

NEWSLETTER # 85

MAY/JUNE 2004

HI FOLKS:

Don't forget the *ALL CLASSES* Reunion on May 21st 2004 11:30 am – 4:30 pm who knows it may be the last time you will have an opportunity to break bread with your classmates who you have not seen since graduation. This year the affair will be held at Doolan's on Hwy 71 Spring Lake Heights, NJ by the Seashore.

If you have not received your invitation as yet, contact Mel Renick 20C Foxhall, 100 Hallock Ave. Middlesex, NJ 08846. (732) 926-1963 Cost only \$20 per person. HURRY, last year they had over 360 people; that is why it had to move. We hope to see you there. – VITO I just got a notice on April 2 2004, the Reunion is SOLD OUT. SORRY FOLKS.

Got a note from Saul Donner '37. He said he was sorry about the scribbled letter he sent me that I could not decipher, he was in a hurry, expects to see me at the Reunion.

Got an email from Joan and Monty Santoriello. One night while they were having their homey dinner, under the stars of Naples Fl, they got into a conversation of the location of my place of business, Miele's Sporting Goods in relation to Irvington Center, how many stores could either one locate. Of course Monty was correct, it was located at 1065 Springfield Ave a couple doors away from the Liberty Theatre, Joan said it was near the corner near Atkins Dept. Store.

Got a call from Frank Scott about the Addonizio brothers, Frank '40 & George '52 at one time he lived near them and at one time he lived next door to Doc Gutowski. I also related to him that Doc Gutowski was my family Doctor and he brought my three kids into this world. I asked Frank Scott '43 to write me concerning this matter but have not received any as yet. I do that because I have the facts correctly and I know whom to blame if they are wrong. I guess Frank and other oldies do not write legibility, so they don't write.

An old friend, Dave Lipkin passed away on March 6th at 94 years of age. I recall every time we would meet, it would remind Dave and I of our trip to the (Indianapolis Auto Race Track in 1939 to see the races. It was an enjoyable trip, no reservations, no tickets; all we had was a car and two young guys, unmarried, who were willing to take a gamble. Some day I will tell you of this experience. Dave: Rest in Pease.

**Got a note from Ginny and Mick Weiner:
Dear Vito:**

We really enjoy your letters; keep up the good work.

We spent Dec. and Jan. in Fort Lauderdale – Mick thought he was in Jail- he just kept crossing off the days until he could return to Sea Isle. We are both planning to attend the Shore Reunion and hope to see you there.

We are enclosing our share to continue your wonderful letters. Just wish Mick could see to write to you, himself.

God Bless
Ginny

P.S. Hope you can read my writing! !

Yes I can --- You write very legible. My eyes are not too strong – I just got new glasses trying to make them stronger. VITO

Got this letter from Don Blair:

Dear Vito:

Wishing you never ending happiness and Good health. At this time in life, they are so much important than the balance in your checking account or portfolio. At the moment we have them in fairly decent shape.

You included my name among 11 folks in your “Where Are They Now?” section and it puzzled me inasmuch as your Newsletter got here with no difficulty. As I have said repeatedly, I did not graduate from Frank H. Morrell but departed in 1948 for literally greener pastures in the farm country of Hunterdon County. My attachment to Irvington however remains strong thanks to all those wonderful years at Florence Ave. School right through world War II. No body loved Olympic Park more than we did. Priceless. Plus dozens of other great memories.

Answer: I knew that you would come through for me. I inserted your name, with other 10 names trying to find out who would answer. My money was on you. I knew I would get some type of answer from you. You have always sent some messages and when we needed help, Don Blair came through. Thanks immensely.

The letter goes on and on, even trying to induce the Irvington Committee to hold their next Reunion in Orlando Fl. Florida Committee. Flemington High recently had their 10th.

Hi Vito:

Here’s a brief resume of my family and myself. My birthday is 1/22/16 that makes me 88 years old, same as you. I was born and raised in Irvington and graduated from IHS on Jan. 1935. I went to work at Western Elec., was drafted into the service in June 1941 for one year, everybody knows the rest. I went through OCS and received my commission. While at Camp Crowder, Mo. I met and married my wife who was an Army nurse from Iowa. After our service we landed back in Irvington for a couple of years, than moved to Union. We have two children, a boy and girl I got a promotion and moved to Nashville, Tenn. And stayed there until I retired to Wilmington N. C. in July 1978. I spent 20 enjoyable years in Wilmington. My two children were also in the service, both with a commission. All four members of the family were Commission Officers in the Military. I am very proud of that, our daughter Kathy outranked us all and retired after 20 years as a Navy Capt. and that’s how my wife and I wound up in PA. Our daughter took a job up here and told us we were getting to old to b Beach Bums and we should move up with her to New Hope, Pa. in 1998.

