

NEWSLETTER #89 SPECIAL CHRISTMAS EDITION 2004

HI FOLKS:

I just could not go these many months without writing you and wishing you folks a MERRY HOLIDAY AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. I know I mentioned it in my last Newsletter but here I am doing again, a HAPPY HOLIDAY AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL. AND THOSE OF YOU THAT HAVE OTHER HOLIDAYS IN THIS MONTH HAVE A HAPPY HANUKKAH AND A HAPPY KWANZAA.

There is a commercial on television it's a by Rococo. It shows three folks fixing a copier machine, to the tune of It's a -----Another person is throwing a pencil at the ceiling hoping they would stick and some of them do. The machine is fixed, that is how I work out my problems with my computer, I lay, (lye) in bed, try to sleep but can't (I believe that is the proper English (as taught by Gracie Brecht), ask your Spouse, she may know a little more than you about English Grammar. I don't know what is wrong with this Computer; I am going to bed now it is 1:30 AM on a Fri night or Sat. morning

We are going to give you some topics that we wish you would write be about similar to those that Miss Her, Miss Mercies, Gracie Brecht or any of your English teachers would give to you. As said before, your spouse is eligible to assist you if you are unable. These are items that if you or your spouse went to Irvington High School should know about.

Have eaten at Jimmy Buff's and loved it; shopped at Bamberger's, Klein's, Orobachs, Kresge's, or Hahne's; went "down the Shore" on your summer vacation; know where Olympic Park was; You always wanted to be a Rockette (if you were a girl) or an outfielder for the NY Yankees (if you were a boy); You remember the Ragman, the Iceman, the Bleachman, The Tripeman, the Junk man, and the Good Humor man.

Do you remember all the brewers that were located in Newark: Trommers, Kruegers, Pabst, Budweiser, and Ballentines. Ballentines was the biggest, because they were affiliated with the Yankees. They all have left except Budweiser, now the biggest in the country. Why, because Newark had the best water in the country. Do you know that there is a reservoir in Newark, on S. Orange Ave?

Do you remember the Thanksgiving Day rivalries between Irvington and West Side?

We gave you enough subject matter, now all you need to do is sit down and write, remember your spouse is eligible.

We have received many letters from you folks and we will print whatever you send in.

Oct. 9, 2004

Dear Vito:

Making this a letter to the Editor:

With regards to Al Cimirro "43 writing to the Newsletter about how upbeat we should be about the Town of Irvington.

Al is blowing smoke or needs a strong blend of Coffee!!!

I visit Irvington once a week, as my brother who is in his mid 80's is a bachelor and still lives on Clinton Ave between Sanford and Ellery Ave. Where we all grew up. .

His Bank checks have been stolen from his mail deliveries and cashed of course he wasn't liable. He won't go out after dark—needless to say.

If you travel from Myrtle Ave up to Sanford Ave. by way of Eighteenth Ave you think you were in a War Zone – I would like to ask Al if you would walk this area alone.—anytime of day, Myrtle Ave is Pathetic.

The Town is always late in getting their tax bills out all messed up always estimating.

When Irvington High let's out in the afternoon you think the inmates broke out of jail—Police are always present!!

Crime needless to say is the highest with homicides almost one a day going unreported. Law enforcement from State and Local will not venture by themselves and without backup. No regard for Law Enforcement, travel Springfield Ave. near Harrison Pl. and up two blocks, you wonder how this great Town of ours went Down Hill.

So to Al in all his good intentions – This town will not turn around until the Families become what a Family should be.

While I'm positive my dues are paid ---I have enclosed a check for you're use toward the Newsletter—and buy a towel to cry in after reading my letter. Ha - Ha

Keep up the good work: Andy Maybo "53

Dear Vito:

I think I owe the check enclosed: I attended the class of 1954 Reunion on Saturday. Three of our Basketball team attended the affair, Roger Monroe, Don Perkins and myself. Tom Campbell and Arnie Steinhaus have passed away. Some of the other Athletes attending was John Amendola, Bob Chernasky John Dolinajec, Ed Fiorito, Tom Gilleece, Buddy McCucheon, and Tony Pilone – I think that was it, also special guest Coach Stan Wnek & Coach Mickey Weiner and Mrs. Weiner. A good time was had by all.

Best Regards Joe Ens

Dear Vito:

Two weeks ago I was invited to a 50th Irvington High School Reunion held at the Crown Point Marina in Point Pleasant. The class dedicated their Year Book to me in 1954. It was a pleasure to see how well they did after graduation. Mick Weiner and his wife were there as well.

A week ago my grand daughter, Nicole Puopola, a recent graduate from Montclair and I were selected as the Grand Marshall for the Homecoming football game at Montclair State University. I coached there for two years and received my Masters Degree in 1948. I was the assistant football coach when we were one of the

six undefeated college teams in the country, also served as head baseball Coach there for two years. I sent Tom Rothacher there. He was there to see his boy playing Varsity Football. Tom looked great!!

