



THE TRADITION GENE SKIPS A GENERATION

It is human nature for children to rebel at the norms of their parents. Every wave of youngsters coming of age even strives to be different from their older siblings. There is a point though where the search for what is new brings society full circle.

A trend has been growing steadily over the past few years in which social values and traditions decades old are being revitalized. The younger generation seeks to improve on what their parents did and how they lived, because, of course, parents don't know anything. It was the same attitude those parents had when they were young. Each decade brings with it a redefinition of what is right and what is cool. By no means could it ever be what the past generation did.

As people mature they start to reminisce for the way things were: simpler and more meaningful. After decades of experimenting with society it seems that people eventually return to their roots. The longer that the old traditions lay dormant the more appealing they become. Not that the new societal ideas are bad but like all trends they will become extreme and run their course.

In Peterstown, there has been a twenty year gap for between "the old days" and now. Gone is the annual St. Rocco's feast, the open air market, nuns teaching in St. Anthony's School and even St. Anthony's School. There is no mystery why things change. The obvious culprits are technology, transportation and opportunity. But people change the world and not the opposite. And it looks like the people are choosing to change things back.

Peterstown has always been a traditional Italian neighborhood in Elizabeth, NJ so when those traditions changed or disappeared it was noticed. But instead of pining for the past the community has bonded together to recapture and preserve the culture. Peterstown is lucky that it still has a strong core of residents, an active church parish and community centers. Businesses like Sacco's meat market, Spirito's Restaurant and Joanne's Luncheonette are untouched by time. Strong social clubs still exist though at a fraction of the number there once was.

It is on this bedrock that the Festa Di San Vito is going into its third year. The Ribera Club built a new center, and Deacon Joe Caparoso, born and bred in Peterstown is doing amazing things as principal of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy, formerly St. Anthony's Grammar School.

There is a youth movement within the Valletese club and UNICO. A changing of the guard from an aging senior population to an army of baby boomers looking to recapture their youth.

This trend is not isolated to Peterstown either. In Roselle Park the New Pastor of Church of the Assumption, Fr. James F. Spera, is organizing the first annual St. Anthony's Feast on the Church grounds. This will change an annual carnival into a faith oriented celebration complete with a procession through the streets behind the statue of the saint.

It is no surprise that assisting Fr. Jim is Peterstown native Linda Ferral (nee Cuccurolle). Linda has been a parishioner of Assumption for 30 years and has devoted her time since retirement to helping the parish.

Like St. Anthony's in Elizabeth, Assumption Church is designated an Italian national Parish. A century ago parishes were defined by the geographic border that they served. But in special cases the parish could petition the archdiocese for permission to redefine the parish under a different designation, for instance serving a specific ethnic community. The church can then celebrate in a different language among other specified activities.

The statue of St. Anthony that the church will use is approximately 100 years old and was part of the parish which was founded in 1907. It was put into storage when the newest and third church was built and was in an awful condition. Fr. James had the Stature refurbished and will reintroduce it to the community on its Feast Day on June 13.

Fr. Jim's devotion to St. Anthony stems from his fascination with his life. St. Anthony was brilliant, famous for preaching and for being a professor. He was a Doctor of Churches. Fr. Jim also refers to St. Anthony as the Lost & Found department of heaven.

(left, l-r) Linda (Cuccurolle) Farrell assists Fr. James Spera in sprucing up a Statue of St. Anthony that will be used for a feast in his honor at Church of the Assumption in Roselle Park. Fr. Jim will follow tradition and conduct a novena for 13 Tuesdays prior to the Feast day on June 13.



(above) It is the mission of UNICO members like George Marretta, Luigi Marciante and Rocco DiPaola, in part, to promote Italian heritage and culture.



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President's Message



It is amazing how Deacon Joe is transforming St. Anthony's School into Our lady of Guadalupe Academy. It not how I remember it when I was there. First off there is a calm when I walk through the hallways. Gone are the classrooms with 60 students. No wonder the nuns had to resort to capital punishment, we were wild. I'm impressed by the maturity of the kids. It seems that they also have greater opportunity and higher quality of education. An interactive science lab is being built. My science experiment was to see if heat or cold worked better to remove gum from under our desks. The one thing that Deacon Joe did reestablish was getting the community involved with the school. The Catholic education the Academy offers benefits the entire community and Deacon Joe engaged the businesses and families to be an extension of the school. It was how I remember it being. I hope the trend reverses and more families see the value of sending their children back to private school. I suggest everyone to visit and see for themselves. God bless.

John Sacco
 John Sacco, President
 Sons of Peterstown Sports Club

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Hello Joe,
 My dad, Anthony "Tony" Wade, was born in Elizabeth and spent many years there before being transferred with his job in 1966 to New York state. He passed away on January 29, 2011 at his home in Rosendale, NY surrounded by his loving family.



For his 80th birthday on June 13, 2009, which is St. Anthony's feast day, he wanted my sister and I to take him back to Elizabeth to visit and reminisce. He wanted to make some stops in Peterstown particularly for Italian ice. We had a wonderful time that day. Elizabeth was always in his heart and he was a subscriber to your newspaper and it kept him connected.

Here are memories of my dad for those readers who knew him to reflect on. He was born June 13, 1929, the son of the late Matthew and the late Mary (Hill) Wade. Mr. Wade married Florence Miskowitz on July 22, 1951 in St. Patrick's Church, Elizabeth, N.J. He enjoyed being with his family, tinkering with cars, attending classic car shows, telling stories, and looking for bargains at local yard sales. Mr. Wade was a veteran of the Army Air Force. He was previously employed at several area businesses, including Huck Manufacturing, which transferred him to New York, Benedictine Hospital, Shire Reeve Associates and Power Test in Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Mr. Wade also served on the Town of Rosendale Water and Zoning Boards. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, five daughters, two sons, nine grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. Mr. Wade was predeceased by a son, five brothers and three sisters, a grandson, and great-grandson.

Karen Wade Johnson
 Rosendale, NY

Hi Joe,
 It's great to receive your latest Peterstown newspaper. I find it nostalgic and fun to read (though I didn't live in the area long, and only attended St. Anthony's for one year!).

Recently, I was feeling nostalgic myself, and on my way down to Toms River, I decided to take a detour through Peterstown. I was amazed at how much had changed. It feels more congested (what town doesn't these days?!), and the new construction gives the area a less cohesive feel, but I guess that's supposed to be "progress (??)".

I was also surprised to see that St. Anthony's is now St. Guadalupe's? Is that right? When did that happen? Clearly I don't go around the neighborhood often!

It would be fun to see old photos of businesses or specific areas from the past and compare to what they look like now. It's always interesting to see the "improvements."

Anyway, I hope you and your family are well. Thank you for keeping in touch.

