

Newsletter #88

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Hi Folks:

Happy Holidays to all you folks, with Thanksgiving and Christmas coming up its time for celebration and not remorse. It is a coincident, but we are composing this letter on my 88 year and my 88 Newsletter, we hope this is appreciated as much as the previous 87 were. THANKS.

Since the reminder of not sending in checks, I have received many and the percentage has creep up to 52% for and 48% have failed to subscribe to the offer. As suggested by one of the men, don't send a copy to those who have not sent in checks, and they will soon follow after seeing the others who have received the Newsletter. I believe I will do that. Believe me, this is a lot of work. As you know I do this letter in drips and drags, here it is Aug. 24th and it took me ½ hour to write and think of this paragraph.

As we all get older, we get slower in mind and physical being. I have one saying that I have acquired over the years and here it is. " You are never sick until you go to a Doctor" Oh you have a pain here or there, but the anticipation of seeing a Doctor gives you more pain. He will ask you what is wrong and he will give you a prescription to supposedly cure it, from then on you are a sick person and you have to see him constantly. Please, whatever the cause or happening or if there is a Doctor in your Family, please do not take offense to what I am saying. I have all the confidence in the world in my Doctor who I see on a regular basses since 1982 when I retired, he wanted to sell me and put in my body, a Pacemaker, which I refused, of course the Government, Social Security, was going to pay for it. I still don't have a Pacemaker in me and I am still alive. I believe that my Doctor is still angry at me but I still see him every two months, and I can't wait to die. .

That paragraph took me one hour and fifty minutes to compose, correct the spelling and get ready for you. It is now 4 pm and I am going out to get something to eat. I found a new place called the Bandwagon, new ownership, new management, I think I'll try it. (I did, it was pretty good perhaps I will be back again.)

Perhaps I am getting too personal, there isn't much news at this time, so I don't want to give you the bad news coming out of Irvington but here is an item that I could not resist it is by the Associated Press, .

It is entitled HAZARDOUS MATERIALS. NUCALAR DEVICE FOUND IN TRUNK OF STOLEN CAR. IRVINGTON --- Authorities yesterday recovered a measuring device containing nuclear material that had been stolen a day earlier.

The car belong to a worker from U.S. Engineering labs of Rahway and had been stolen from an Apt, complex parking lot in Elizabeth early Sunday.

The theft of the vehicle prompted the lab. To notify the Nuclear Regulatory Commission.

Yesterday, a hazardous materials crew from Nutley joined the FBI, the State Dept. of the Environmental Protection and other agency in responding.

The Associated Press

Comment: A thief wanted a ride to his home in Irvington, stole a car, and left it in Irvington. Never looking in the Trunk. He was just interested in getting home. So he stole a car. Nothing to it.

My dearest sympathies to those of you who have been hit that terrible damage they have done in the Eastern southern States, and now we have the terrible IVAN coming at you. We are sympathetic with you as all we have had is tremendous rain. Now Jeanne, Please – We know it is impossible now because you are busy repairing whatever damages now and we hope you can tell us of your experiences. To you folks that use your home for Winter residence, I hope you are safe and do not have any damage.

MAIL BAG

Dear Vito:

Enclosed is a check to cover the Newsletter mailing as it's my only communication with my old hometown. I think you are doing a great service to us ex Jocks, and we appreciate it.

Please send a copy of your Newsletter to: Frank Rothenberg, 5698 Kiowa Circle, Boynton Beach, Fl. 33437. Class of 1948, date of Birth 11-23-30.

In a back issue of your letter you asked readers who we thought were the best running backs during our playing days. I was a starter on the 1946 and 1947 football teams so I will only address those two years. Roy Madsen – Pass, Run, and Punt. Bobby Morris – Pass, Run and a vicious blocker on the run. Harry Hill -, great athlete – run with great power, pass and smart, did not play football in his Senior year because of head injury. Jimmy Moyer – He could Run, Run, Run, and Run. The first four Letter man at Irvington High. He is my Choice

I have enclosed a picture of the Varsity Guards and Tackles on the 1947 Football team, it was taken at a practice in Irvington Park (Pictures on Page 6).

Just to mention about the education we received at Irvington High School. Frank Fleiser Rothenberg is a retired executive and part owner of an Insurance Company. Ed Leibe , a major in the N. J. State Troopers – Vince Iacopino a Lawyer and Judge. Bob Eitel a retired Lt. Colonel in the U. S. Marine Corp and retired Vice President of Merrill Lynch in New Orleans, La.

OH, I'm sending you a picture of what I look like at the age of 74. I have hardly changed at all from the Olympic Park days. (page 6).