Stay well

Stan Wnek '38

Who was your favorite teacher at Irvington High School? You never told me, and why not, tell the world, she or he deserves it, more than likely she or he is now deceased. There are not too many who are still alive.

Dear Vito:

Enclosed is a payment for the Newsletter for Thomas Mahon,'43 he loves getting the news about Irvington. Tom is having vision problems; he cannot see to write this.

Sincerely Tom Mahon
(Spouse)

(This is an opportunity to send Tom some Christmas Greeting, at 108 Kerrigan St. Sebastian, Fl. 32958. I know they will be appreciated).

Dear Vito:

Re! Joseph Mauriello – Class of 1954. I love your Newsletters. We sold our home in Atlanta, GA and now will spend the winters in FL and summers in SC Lake Hartwell. Keeping three houses was getting too much for us. Will you kindly change my address from Atlanta to Care of Savay Apt. 116, 4041Gulf Shore Blvd. N, Naples, Fl. 34103

Thank you, Joe Mauriello '54

Finding good News of Irvington is getting harder and harder these days. All the headlines on the front page in the Irvington Herald seem negative. However you go to the Athletic teams and the Football team did well this year getting into the playoffs this year however they lost to Linden by the score of 14-7. But they did well. Things Athletic are looking up.

Speaking of Athletics, Do you know the cost of going to see your Home team play.. In Football to see the Giants or Jets play your ticket will cost you \$66.67,, If you feel thirsty, it will cost you, \$6.75 for a beer, \$4.75 for a Soda, a Hot Dog \$4.00, Parking \$15.00, Program \$5.00, Cap 17.99 for a total of \$369.14. oh yes if you are Jets fan it will only cost you \$368.05 because the ticket price will only be \$66.39.

Who can afford it, I know we can't.! They seem to have sold out house every week and the Jets are yelling for a new Stadium and it seems they will get it, as the Olympic Games are coming to N. Y. and one of the necessity is that a new stadium will be built on the West Side. Of course the people are yelling citing Traffic and Parking It will be done anyway and in a few years the Jets will have their own.

We, occasionally go to see the Trenton Thunder baseball games, they are now affiliated with the New York Yankees and we see the up and coming N, Y. Yankees players. We also go to Lakewood to see their team play but they area affiliated with the Phillies and I being a Yankee fan prefer to go to Trenton and the Yankee Jrs. games. Minor League baseball is catching on in this area. Why? We believe because it is cheaper and the people can afford it. Tickets are \$7.50 Beer is \$4.25, \$2.00 for Soda, \$1.50 for a Hot Dog, \$1.00 for Parking, \$1.00 for Program, \$10.00

for Cap and it's a total of \$83.50. There is big difference between \$369.14 and \$83.50, it is not hard to figure that out, and it is an enjoyable evening. .

PREDICTION. I HAVE TWO TO MAKE, as of 10/15/2004.

Prediction #1

Whining by professional players. Football players whine that their Coaches are too tough; Coaches whine that their athletes are not tough enough. Basketball players whine when team will not give them contract extension etc. Always whining, you would think they were three-year-old children, whining for their mother to give them more.

Prediction #2

Look for the black player to want more. And the black Coaches who have gotten theirs. The incident happen at a Monday Nite game. Follow the Monday Nite football games and the local Newspapers and you will have the details Tony Dungy, football Coach, is the biggest complainant and he was also a complainant, on not having black Coaches, coaching football.

It's starting all over again. Those are my two predictions. Watch your local papers for additional stories.

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Bob Marr	1/3/1931	Gerhard Bass	2/4/1938
Al Cimirro	1/10/1925	Herm Pizzi	2/5/1930
Donald Pace	1/11/1939	Wilbur Hartl	2/8/1916
Mickey Kott	1/16/19??	Joe Masterson	2/9/1932
Anthony Pilone	1/17/1937	Herb Simon	2/10/1930
Harold Mullin	1/20/1931	Malcome Woodstein	2/12/1941
Frank Bahlman	1/22/1925	Richie Ross	2/19/1935
Peter Gillecce	1/24/1932	George Brown	2/22/1937
Tom Mahon	1/26/1926	Jack Matthews	2/23/1920
Saul Donner	1/27/1919	Rolf Augenstein	2/28/1934
Harry Niegel	1/30/1926	Paul Rugg	2/25/1917
Tony Sytko	2/4/1929		

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

We just could not wait to wish you folks a Happy Holiday. We wish you folks all enjoy in whatever you constipate doing for the Holidays, whether it is going out to dinner, having the children or the grandchildren visiting or you visiting them. This is the time family's get together and all enjoy themselves. **HAPPY HOLIDAY.**

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