All the best to you,
 Wilhelmina Lydon
 Queens, NY

Dear Joe,
 How nice it is to keep all our precious memories alive with the Peterstown newspaper. We have resided in Florida for the past ten years now but our memories of home, which is Peterstown, is and will be forever in our hearts. Please send our love to all our family and friends.

We love all of you,
 sincerely
 Whitey and Lucy Maricondi
 Tamba, FL

Dear Joe,
 Here is photo taken in Mattano Park in 1951 that your readers may find interesting.

The boys kneeling in the front are Jimmy Esposito and Mickey Dellasandro. Standing behind them are Jimmy Canaccio, Christy Renda, Whitey Cenerio, Whitey Loffa and Mike Melise.

I'm not sure I have all the names spelt correctly. The photo brings back great memories. It was a great place to "hang out" when I was a boy.

George Balboa
 Laceyville, PA

WOW!!! I'm very impressed, dear cousins.
 I made a few copies of your email about Mia's Army national Guard training. I am part of a MAG (Military Affinity Group) up here in Suffern, NY. who are active with the local chapters of the American Veterans and American Legion; we made them official members of Novartis Pharmaceuticals.

Our group brings great awareness here at work during occasions such as Flag Day, Veteran's Day, and Memorial Day; we hold celebrations with the local chapters and also for our employees here on site. We have ceremonies on our site with the organization's participation.

We facilitate Operation "Cookie Drop" in which we order and pay for Girl Scout cookies that are directly delivered to our local troops that have been deployed from our Suffern and Rockland County areas.

The Vets and Legionnaires also supply us with a list of "requests" from those deployed and we have barrels on site where us NOVARTIANS generously donate stuff; toilet paper is usually #1 but we have some other comical requests also. The group also sends letters of gratitude to the soldiers. Some write back and start a line of communication.

I will proudly display Mia's picture in our showcase to show yet another generation of the Renna/Volpe/Zekeres family members that have enlisted and served time in the military. Mia will be the beginning of the third generation for my R/V/Z relations.

My husband (Joe Z), now deceased, voluntarily served two terms in Vietnam (1965-1969) which were the most crucial during that war and he survived. Joe loved the geography of Vietnam so much he tried to volunteer a third time before coming home from his last tour but they wouldn't let him go back to 'Nam. Unfortunately, Agent Orange caught up with him by that time and he passed in December of 1996.

We are lucky...all of our men have come home from the wars and military services healthy and intact.

Power to Mia. I will include her in my prayers until she is safely home with family.

Love you all....
 Cousin Diane (Renna)



(above) Pvt. Renna, Mia L. receives a metal for being designated Sharpshooter.



Editor's Opinion

everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

I'm just so proud of our youngest daughter Mia. She attended Gilford College in North Carolina as a freshman last fall where she made the Deans list before deciding on a military career and school transfer. She joined the Army National Guard and recently completed Basic Training at Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri. She is now doing her career training in engineering and will be attending Clemson University in South Carolina in the fall where she will enroll in the Officers Training Corps (ROTC) while she works towards her degree.



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Not for Nothing But...

my kids are so much cooler than I ever was.

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at the school on Centre Street
and proceed down Third Avenue,
left on to South Seventh Street,
left to Second Avenue then right
up High Street to Union Square
where the Elizabeth Avenue Partnership
will provide refreshments.
Representatives from the City of Elizabeth,
Trinitas Hospital and The Rotary Club
will be on hand to welcome the walkers
and make presentations.

Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy
227 Centre Street, Elizabeth, NJ 07202
Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy
will be hosting its second annual fashion show
entitled, "Over the Moon in May Fashions,"
on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 6 p.m.
at the Academy.
Proceeds from the fashion show will be used to for the school.
Tickets are currently being sold at \$25.00
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Owner Filomena Coccaro opened the center to accommodate her growing number of students that she was teaching individually at public locations. Filomena arrived in America in 1996 and moved to Cranford in 2000.

The center maintains a monthly calendar of events and programs that include all levels of Italian language instruction, movie viewings and games for children. Classes focus on Italian culture including foods of different regions, with hands on sampling of items like cheeses and breads. Topics such as music, opera and history are also explored.

The center is a novel idea and an encouraging site for those Italian Americans who feel that the cultural traditions they were raised with are diminishing do to migration and assimilation.

Curious individuals can visit during the late afternoon hours or call 908-931-9100 ☺

(below) Though there are many classes for adults the center's students include youth programs.



(above, r-l) Ciao Amici owner Filomena Coccaro and her husband Michael stand in front of a poster of their home town of Muro Lucano, provincia di Potenza in the Basilicata region.



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THE MELE FAMILY REUNITES

In August of 2010, five generations of the Mele family gathered at the Knight's of Columbus picnic grove in Union, NJ. It was forty five years since their last reunion but the family is already planning another one for 2011.

The family stemmed from Vincenza and Giocondo Mele. They raised their eight children at 408 Niles Street in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. All eight branches of the family were represented. The oldest member of the family in attendance was Dominic "Duke" Mele, (90 years old) who was there with his wife Mickey. The youngest family member was Nico Gerbino, who was just 2 months old at the time.

The crowd which was 65 strong were the children,

grandchildren, great- grandchildren & great-great grandchildren of Katie Truppo, Lela Parenti, Mary Santilli, Jennie Casano, Antonette Cuccurrolle, Steven Mele, Peter Mele, and Duke Mele.

Cousins came from as far as Scottsdale, AZ, Winter Park, FL and Houston, TX. The state of NJ was covered from Manahawkin down south to New Providence up North.

The family is anxious to plan another reunion right away and are thrilled that they will be visited this summer by cousins from Sala Consilina, Italy. Their goal is to make their reunion bigger and better than last year's. 🐾



(left) News of the Mele reunion was submitted by Linda Farrell of Roselle Park. Linda is the daughter of Antonette, nee Mele, and Anthony Cuccurrolle. Anthony's parents were Anna & Anthony Cuccurrolle were also from Peterstown on 4th Avenue.



(left) Photo of last big gathering of the Mele family from the 1964 Mele/Monticello Picnic.



(below) Mele reunion of August 2010.

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(above) Carmine Vella, now Four years old.

PARENTS OF MIRACLE BABY CARMINE VELLA GIVE THANKS TO PRAYER AND MARCH OF DIMES

Pat and Kim Vella attribute a great deal of prayer to the health of their son Carmine who, born premature on September 25 2006, faced insurmountable odds for survival. The Vella's share their story and to bring awareness to their plight which is all too common and can happen to anyone. They are also conducting fund raising events to support the March of Dimes who's mission it is to help moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies.

Kim's water broke at 23 weeks and 5 days in her pregnancy. Carmine was born at 24 weeks gestation; 16

weeks early. He was born weighing 1 pound 8 ounces, and was 12 inches long. He stayed in the neonatal intensive care unit (NICU) for 101 long days. Each day was a struggle but Carmine stayed strong through it all. He was a little fighter. Here are some challenges that he faced: When he was born his eyes were still fused and his skin was transparent. He was on the ventilator for 28 days and then graduated to a continuous positive airway pressure (CPAP) machine for another 27 days. He had 10 blood transfusions and needed assistance maintaining his own body temperature for 57 days. It wasn't until he was 28 days old that his parents could finally hold him for the first time.

Kim and Pat will never forget the minutes before Carmine was born when the doctors came in to tell them what to expect. They said that premature birth is the leading cause of death for newborns. And babies who do survive face the risk of serious lifelong health problems including learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, blindness, hearing loss, and other chronic conditions including asthma. After hearing that, all the expecting parents could do was pray that their little boy would be okay.

Four and a half years later Carmine is happy and healthy. His is a vivacious boy constantly dancing, laughing, being funny and beaming a great big smile.

Carmine now has a younger brother, Dante, who was born January 27, 2011. The March of Dimes helped to care for Kim and to make her pregnancy come to full term. Kim was able to have the wonderful experience of a normal delivery and to actually leave the hospital with baby in he arms.

By sharing our story, we hope to remind everyone of the urgency of the mission of the March of Dimes and inspire our friends and family to join our team. 🙏



(above) Pat Vella props the foot of his son Carmine who spent 101 days in a NICU.

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We formed our team in honor of Carmine. Our experience of frightening, touch-and-go days in neonatal intensive care is not the only one. Premature birth touches half a million babies and their families every year. Babies born too soon are more likely to die or have disabilities. Birth defects pose another serious threat - taking the lives of many babies and cause lifelong disabilities for thousands more. So it's important for us to help the March of Dimes help moms have full-term pregnancies and healthy babies.

No one is working harder than the March of Dimes

to understand the causes of prematurity and birth defects. March for Babies offers hope by raising funds for lifesaving research, education and innovative programs that offer hope for preventions and solutions for babies born too soon or with birth defects.

On May 1, 2011 the Vella family and friends will participate in the March for Babies in New Brunswick, a six mile walk to raise funds and awareness.

Anyone interested in participating or contributing can contact Kim at 908-403-8693 for further information.

Those who wish to contribute to the cause may do so through Carmine's personal March of Dimes webpage at www.marchforbabies.org/Carmine24.

The Vella Family, Kim, Pat, Carmine and Dante, thank all those who have contributed in the past and those who are considering helping this year. 🙏

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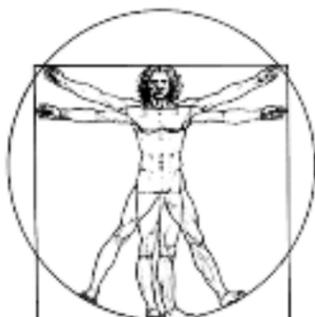
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Though Enza works tirelessly to coordinate her team she gives all credit to the amazing team members compiled of friends and family; some of which have lost their loved ones to the war in Iraq and Afghanistan.

This year the Hope & Possibility 5 Mile Run and Walk will be held on Sunday, June 26th in Central Park

- NYC. Regular team members as well as some new ones are encouraged to participate- anyone who would like to walk, roll or cheer along are welcomed to join.

Although they have suffered a tremendous loss supporting the Endow a Chair program has given team members an opportunity to give back to the veteran community while keeping their loved ones memory alive.

Enza is extremely appreciative of the ongoing love, friendship and of course donations directed to the cause. They make a difference everyday in the life of wounded veterans entering Walter Reed and Brooks Army Medical Center. Every time a service man or woman used one of the donated chairs they are given hope that they can overcome their obstacles.

LOAD UP ON CARBS (8 DAYS BEFORE THE RUN)

In addition to the annual run Enza is boosting her fundraising with a Pasta & Meatball Dinner at St Anthony's Church on the corner of Centre Street and Third Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ on Saturday, June 18th from 4 - 8.

Of course Enza is using Peterstown premier caterer John Sacco whose butcher shop is across the street from the Church and who is no stranger hosting fundraisers in the school cafeteria.

Enza is reaching out to the business community to donate prizes for their raffle portion of the event. Anyone interested in donating gift baskets or gift certificates and call Enza at (908) 451-7658.



Not for Nothing But...

I've been loading up on carbs three times a week for the last three months.



JUNE 26TH, 2011 THE ACHILLES HOPE & POSSIBILITY 5 MILER CENTRAL PARK, NY

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(above) A recipient of one of the donated chairs participating in the Hope & Possibility event.



(left) Award recipient Enza Holding Achilles Award with Joseph Beimfohr an eleven year Army Veteran and a Freedom Team Member.



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General Manager Michael Patracuolla oversees a rigorous routine of environmental cleanliness, not only within the production areas of the business but also on the outside of the building, on the sidewalks and streets adjacent to the building. One of the basic environmental concerns for everyone is debris ending up

in storm drains so Mike makes sure that the side walks and gutters are cleaned daily. His staff even washes down the brick facade of the building. Since storm water can wash oils and chemicals into the sewers, the company has a system to contain waste disposal and avoid releasing pollutants.

Mike and 814 Americas go beyond being a good business to being good neighbors and the company is equally committed to community service, a component of the 814's parent company, Patrick Cudahy, Inc., operating plant. Several times a year Mike volunteers to speak in front of organizations about environmental concerns. He personally likes to reach out to youth groups and educate them on environmental issues that he deals with as a business manager.

Mike made a presentation to the students of Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy which is across the street from his building on Centre Street. The talk was more inspirational than principal Deacon Joe Caporaso expected. The students were so inspired that the Academy is holding its first ever science fair.

The Academy is in the process of building an interactive science lab. An effort that is being supported by 814 and other businesses in the area.

The eighth grade students were challenged by Mike's lecture to develop their own hypotheses and conduct experiments to answer questions raised about the environment and the impact their actions may produce. The results will be presented at the science fair on May 19, 2011 at 5:30 and the public is welcome to attend.

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(above, l-r) Principal Joe Caporaso, Mike Patracuolla and science teacher Marie Penna discuss specifics of the Our Lady of Guadalupe science fare in which Mike will be one of the judges.

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OLGA GETS A FACE LIFT

The meat product company 814 Americas located across the street from Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy has offered to pay for the cost of landscaping that is needed in the front of the school.

General manager Mike Patracuolla is coordinating the effort using Union County Garden Landscape and Garden Supply located on St. Georges Avenue in Roselle, NJ for the material and plants. Owner Jim Palermo will also arrange for and oversee the labor. 🐾

(right) Before and after photo and illustration of the beautification project created by Joe Renna was proposed by Mike Patracuolla and Jim Palermo. The after photo shows a view of the landscaping with the fence cut away. The project includes removing the grass from the area and replacing it with mulch, planting new Azaleas and Cypress bushes and planting rows of tulips.



The beautification project is on the Academy's "Wish List" that Deacon Joe developed. Local businesses and individuals have been fulfilling wishes throughout the year. Anyone wanting to check out the list can call the school at 908-352-7419.

