



## STREET NAMED FOR FOUR SEASON'S JOE LONG

Joe Long, the bassist for the Four Seasons, was honored by the City of Elizabeth by naming a street Joe Long Way. Joe LaBracio was born and raised on High Street in the Peterstown neighborhood. The street sign, at the corner of Third Avenue, now bears his name as a tribute to his accomplishments as a musician.

The tribute was spearheaded by John Moretti who sparked the idea during a conversation with Councilman Frank Cuesta. The two worked together in seeing the project through to completion, starting with a meeting with Joe Long to see if he approved of the idea. Joe felt it was an honor and supported the effort. This got the ball rolling and, with unanimous support from Mayor Chris Bollwage and the entire Council, a resolution was drafted and the ceremony was planned to unveil the street sign on Sunday, July 27, 2014.

Joe Long was bassist for The Four Seasons for eleven years, from 1965 to 1975. The band was first formed in 1960 with Frankie Valli as the lead singer and in 1962 had their first #1 hit with "Sherry". The band had a remarkable string of hits in the Billboard Top 40. Long's contribution was multi-faceted. Along with playing bass he sang and played rhythm guitar.

On-stage he provided much of the MC duties. He engaged the audience with humor and provided continuity throughout the concert. Behind the scenes, Joe was involved in conducting accompanying orchestras. His training in music theory, arranging and harmonizing had great influence on song development.



(above, l-r) Frankie Valli, Joe Long, Tommy DeVito, Bob Gaudio.

Joe was classically trained on the bass, and started out playing a lot of jazz. A tragic accident while working at the Singer sewing machine factory derailed his ability to play music for a few years until his mangled left hand was reconstructed. Joe was right handed but when he returned to music, he began playing left handed. He could no longer manage to play the piano and his hand was not strong enough to play the standup bass. Playing classical music and jazz was too rigorous. He switched to a Fender bass and began listening more closely to Rock and Roll music. Joe's first band was called The Rockets and he played with other groups before he was called to audition for The Four Seasons when he was 24 years old.

Hundreds of adoring fans gathered at the street sign ceremony and to share in Joe's big day. Many Peterstown folks were there along with Joe's extended family, but there were also fans who came far and wide to be part of the event. Joe was gracious to everyone. He never refused a request for a photo or autograph, which must have numbered in the hundreds. Remarks from the mayor were followed by a presentation of the resolution by city council. Joe was presented with a replica of the street sign that was unveiled by John Moretti. Everyone in attendance was invited to walk over to Our lady of Guadalupe Academy school cafeteria adjacent to St. Anthony's Church for food, refreshments, and a continuation of the program. An impressive compilation of letters from his colleagues and musicians was read, all in praise of Joe's ability and character. It was evident that he was well respected and admired in the industry. He was praised for his work ethic, loyalty, friendship, honesty, professionalism and talent, to name just a few traits that makes him special. Vintage film clips of Joe and his music were featured in a video presentation prior to Joe giving a heartfelt speech. He was grateful for the honor and humbled by the praise. Most of all he was happy to see so many old friends from the neighborhood come out to support him. He credited his parents, Joe and Mary (Picaro), for his success. Their love, guidance and support shaped his character. He also acknowledged the influence of his friends and neighbors in Peterstown, "The greatest neighborhood to grow up in." 🎸

(left, l-r) Elizabeth Councilman Frank Mazza holds the ladder as Councilman Frank Cuesta applauds John Moretti unveiling the Joe Long Way street sign much to the delight of Joe Long and Mayor Chris Bollwage.





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#### President's Message



What a difference a day makes. The day after the June 2014 issue of the *Peterstown Newspaper* went to press a meeting was held at St. Anthony's Church in order to inform council members that the Salesians of Don Bosco are withdrawing from the parish and the Archdiocese will now run it.

The Salesians have been involved in St. Anthony's for 91 years and many of us identify with the order on a personal level. We have gotten know all the priests, brothers and nuns who have come and gone. The church and school was such a big part of our lives that the staff was like family. This is why the news was so hard for many to take.

Ironically, the June issue, and the April issue of the *Peterstown newspaper* featured cover stories about how the Church is experiencing a period of growth.

The Salesians are leaving because they no longer have enough priests to staff all the parishes that they are involved in. Maybe this is a sign that our parish is so strong that we are trusted to stand on our own. Like children who leave home to find their own way.

God bless,  
John Sacco, President  
Sons of Peterstown Sports Club

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## Letters to the Editor



Dear Joe,

As a graduate of St Anthony's grammar school (which my brother and I both attended from pre-school until 8th grade) I was pleased to bring my wife and our three boys to this year's Festa Di San Vito street fair.

My grandparents Emilo and Julia Gabriele lived on South Spring Street and we spent a lot of our time there. I got to show my boys the neighborhood where we spent so much time as children and got to enjoy some pizza and Italian ice from DiCosmos. We all had a wonderful time. I have attached a picture of the boys (Michael, John, and Daniel) from our time at the fair.