So much for the family. I don’t know if John Druze remembers this. I know from your Newsletter he is in Arizona. Anyway he was in Irvington and was to scout Navy who was to play Notre Dame Somehow we got connected and raced down to Princeton just in time for the game. We dashed up to the end zone where John did his x’s and o’s and I enjoyed the game. That was the last time I saw or talked to John. Hello John, take care and God Bless.

Vito- I hope you continue these Newsletters for a long time; I enjoy them.

Signed

Les Weis ‘35

How many of you gentlemen married your High School sweetheart, I know I did. I met my lovely wife, Lillian, as a junior and she was a sophomore. Unfortunately the gentlemen who introduce me to this young lady are now deceased but I have thanked them many a times for their help. One was my Best Man at the wedding and the other was an usher. Why not write me about this subject, was it a blind date, did you propose or did she. If you won't to keep it confidential, I will gladly do so on your behalf but please write. There are many husband and wife combinations that have started in High School are yours one of them?

Tony Sytko '47, There is a proud Father, roaming around his home this week in honor of his Son, Glen who was made Deputy Fire Chief of our Town of Irvington his photo and the write up is located on Page 5. >> Vito – that boy is handsome, he doesn't look like you, and he must take after his mother. Congratulations to you and the Mrs.

While I am at it, there is also a picture of the Pabst bottle on page 6 and also is story of the development of the property. I have a question I wish to ask you all. Do any of you recall when that bottle was the Hoffman soda water bottle? That may give away your age; I know the women do not care for that.

Vito:

Just got a copy of your Mar./Apr. 2004 Newsletter and saw my brother James Eglinton mentioned as a member of the 1937 football team. Just to update you, he graduated, went into the air force, and became an instructor pilot at Luke Field, Phoenix, AZ. After the war, he went to work for Mountain States Bell Telephone in their Yellow pages Division. And had a very successful career with them. He retired to Sun City West and passed away just this past February at the age of 83. He leaves his wife, Euny and sons Dr. Gary Eglinton of New York City and Greg of Denver plus three grand children, one of whom is James Eglinton of Hackettstown, N.J. ... He manages the Hackettstown Mall... I think..

My other brother, Richard Eglinton, graduated IHS around 1944 or 1945. Played football. He worked for many years in the Hospital Division of Johnson and Johnson and retired to Aptos, Ca. He had 4 sons and 2 daughters and more grandkids than I can count... He passed away in 1989 at age 62.

I am the youngest of the three IHS graduating "Brothers" ... I graduated in 1952 and served 30 years in the USAF, retiring as a Colonel in 1984. Currently lives in Melbourne, Fl. with my wife of 49 years ... the former Betty Ann Swider, 1953 West Side graduate (sorry about that). We have 4 wonderful kids and 8 grandkids. Our kids are scattered all over, two in Hawaii, one in Texas and one in Virginia, so we spend a lot of time traveling, and we do manage to play golf about 4 times a week.

Dick and I lived at 10-40th St. in the old Fisher Apts. .. From about 1940 to 1952. Jim had gone off to the War when I was 7 years old...

Regards to all...

Bill Eglinton '52

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Ron Carolan 5/1/1932
 Charlie Reber 5/2/1933
 Bill Cregar 5/2/1925
 Ted Bosco 5/2/1926
 Sol Schwartz 5/3/1927
 John Mueller 5/5/1936
 Norman Maulbeck 5/8/1931
 Fred Klittich 5/14/1942

Vic Petriello 5/17/1941
 Charles Kratt 5/21/1938
 John Adams 5/22/1945
 Peter Granata 5/22/1928
 George Burger 5/24/1917
 Gordon Search 5/25/1933
 Sol Lipkin 5/26/1906
 Harold Ayres 5/27/1919

Joe Polewka	6/1/1929	Sandy Klurman	6/21/1939
Marty Klana	6/11/1929	Ralph Bayard	6/21/1924
Al Murray	6/13/1929	Robert Neigel	6/21/1923
Mike Bortnicker	6/15/1923	William Miele	6/28/1947

We cannot wish you a HAPPY BIRTHDAY unless you send in your birthday date to us.

I am enclosing a sheet with many names on it, some of these names are people you know, and many are your classmates. If nothing else, it will give you ammunition as your teacher used to give you in writing subjects for your essays. I have some women on this list but they are usually the wives of deceased Irvington Varsity members. We intend to carry them.

Do you know any of these gentlemen? I have another batch of names, which I will send to you at a later date.

As I am getting to be of 88 years old as of July 4th I am not as proficient with these letters as I normally would be, my granddaughter Jennifer is now typing this material for me as either my fingers are too big or I am getting older and cannot continue writing these newsletters. Therefore I will not issue a newsletter for the months July/August and will continue with a September issue. Many of you will be on vacation anyway during the summer months. Perhaps when your vacation is over you will have stories to share. I hope you will be able to send me some typewritten news of the above gentlemen, or yourself, or your family, or any news you would like to have known by others.

VITO