UNICO APPLIES THE COSMETICS

On Saturday April 9, 2011, members of the Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO participated in a community day event at Our Lady of Guadalupe School and St. Anthony's Church on Third Avenue and Centre Street. The group scraped and then repainted the fence surrounding the front of the school and church. After completing the job, the group was treated to lunch provided by John Sacco of Sacco's Meat Market on Third Avenue.

UNICO is a national organization whose objective is to promote and enhance the Image of Italian Americans; for members to be of service to the community; to promote Italian heritage and culture; to promote, support and assist charitable, scientific, cultural, educational, and literary projects; to promote members' interest in public welfare; and to cooperate with others in civic, social and cultural development.

Community service day was a national program prompting local chapters to participate. UNICO members Courtney Villani of Villani Bus Company and Attorney Rocco DiPaola promoted the proposal to help St. Anthony's parish and coordinated the effort much to the appreciation of Pastor Fr. Thomas Provanzano and Principal Deacon Joseph Caparoso. 🐾



(above, l-r) Volunteering Unicans Deacon Joe Caporaso, Paul Rinaldi, Anthony Zengaro, Rocco DiPaola, Joseph Marretta (President), Salvatore Coppia. Also participating but not pictured were Tom Fowler, Joe Chiari, Lou Bani, George Marreta, Henry Marcantonio, Drew Marcantonio, Dino Amato. Photo by Darren Bryden - facebook.com/elizabeth.speaks



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(above) Goodman's Deli owner Don Parkin.

(right) Many of the wait staff at Goodman's, like Laura, have been on board since the Elizabeth days.



(left) Rabian serving a Pastrami on Rye, Beef Brisket sandwich and a side of Cole Slaw.

GOODMAN'S ANSWERS CALL TO SAVE THE DELI

Goodman's was once a premier Jewish Deli in Elizabeth, NJ. A landmark on Elmora Avenue since its opening in 1943. But like many communities the culture in the shopping district changed over the years and many of the shops along the avenue lost their Jewish traditions.

This is not unique to Elizabeth. The decimation of Delis in general is wide spread. There is just a handful of Jewish delicatessens left in Brooklyn, once the Jewish deli capital of the world. The plight inspired author David Sax to pen the book "Save the Deli." The book was the inspiration for Don Parkin to return Goodman's to its original tradition.

The one big difference in Goodman's revival is that the Deli is now located on Springfield Avenue in Berkeley Heights, a few towns west of Elizabeth, about 20 miles away. Goodman's moved to that location in 1999 when the Elizabeth Deli was bought by a Greek owner. Goodman's was then sold to owners who were Egyptian. In the course of the move and change of ownership the cuisine moved in a direction away from its roots.

Enter Don Parkin. Don grew up in a Jewish neighborhood in Chicago where there was a deli on every corner. He moved to Denver and suffered a culture shock when he couldn't find not even one Jewish deli in the three years he lived there. He grew homesick. He had the opportunity to move back east and was determined to find an area where he could find the diversity of cultures that he craved.

In 2005 he moved to New Jersey. His father was originally from Maplewood and his brother was living in Summit. He settled in New Providence and the first thing that caught his eye driving around his new surroundings was a sign that read "Goodman's Deli".

Don became a regular customer and though he liked the food it lacked the authenticity that he knew so well.

Parkin wasn't a cook nor did he ever own a restaurant he was in the computer software business. But a strange turn of events happened in a way that made him a deli owner seemed natural, almost destiny. In 2010 Goodman's was up for sale and he was at a point where he could switch gears in his career. He was on a mission to save the Deli.

Don knew he wasn't the only person who missed the Jewish Deli experience and his hunch was right. Goodman's is abuzz with customers raving over the new menu, Corned Beef, Pastrami, Brisket of Beef, Matzo Ball Soup, Chopped Liver, Potato pancakes, all the top dishes on the hit parade. Don ensures that only the best quality meats and food products are used and prepares his dishes using tried and true recipes.

Goodman's is now experiencing a revival of customers old and new from near and far. It is not uncommon for folks from Elizabeth to drive the twenty minutes for a taste of the past. 🐾



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Sweet swirls of icing atop moist handheld cakes taste extra yummy this month at JoAnne's Luncheonette because this month buying cupcakes can save lives! From April 18 to May 6, JoAnne's Luncheonette will sell cancer awareness ribbon topped cupcakes to raise money for the American Cancer Society. 100% of every special cupcake sold during "Cupcakes for a Cause" will be donated to the upcoming local Relay for Life fundraiser. According to the American Cancer Society, Relay For Life is an overnight event designed to raise money for research and local American Cancer Society programs. During the event, teams of people gather at schools, fairgrounds, or parks and take turns walking or running laps motivated by sponsors backing every step with donations.

Companies selling products to assist charities often donate only a portion of the purchase or just profits after costs have been deducted, but not at JoAnne's. It is important to owners Marie and Chris Pasko and Victor and Phyllis Fernandez that the entire purchase price goes directly to the cause. Five years ago cancer took the life of Joseph DeMarco, JoAnne's Luncheonette founder and father of current owners, so this cause is particularly close to their hearts. When asked why they are generously donating cupcakes and selling them for three weeks, Pasko emphasized the importance of everyone doing their part for the cause, "It's what we can do."

Buying cupcakes is what you can do to support the "Cupcakes for a Cause" event. Orders will be accepted in advance and are encouraged for purchases of 6 or more cupcakes. Call JoAnne's Luncheonette at (908) 355-3513 or look for them on Facebook for more information. 🍪

(left) Marie and daughter Beverly of JoAnne's Luncheonette display Cupcakes for a Cause with Sal Coppa. The cupcake fundraising drive is to benefit American Cancer Society Relay for Life .

Photo by Darren Bryden - facebook.com/elizabeth.speaks



Recipe

Submitted by Phyllis Fernandez of Joanne's Luncheonette - Elizabeth, NJ
Sour Cream Coffee Cake

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 3/4 sticks butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tsp baking powder
- 1 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1 cup sour cream (1/2 pint)

PREPARATION:

- 1) preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease and flour a tube pan
 - 2) Cream the butte and add sugar, cream together until light and fluffy
 - 3) Add one egg at a time beating thoroughly after each addition
 - 4) Add vanilla
 - 5) Sift flour, baking powder, baking soda and salt together then add these dry ingredients a small amount at a time and beat thoroughly.
 - 6) Blend in sour cream.
- you can use the topping if you like or bake it plain. You may choose to use chocolate chips or nuts or create your own topping.
- if you like
- ### TOPPING:
- 1/4 c sugar
 - 1/2 c chopped walnuts or other
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- 1) Pour 1/2 the batter into the pan sprinkle on 1/2 of the topping, gently spread the remaining batter over this and sprinkle on the rest of the topping.
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Union County, for one reason or another, has produced a cornucopia of pro mat talent over the years, and this night will showcase many of them, such as current NWS Tag-Team Champions The Jersey Shore Jocks (Chris D'Andrea & Mike Dennis), plus area standouts Nick Talent, "Too Hot" Steve Scott, and Nick Gregory who will be climbing the pro wrestling ladder



by taking on none other than the aforementioned Honky-Tonk Man.

Also on the bill will be local standouts Ryan Angus, the mysterious Snake-Eyez plus everyone's favorite

former West Virginia hillbilly, now living in Union County, who will be serving as a special guest enforcer that evening, Hillbilly Justin Blackwell.

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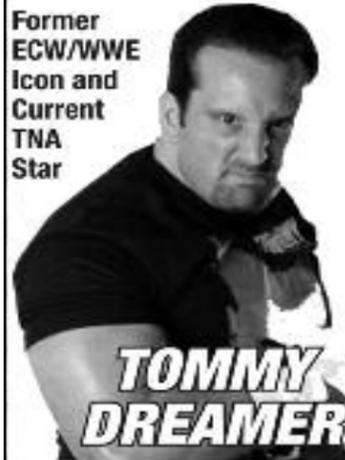
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(above) Angelo found his dad, Gabriel Mancione, in this 1930's photo reprinted in the December 2010 issue of Around About Peterstown.



PHOTO SPARKS WALK DOWN MEMORY LANE

Angelo Mancione spotted his father, Gabriel, in a photo of St. Anthony's Alter boys that appeared in the December 10 issue of Around About Peterstown. It was an unexpected surprise and prompted memories of his dad and mom that he would like to share with other readers of the newspaper along with those of himself and his sister.

Gabriel Mancione was married to Lucy, nee Cornacchio and they had 2 children, Angelo and Tina. Gabriel lived in Elizabeth, Peterstown section, until he passed away in November, 1975. Lucy recently passed away on March 1, 2011.

Lucy was born in Elizabeth and resided there for 69 years; she then moved to Linden prior to returning to Elizabeth. She was a cafeteria and bus aide with the Elizabeth Board of Education for 10 years, retiring in 1985.

Gabriel served in the Marine Corps, Participated in the occupation of Tarawa, Gilbert Islands, from November 1943 to April 1944 and also participated in the liberation of the Philippine Islands, October 1944 to December 1944. He was discharged as a Corporal in 1945. Gabriel was then employed at Butler Aviation Newark Airport and also worked for Local Laborers Union 394.

Angelo served 4 years in the Marine Corp., serving in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967 with the 2nd battalion, 4th marines, 3rd marine division. Angelo was assigned to weapons platoon, 6th marines at Camp Lejune, North Carolina. Upon returning from the Marine Corp. Angelo worked for a pharmaceutical company as an Environmental Control Operator. Angelo and his wife Louise moved to Toms River after living in Branchburg for 20 years.

Tina now resides in Linden with her husband Pat Fredella and their son, Justin. Tina is employed by a local bank in Elizabeth.

Gabriel had one brother, Peter. Their parents were Angelo & Concetta (both parents are deceased).

Peter was married to Louise, who passed away in 1997. They had one daughter, Linda, who became a science teacher after graduating from college and is now working in clinical research at a large pharmaceutical company specializing in Alzheimer and Parkinson Disease research. Peter was a flight mechanic in the U.S. Navy for several years.

Lucy was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Deen and Caroline Ayala, and three brothers, Ralph, Rocco and Frank Cornacchio.

She is survived by three sisters, Philomena Cornacchio, Rosemarie Znamierowski, and Mildred Lopez; a brother James Cornacchio. 🐾



Gabriel Mancione - 1945.



Angelo Mancione - 1966



On behalf of the Mancione and Fredella family, we would like to extend our sincere gratitude to all our friends and family for all the support, sympathy and prayers during our time of need with loss of our mother, Lucy Mancione. A special thank you to the members of the Elizabeth Police Department.
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(above) Esther, at a Nigro family Reunion in 2007.

PASQUALINA "ESTHER" NIGRO

Pasqualina "Esther" Nigro, 87, of Berkeley Township, N.J., died peacefully, on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at Community Medical Center, with her entire family by her side. The family will receive friends on Wednesday, March 30, from 2 to 7 p.m. at the Quinn-Hopping Funeral Home, 26 Mule Road, Toms River, N.J. Funeral services will be held on Thursday, March 31, at 12 noon at the funeral home. Interment will follow in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, N.J. Condolences may be sent to www.quinn-hoppingfh.com. Born and raised in Elizabeth, N.J., Esther moved to Berkeley in 1977. She was predeceased by her husband, Frank; her parents, Salvatore and Rose Marino, and her sister, Bonita Cadigan. She is survived by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Concetta Nigro; her loving grandchildren, Estee and Charles Mailot, Frank and Lisa Nigro, Angela Florie, Concetta and Elio Ippolito, Daniella and Joe Buckbee, and her cherished great-grandchildren, Frank, Tiffini, Nicole, Vincent, Donato, Alexa and Nico; also surviving are her sister, Frances Senkowsky of Palm Coast, Fla., and many nieces and nephews. 🐾

JUAN "RALPH" REYES

Juan "Ralph" Reyes, 59, of Elizabeth, N.J., passed away on Friday, April 8, 2011, at home. Ralph was born in Lima, Peru, and came to Elizabeth in 1973, and had lived there since then. He worked for the Department of Public Works for the city of Elizabeth for 20 years. Ralph was a member of the Sons of Peterstown and enjoyed a good card game with his friends. Ralph is survived by his loving mother, Maria Reyes; his dear brother, Jose (Paco) Lino, and sisters, Graciela and Carmen Lino of Peru, and many aunts, uncles, cousins, and his adoring niece and nephews. 🐾

JOSEPH L. GAMBINO



Joseph L. Gambino, 59, passed away on Feb. 12, 2011. Mr. Gambino was a lifelong resident of Elizabeth. He was a union electrician with IBEW Local 675 in Elizabeth, where he also served as vice president. Recently Mr. Gambino worked with Local 102 in Parsippany, N.J. He worked for 37 years, retiring in 2009. He was also a member of the Rahway Arts Guild, and the Knights of Columbus in Kenilworth, N.J. Mr. Gambino was very active in St. Genevieve's Church. He sang in the choir, and sang and played guitar at the first Sunday Mass of the month. Mr. Gambino was a talented musician and played in bands, and also worked as a DJ. He was an avid runner and ran in many races, including four marathons. Mr. Gambino was a staunch advocate for Native American rights. He loved people, music, and gardening. Mr. Gambino is survived by his wife of 37 years, Marguerite "Meg" (Higgins) Gambino; his daughter, Lauren B. Gambino, and his son, Kristofor L. Gambino and his wife, Ashley. He is the son of Carolyn (Gallo) Gambino and the late Joseph J. Gambino. Mr. Gambino is also survived by many brothers and sisters-in-law; nieces and nephews; grandnieces and nephews, and a host of cousins, all of whom loved him dearly. 🐾



(above, l-r) Millie with granddaughter Madison, Son David and Husband Charles.