Sincerely,  
Sgt John Mayer, Elizabeth PD



(above) Michael, John, and Daniel Mayer at the Festa Di San Vito street fair.

(right, top) The statue of St. Vito is carried from St. Anthony's church on its way through the streets of Peterstown to the Feast on the corner of Fourth Avenue and High Street.

(right) Percussionists from the The Elizabeth High School marching band lead the procession behind the Statue of St. Vito



Dear Joe,

Congratulations on your *Peterstown Book*. My dad, Bob Fernandez, has the book and it is a wonderful and historical treasure about Peterstown.

Dad has authored his second book at this time and it will be available on line in late July 2014. It is a treasure of his boxing stories that he wants to share with all boxing fans. The book will be available on [www.mcfarlandpub.com](http://www.mcfarlandpub.com).

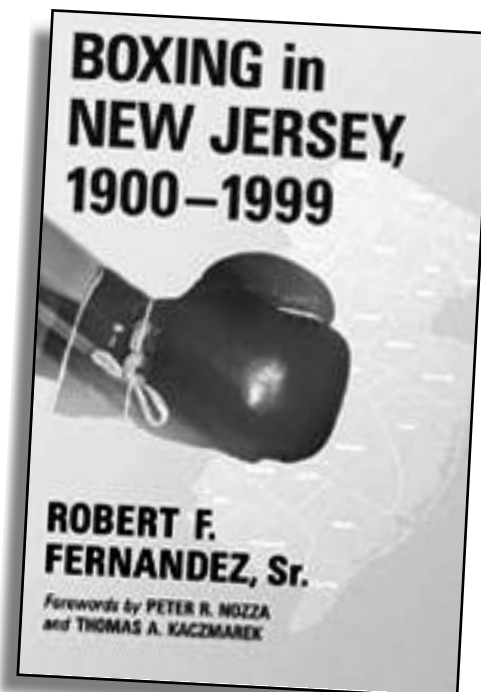
As you may know, dad is now 81 years of age and lives in Albrightsville, Pennsylvania. He is in poor health. This second book is a true labor of love for him and he just wants to share the stories.

*Peterstown boxers from years gone by are honored here. It is a wonderful compilation of stories.*

Thank you,  
Sandy Fernandez Rinker

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(above) Boxing in New Jersey, 1900-1999

By Robert F. Fernandez, Sr.  
Forewords by Peter R. Nozza  
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The morality taught is second nature. Doing unto others as I wish they do unto me, is a good start to every decision I make. But what do I do when the feeling is not mutual? There goes the rub. 🐾



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



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FINAL FARE WELL FROM THE DESK OF THE PASTOR

Father Patrick Angelucci, S.D.B. Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - A, 2014

It is with a heart filled with mixed emotions that I write this “From the Desk of the Pastor” message to you, this week. August 1st marked one year since I was given the graced gift to come here to St. Anthony Parish as your pastor. I remember sharing with many of you that it was a BIG change and challenge for me to come to a parish but, soon enough, I experienced, first-hand, the warmth, affection and support of so many of you, that I knew I was “at home” and so began to face the challenges and plan for the future. I will never forget how, with my stomach churning , I faced the 7AM Mass crowd to tell them we had to cancel that Mass.....I was not sure what to expect. Nor will I ever forget the response I got: “We understand, Father; you’re alone; don’t worry about it; most of us can come at 8:30; take care of yourself!” That morning I knew that I was surrounded by wonderful and caring people who loved their Salesians....and that experience has lived with me every day since throughout this year.

Just a month ago, we received the letters from Fr. Provincial and from the Archbishop announcing that as of August 17th, we Salesians are withdrawing from the parish and returning it to the archdiocese after 91 years of Salesian presence.

It is an announcement that has brought with it great sadness, confusion and anxiety for the future. “What will become of us?” I want to recall the beautiful words which Archbishop Myers wrote to us that day: “It is never easy when a be loved priest or an entire community must move on to another assignment.....It is important to remember that while one particular priest or religious may be the catalyst that brings an individual to a deeper faith and more personal relationship with the Lord, this faith and loyalty belongs not to the priest or religious, but rather to Jesus Christ.”

This parish will continue to do well because I know of the deep faith you have and I know it is rooted in your belief in Jesus. He is our rock!

As I leave, it is impossible for me to express my gratitude to all of you and to say “thanks” to the many who have been such a support and encouragement this year. It has been a privilege for me to serve as shepherd of this wonderful parish. In one year we have accomplished so many great things together and I am so happy that our parish is so vibrant and alive! It has been a blessing to work with such a wonderful staff and I will miss you all very, very much.....and I think of the many outstanding young adults who have come forward this year to do so much good for our young people and I feel so proud of them and grateful to them!

Don Bosco is happy with you! I leave, knowing that St. Anthony’s will be fine because you are truly committed to work for the gospel and have truly



(above, l-r) father Pat leads the Festa Di San Vito procession in front of the statue of St. Anthony throught he streets of Peterstown in June 2014.

embraced the building of the kingdom in Peterstown. