married, 2 kids and have a career with State Farms Insurance.

Take care of yourself, Cordially Tom Mahon

Another letter; Dear Vito:

Thank you so much for sending the copies of the Newsletter. I am sending another check in appreciation, also enclosing "the then and now" pictures. Enjoy reading the Newsletter so much. Keep up the good work.

Irvington was such a nice Town to grow up in—I lived ½ block from Irv. Park. Enjoyed sleigh riding down May St and ice skating at the Park.

High School years were fun – Do not remember a teacher I did not like. Graduated in June 1939. Worked as an usherette at Loews Theatre until a job came through for me at the Pru.

Joined the Waves ('44 to '46) and was stationed at the Naval Hospital in San Diego, Calif.. Never regretted being out there at that time.

My dear husband died many years ago. I have three daughters and one son—and six grandchildren. I have a lot to be thankful for.

I thank Laura Bisset (June '39) for introducing me to this great Irv. Varsity Club Newsletter. Hope you are feeling well now – Vito Best regards,

Janice T. Hansbury
nee Trojakowski

Thank you Janice for sending snapshots of your before and after pictures. I am going to find some way that I can show these folks the before and after pictures in my Newsletter. Vito. - Please send in photos, before and after pictures. The holiday season is now in effect and we know you folks will be taking some pictures of your families, so send in some photos of yourself.

Got the following note from Bob Neigel '40: Just had my 16th grandchild. My oldest Daughter Dr. Janet Neigel adopted her second child from Russia, four year old Kyle Neigel White, her second adoption from Russia in two years, Julie White, one year old was the first. Vito>>> with the Holidays coming you may need a bigger house with the 16 kids coming to visit Grandpa and Grandma. One good thing about it is that at the end of the day, either Grandpa and Grandma will be going to their own beds or the kids will. GOOD LUCK BOB with 16 Grand children, you need it. I hope they don't visit all at once.

Hi Vito:

I received your latest Irvington Newsletter Vito my birthday is Nov. 12, 1920. I now live walking distance of Irvington, a few blocks away, it is not the Irvington that I remember from my High School days. I lived in Irvington from 1925 to 1952. I lived on Stewart Ave. one block above Mill Rd.

I remember In the early 30's the Tri City Stadium – the home of motorcycle, midget auto racing, boxing, ballgames, also Rodeos- Yes, they were great days.

Vito; did yjou know that a Jerry Ramos , who is in real estate is forming the Olympic Park Museum, he is located at Chestnut St. Union N.J. I sold him some 16mm film footage of Olympic Park. I used to work at the Park for Mrs. Brenner also known as Miss Cuny. I operated a Wheel of Chance stand in 1934 & 1935 the radio stand – the Doll stand etc. The stands used to open 12 to 1pm . We were allowed in the swimming pool free up to 12 pm

I remember seeing Johnny Weismuller at the pool in the mornings. What a beautiful Town to live in, on those wonderful days of the 1930's – 40's and etc.

I remember Red Skelton and Frankie Layne as M.C. at the Dance Hall. I remember going to the Newark Bear games, my cousin Peter who was 10 years older than me, used to roll the base paths with a roller. I used to go with him and we saw the games for free.

I drive through Irvington now, I get so depressed at what it is now.

Regards

Nick Fiorentino '39

Dear Vito:

Sorry for paying late- I thought I had sent a check but I guess that was a year ago. I just got back from Long Beach Island for a wake. My daughter son in Law – and only grand child – 16 months came from Chicago to spend the week with Linda

(my Wife) It was a great week. Sorry to hear about the losses of more Camptowners. Please keep the Newsletter coming – we enjoy them. – Hope you and your family are in good health. Fondly **Richie Halperin '51**

Dear Vito;

I always enjoy reading your Newsletter. I hope this note finds you doing well. I'm just a kid – will be 67 the 28th of Aug. My wife and I winter in Palm City Fl. and summer here in Holmdel. I'm collecting Social Security and doing a little part time work in the business I sold. Best regards **Joe Ens '54**

Dear Vito:

I did forget thanks for the reminder. Enclosed is a few extra bucks for stamps. I really enjoy your Newsletter. Best regards **Sandy Klurman '58**

Got this note from Dawn Rich, Marvin is sorry he was late in sending his check for istamps but in the interim he had a total knee replacement. He is recuperating well. Marvin class of 43. and Dawn now living in Bradford N.H.