MILDRED "MILLIE" HIGGINS

Mildred "Millie" Higgins (nee Russo), 68, passed away on Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011. Born in Madison, N.J., Mildred resided in Elizabeth for the past 50 years.

Mildred was a stay at home mom raising her three children. The youngest of 21 children she met her husband Charles at the Twin City Roller Rink in Newark. Charles was from a big family also with 13 brothers and a sister.

Charles ran the family produce business in the open air market in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth.

Surviving are her beloved husband, Charles J. Higgins Sr.; two sons, Charles J. Jr. and David M. Higgins; a daughter, Mildred Manresa; three brothers, John, Niel and James Russo; five grandchildren, Arnaldo and Eric Manresa, Charles J. Higgins III, Cody Higgins and Madison Higgins, and a great-grandchild, Tyler Manresa.

She was very popular and well liked. She will be missed by many. 🐾

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(left, r-l) Rox-Jan's parents Janet (nee Klinger) also from Elizabeth, and Rocky had one son, Mark-Allen and three daughters, Rox-Jan, Lisa-Michelle and Shelly-Karen, all spelt with hyphens included.



(above, l-r) Rocky holding his first of four grandchildren Amanda Vahn, daughter of Shelly-Karen, in 1977. With eight great grandchildren to follow.

Rox-Jan Cantillo (RJ) moved to Rhode Island after getting married. She returned to New Jersey after her husband passed away and for the last three years has been on a quest to reconnect with her family. It was tough to keep connected over the long distance while she was away and all her aunts and uncles, but for one, have passed away. She did not know all of her cousins growing up because her family tree was a bit out of the ordinary.

RJ's grandfather was Vito Santo Cantillo. He was married to Maria Concetta Loffa and they had eight children. Catarina, Jenny, Elsie, Helen Lucy, Concetta, Rafaela and Rocco. In 1918 RJ's grandmother died of influenza and her grandfather remarried a woman by the name of Rose Netta. Rose had five children of her own, Rosehetta, Josephine, Janet, Anne and Frank. Rose and Vito had one child together and that was Mike Cautillo. Why the "N" in Cantillo changes to a "U" is a mystery.

RJ's father Rocco was just 18 months old when his mother died. Mike is five years younger than he was. Vito's and Rose's family had three distinct divisions connected with them being the connection. The siblings related through the marriage were all either in their teens or were already adults. So the family bond was not as solid as if they grew up together from birth.

RJ was much younger than most of the cousins so she did not have the opportunity to know them as a child.

Another obstacle that RJ faces in trying to find her cousins is that she does not know the last names of any of the married females.

Vito Cantillo raised his family in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ at 549 Fourth Avenue. She found a 1947 photo of her father in the June 1999 issue of the Peterstown Newspaper. She emailed the publisher, Joe Renna, who happened to have grown up at 534 Fourth Avenue, and explained that she was trying to find any hint that would lead her to her family.

It just so happens that her Uncle Mike, soul survivor of her 13 aunts and uncles is still living in Elizabeth and is a regular visitor to the Peterstown Community Center. Rox-Jan, as her family calls her, drove from New Brunswick to meet her Uncle and Aunt Jossie. It was a wonderful reunion and many other seniors there were able to share stories of her family with her.

Rox-Jan is in regular contact with her aunt and uncle and getting closer to finding her cousins. She is hoping that with the exposure that she gets from her story in the Peterstown Newspaper and her newly created Facebook account that her cousins will try to find her.

She has a dream of getting together with as many as she can at a party. It is her Uncle Mike's 90th Birthday on August 30th. RJ thinks that it would be even more special for him to see everyone together. 🍷

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ROX-JAN HAS MANY PHOTOS TO REFER TO



(above, circled) Rocky in a Kingston Club Softball team photo that RJ saw in an old Peterstown newspaper.



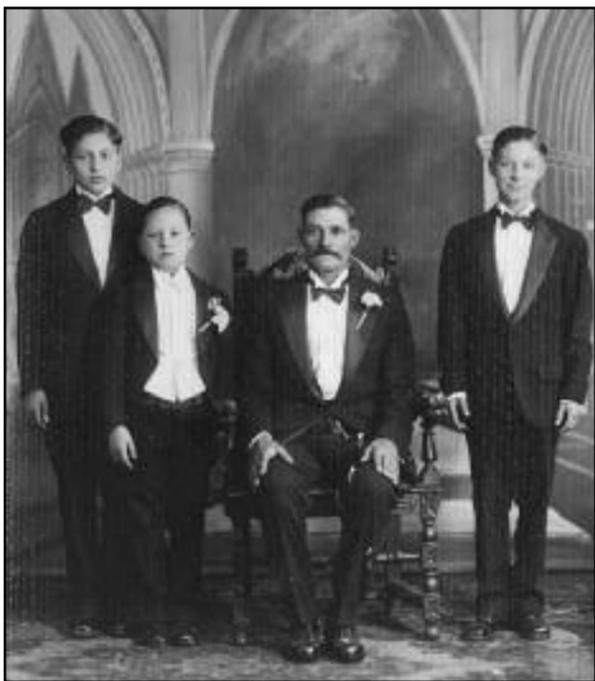
(above) Mike Cautillo and his Dad Vito.



(above) Rocky Cantillo.



(above) Rocky in the service.



(above, l-r) Frank Netta, Mike Cautillo, Vito Santo Cantillo and Rocky Cautillo at the wedding of their sister Elsie Cautillo to Peter Lacraccio in 1930.



(above three photos, l-r) Frank, Rocky and baby Mickey; Lucy, Helen and fanny; Anna, Concetta and Jeanette.