Dear Vito:

I would appreciate receiving John McGucken 's address and phone number of any one you know or have on your list in the Lavallette area(1380 Route 9, Toms River N.J. 08755) one of my former students is looking is looking for a house in that area. Thanks

My youngest son, Jimmy, received another promotion with Budweiser. Now deals with all the distributorships in Florida.

I have two grandsons at Seton Hall Prep. Louis Puopolo will be a senior and is one of the Captains of the swim team. Made all parochial in swimming and 2nd team all Essex in track, (javelin). My other grandson is going into his Junior year, plays Lacrosse.

My wife and I celebrated our 50th anniversary in our present home in Springfield !!

Stay well,
Stan Wnek

Many of the following letters have the same language in them, (thanking me for the effort that I put in this Newsletter, and are appreciative in what I am doing, and sending along a check for Uncle Sam's stamps). I am going to thank you for your diligence and efforts to make this a letter of bringing back your High School Days and your classmates whom you may not loved at the time but you do now. I may have forgotten your name or have not mentioned that I received a check or your telling me of an experience you may have had, please forgive me, I am sorry, but if you write again, and give me hell for forgetting you , I will comply.

DEAR VITO:

Thank you for your Newsletter #87 I am read it several times already! Going to the movies Saturday afternoon was mentioned – From quite a young age a few of us would go to the Castle or Liberty Theatre every Sat. afternoon

I wanted to write you promptly and thank you for all you do in getting this Newsletter together P.S. Sad news to mention – Jon Bisset lost his wife Laura recently we graduated IHS together Janice Hansbury (Trojakowski June '39).

Richard Calascibett'53 wants me to please delete the “ E “ at the end of his name. I have been writing to the Sun City , Calascibette with an E at the end of his Name. Sorry Dick. It is all taken care off.

After the compliments of a great job Richie Halperin '51 went on to tell me that John Bisset wife Laura passed away and many Irvington Varsity members were at the Funeral Home.

Dear Vito,

My apologies for the delay in payment this year. We moved in February so everything changed – mailing address, email address and phone number – and I didn't notify you. I must have missed at least one mailing and somehow the Sept, Oct letter #87 showed up today. I don't know what I owe you. My last checkbook entry is May 2003 for the letter and the June 2003 reunion. So I am way behind. I hope the enclosed check will bring me up to date and help you cover any shortfall in donations.

Roy Madsen – new address 13 Kerry Court, Saratoga Springs, NY 12866

Thanking you for all your wonderful letters. The work you do is truly amazing and appreciated.

Rhoda and Joe Accardi '51

Just forgot: Keep up the great work on the Newsletter Class of '51, Birthday April 13, 1933

Jack Charette'51

A note from Eugene Schwedt: A reweiw of my check book reveal that I have not paid my dues since last year (2003) in the spring, SORRY Enclosed find check to take care of the situation. My wife and I enjoy your Newsletter - My wife is also a IHS graduate.

Gene Schwedt

Anthony Ingrassia'53 writes: Nice job- and Thanks for your efforts.

Ed Bauries "47 Enclosed please find check to cover expenses, and stay well!

Dear Vito: I'm sorry I neglected my chance to keep the Newsletter going. It was an oversight. We need it and we need you!!! It was good shaking your hand at the Reunion.

Dick Dobyns'42

Thank you for the reminder and I hope you stay well writes Tony Pilone'54

Vito: No excuse, I just plain forgot. Gordie Search '51

Remember the good old days, the Camptowners, the blue and white. Now living in Leisure Village West. I would like to see a golf outing (Sandy Schwartz Capt. Keep up the good work

Signed Casey '49

Vito: Just read and enjoyed your latest Newsletter. I apologize, I am probably one of the 75% who have not sent in their annual donation. Thought I had but probably not. The check is on its way. Thanks for your effort in publishing the Newsletter. I agree with Al Cimerro '43, please try to some good news about Irvington, I think the Churches and the new Mayor are trying to turn things around.

Dot Hecht, January 1946

A special thanks we have to give to Sandy Klurman "58. When I asked for your donation money, Sandy came through beautifully, Sandy THANK YOU.

A thanks to Joan (Jennings) & Monty Santoriello the Naples Fl. Newsletter.

Folks: Please excuse me if I have not mentioned your name or the receipt of your donation, If you got this letter it is proof that you have sent in your donation and we wish to thank you for doing so.

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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
Frank Rothenberg	11/23/1930
Stan Wnek	12/8/1919

Stephen Mysko	12/9/1938
Ed Baureis	12/12/1928
Beve (Miele) Hibbs	12/13/1941
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 to us.

VITO