Vito:

Sorry for not sending you this. We have been traveling the state of Michigan, where we went to school. It is a beautiful State, we also stayed at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island. **Joe Mauriello '54** now living in Atlanta, Georgia

Dear Vito:

Enclosed is a check to enable you to continue production of the Newsletter. I continue to enjoy reading them and wish you continued good health.
Signed **Bill Chesley '52**

I wish to thank Eleanor Romanchick '38 for all the Newspaper clippings she sends to me, thinking that I may have missed seeing them in the Star Ledger. Maplewood is where she lives now but has two female friends who still live in Irvington but will only visit them in the daytime. Thank you again Eleanor.

I wonder how Father Pavela '69 feel about the Chicago Cubs being in the Playoffs. He goes in from Nebraska one day a season to see his favorite Cubs play and writes me every year telling me of the great Nebraska team which will be playing their rivals Okalahoma soon, When Nebraska plays before 80 thousand people it amazes him that at that time there are more people in the stadium at this time than live in any one city of Nebraska. Lots of Luck Father. You will need it, the Cubs will still have to play our Yankees.

Dear Vito;

I had a good summer, went out west for the month of June. I started in South Dakota Bad Lands Little Big Horn battlefield. Mt. Rushmore was spectacular and Chief Crazy Horse is shaping up, but it is so huge. I don't know how they do that.

Yellowstone National Park has so much to offer in landscape views and animals. I have some good pictures of bears and bison. Grand Teton Park was especially for hiking. We saw mountain climbers both men and women climbing solid rock walls

In July I went on a canoeing trip in N. Maine. It was about as far north as you can get in Forty Eight. The Alagash River connects with the St. John, which is the border of Canada, I'm glad I was able to see that, it was beautiful.

Signed **Your Friend Al Mende '48**

We are trying every which way to get you folks to participate in the Newsletter by writing us about anything you wish your classmates to know.

With your cooperation we are going to institute a picture of you and perhaps develop a before and after program,, if possible, some kind of guessing game. Are you willing to participate, if so, send in your photo, present and your past photo, perhaps your classmates will be able to guess who you are.

We are now going to try to get you to participate. Page 5 & 6 has pictures of men who were present at one of our Reunions. Can you identify them . There are also two pictures of homes, one a brick front and the other a wooden front with a garage underneath, they are the homes of my Son Bill and my Daughter Beverlee, one is in Holly Springs North Carolina and other is in San Rafael, California. These homes are not located in Irvington. What does your home look like?

On page 6 we have a before and after picture for you to identify and two gentlemen, one a present day picture and the other his graduation picture. Can you identify them?.

This being our last issue for the year 2003 and the Holidays all coming up, Thanksgiving, we should all be thankful for all the benefits we all have, and Christmas and New Years, which we all our thankful we will reach.. With that in mind I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Merry Christmas,, Hanakuk so that I do not offend anyone, if we have any Arabs or any group who have holiday other then ours, You have a happy holiday too.

Don't forget, the holidays are coming, this year take some pictures of yourself and other within the family and send them to me, we will print them in our Newsletter.

Don't forget the All Irvington Reunion Luncheon to be held at Doolan's in Spring Lake Heights this year; I believe it will be May 21st. The Lord willing I will see you there.

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Fred Arnold 11/1/1916
 Francis Scott 11/4/1924
 Don Burger 11/7/1916
 Bob "Dixie" Sayles 11/19/1934
 Stan Wnek 12/8/1919

Stephen Mysko 12/9/1938
 Ed Baureis 12/12/1928
 Ray Knispel 12/18/1920
 Richard Steffan 12/19/1925
 Charlie Smith 12/20/1919

We cannot wish you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY unless you send in your Birthday date into us.

VITO