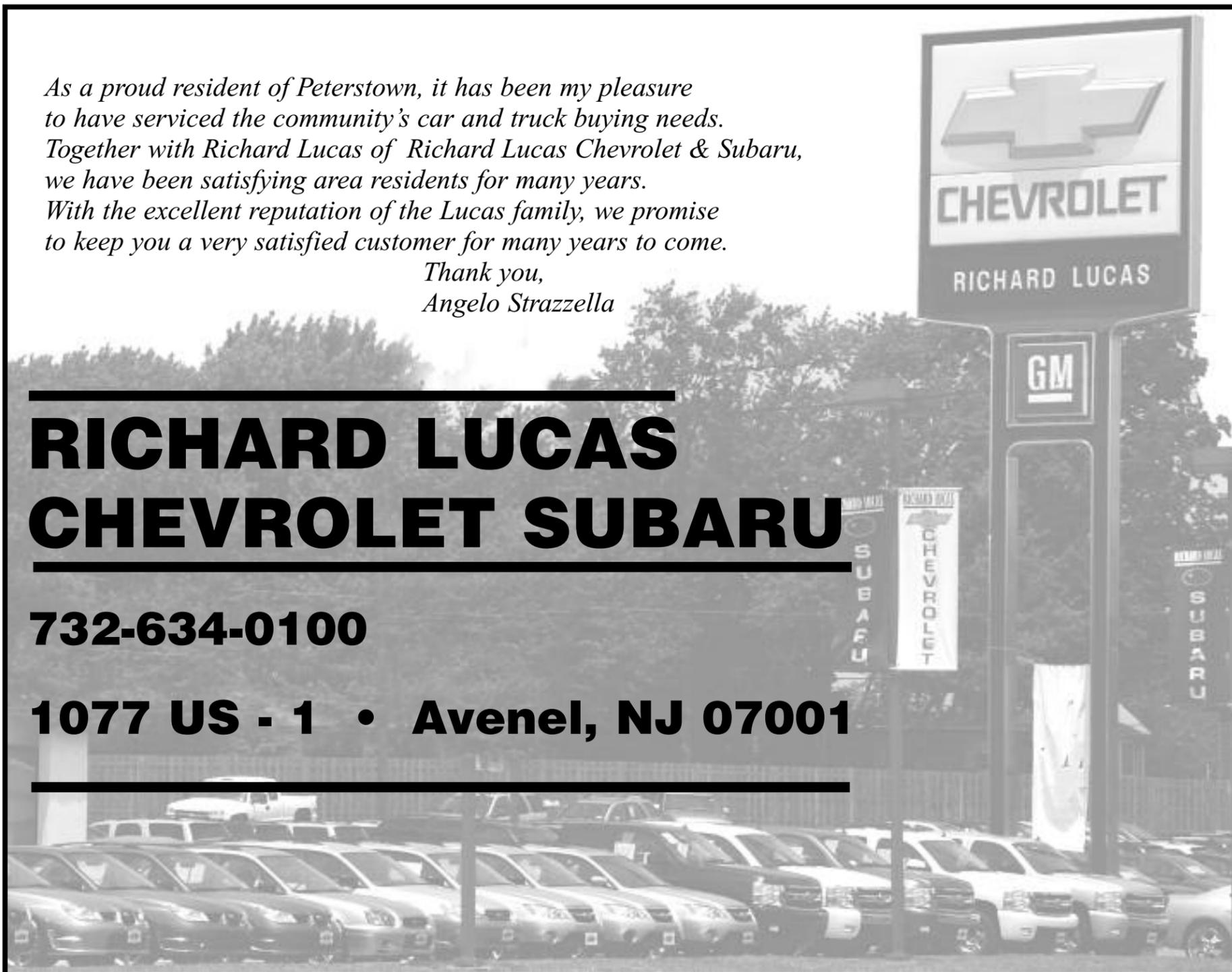
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DEAN OF CHESS ATTEMPTS NEW GUINNESS BOOK OF WORLD RECORD



(above, r-l) Dawn (nee Novi) Ippolito, Dean's wife and his second throughout the event were blessed before the games began by Rev. Edmund A. Luciano III. The event was hosted by St. Ann's school in Raritan, NJ.



(above) Proceeds went to benefit Sgt. John Basilone Knights of Columbus and Columbiette service organization who ran the concessions for the day.

Photos of the event can be found at PeterstownNJ.com

DEAN OF CHESS ACADEMY

Dean Ippolito is one of few International Masters in the United States. IM Ippolito, who attained the elite level of International Master in 1999, is a ten-time All-America Team member, eleven-time National Champion and one of the foremost and recognizable chess players in the United States. Not only has IM Ippolito been successful as a player, but a coach as well. He has coached thirteen nationally ranked scholastic players, nine of whom are ranked in the top 10 nationally for their respective age groups, and has a total of eight national championships as a coach. This includes two-time National Champion Eric Liao, who won his first national title at the age of four making him the youngest player to win a national title in history.

IM Ippolito learned chess from his father, Joe Ippolito, the former president of the New Jersey State Chess Federation. IM Ippolito grew up in Boonton, NJ and currently resides in Whitehouse Station, NJ with his wife and two kids.

To learn more about Dean Ippolito, and the game of chess please visit his website at: www.deanofchess.com or visit the store located at: Dean of Chess Academy – 3150 US Highway 22: (908) 595-0066.

International Master Dean Ippolito started learning to play chess from his father before he was three years old. At six he played at Carnegie Hall in his first chess tournament. Dean regularly conducts simultaneous chess exhibitions playing against dozens of players at a time. His first was at the age of ten. On April 9, 2011 he set out to establish a new mark for the Guinness Book of World Records.

The attempt was marred by dubious foreign characters and international intrigue. Dean had planned to set a new record by playing 500 people in November of 2010 beating the existing one of 360. As the event was being promoted news came out of Iran that Grand Master (GM) Morteza Mahjoob had claimed the record by playing a 500 game simul. The event had full support of the Iranian Government and was under the supervision of the Iranian Chess Federation.

In cold war fashion Israel could not sit idly by while Iran reigned supreme and so the state sanctioned its own crack at the record and GM alike Gershon beat the Iranian record and set the mark at 517 games! This was just two weeks before Dean's scheduled event.

Both the Iranian and Israeli governments accused each other of cheating and that the qualifications of those he played were vague and thought not "to be of suitable standard." At closer examination the accusations were not far fetched. There was evidence of participants playing who didn't know how the pieces moved. The warm bodies in the seats did make for a good photo-op.

The only solution for Guinness was to officially retire the event. Dean postponed his event until April and Guinness reinstated the event but now with rules and higher standards calling it the "Professional" World Record. In the mean time, in February another Iranian GM, Ehsan Ghaem Maghami broke the Israeli Record with a claim that he played 604 players. Not only that but he claimed to have won 97.35% of the games.

Guinness ignored the press release and sanctioned Dean's upcoming event. Rules governing the event stated, in part, that challengers are required to have a minimum established rating of 1000 from the US Chess Federation or FIDE (International Chess Federation). Dean, who is rated 2555, must also win a minimum of 80 percent of his games.

This rule extremely limits the pool of players that can participate. Not all players are USCF or FIDE members and not all are rated over 1000. The limitations caused

Dean to redefine his goal. He figured under these guidelines that 100 players would be quite an accomplishment. So he set out to recruit at least that many players.

Since this was the first attempt at the new established world record Dean would be establishing the first mark for all comers to beat. And so he thought. Just a few weeks before his April event, news came out of Iran that GM Mahjoob had just set the world record of 136 games using the new Guinness criteria.

The jury was out concerning if Guinness would recognize the Iranian record but Dean had to scramble to attract another 37 players to set a mark without controversy. His team senses that it was almost impossible to do. There just wasn't enough time.

Dean soldiered on. He wanted to cap the ratings of his opponents but decided to accept Fide Masters as opponents. Games against FMs would be difficult enough one-on-one. Dean played over 100 players but only 91 qualified for the record. The level of players that came out was very high. With the highest rated player on board 1, the player on board 14 was still rated 1900, an A player.

Other rules say that Ippolito is not allowed to sit and is required to eat and drink while standing during the duration of the event. He is allowed a 3-minute bathroom break. Dean moves from board to board taking just seconds to read the position and make a move. It is estimated he will walk about 30 miles by the time the event is completed.

Not only does Dean have to endure the mental strain but the physical challenge brought on by fatigue. If he spent 10 seconds on each move it would take him almost 17 minutes to make one round. The time he takes to complete one cycle is how long his opponent has to think while they wait for his return.

Since he began giving simul at ten years of age and Dean hasn't lost in over 10 years. That is over exhibition 15,000 games without a loss. That run ended when former New Jersey State Champ and FID Master Steve Stoyko (2200) beat him.

Dean's final statistics were were 67 wins, 20 draws, and 4 losses for a winning percentage of 84.6%. The last "man" standing against Dean was 15 year old Sasha Romayev, who played from 10:30 a.m. until 8:40 p.m. before she was checkmated.

Guinness did not award him a record but 32 year old Dean has time for other attempts.

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IM Dean Ippolito (2555) – Joe Renna (1196)
 Simultaneous Exhibition, Raritan, NJ 04/09/2011
 D90 Gruenfeld Defense (by transposition)

Notes by John Moldovan

1. d4, d5 2. c4, Nf6?!

This variation is inferior because, after White takes on d5, Black will have to recapture with a piece and lose time. He should have reinforced his center with a pawn (2...e6/2...c6) or captured on c4.

3. cxd5, Nxd5

3...Qxd5 4. Nc3, Qa5 5. Nf3 is no better.

4. e4

4.Nf3 (!), denying the thematic ...e7-e5, is precise.

4. ...Nf6

4...Nb6 5.Nf3 Bg4 is playable.

5. Nc3

5.Bd3 e5! 6.dxe5 Ng4 7.Bb5+ [7.Nf3 Nc6 8.Bg5 Be7 9.Bxe7 Qxe7 10.Nc3 Nxe5 11.Nxe5 (Alekhine - Marshall : Baden-Baden 1925) Nxe5 =] c6 8.Qxd8+ Kxd8 9.Be2 Nxe5 (Cody - Muschalek : correspondence, ICCF 1996) 10.Nc3 was an option.

5. ...g6

This turns our Queen's Gambit into 1.d4 Nf6 2.c4 g6 3.Nc3 d5 4.cxd5 Nxd5 5.e4 Nf6?!, a 3rd-rate line of the Gruenfeld (One normally plays 5...Nxc3 and even 5...Nb6 is preferable). Better was 5...e5! 6.Nf3 (or 6.dxe5 Qxd1+ 7.Kxd1 Ng4 8.Nd5 Nxf2+ 9.Ke2 Nxh1 10.Nxc7+ Kd8 11.Nxa8 Bg4+ 12.Nf3 Nc6 13.Be3 Kc8 14.Kd2 Bb4+ 15.Kc2 Kb8 Djubek - Krajinak : Bratislava 1992) exd4 7.Qxd4 Qxd4 8.Nxd4 Bc5 9.Ndb5 Na6 10.Bf4 Bb6 11.Be2 0-0 12.0-0 Be6 Maedler - A. Spraggett: correspondence, Women's Olympiad, ICCF 2008, with just a minimal disadvantage.

6. Bc4, Bg7 7. e5, Nfd7 8. Nf3, Nb6 9. Bb3, h6

This new move isn't bad but I'd rather see Joe develop his pieces, as in Schneider - Oesterle : Pinneberg 1996, which continued 9...Nc6 10.h3 Bf5 11.0-0 0-0 12.Be3 Na5 13.Bc2 Bxc2 14.Qxc2 Nc6 15.a3 e6 16.b3 Nd5 +/-.

10. 0-0, Nc6 11. Re1, e6 12. Ne4, Nd5 13. Bxd5?! 13.Bd2 0-0 14.h4, with a clear advantage and an attack, was best but, when you are playing multiple games,

simplifying and avoiding complexities is a sensible approach.

13. ...Qxd5 14. Nc3, Qc4??

The Q is too exposed here. 14...Qd8 +/-, running away, was more circumspect.

15. d5??

15.Re4 +-, threatening to win the Nc6 via double attack, (16.d5 Q moves 17.dxc6) was right.

15 ...exd5 16. Nxd5, Ne7??

This protects c7 but loses a piece. 16...0-0 17.Nxc7 Rb8, with compensation for the sacrificed pawn, was required.

17. Nf6+, Bxf6

Forced. 17...Kf8 allows 18.Qd8#

18. exf6, Be6

Black could have resigned here, especially since his opponent had 90 other games to deal with.

19. fxe7, Kxe7 20. Be3, Rhd8 21. Qc1, Qxc1 22.

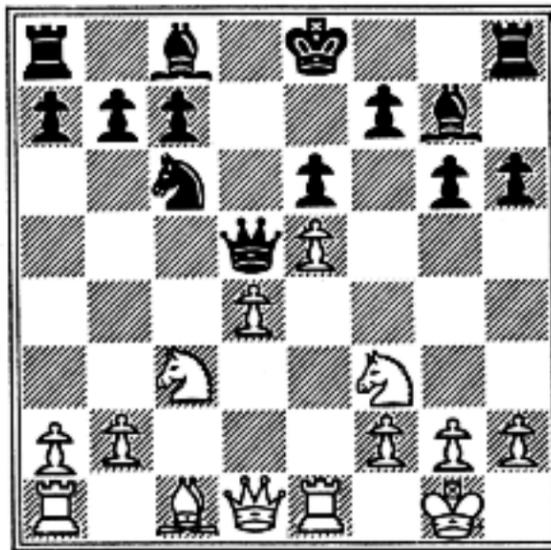
Raxc1, c6 23. Bxh6, Rd5 24. Be3, Kd6 25. Bf4+, Ke7

26. Ng5, Kd7 27. Nxe6, fxe6 28. Rcd1, Rf8 29. Be3,

a6 30. h4, Rff5 31. g4, Rxd1 32. Rxd1+, Rd5 33.

Rxd5+, cxd5 34. Bd4, Ke8 35. Kg2, Kf7 36. Kf3 1-0

(below) Diagram after 14. Nc3



(above, l-r) IM Dean Ippolito shakes hands with Joe Renna, who played board 79, before the start of their game at his world record simul event.

Peterstown unofficial Chess Laureate participated in an attempt by Dean Ippolito to set a world record for simultaneous chess. It took Dean six hours to play the first 20 moves of the 100 games. By that time he had 20 wins, 9 draws and 0 losses. Renna, always the optimist, was able to hang on for 36 moves before resigning.

(left) The score of the Renna-Ippolito game brutally annotated by John Moldovan.

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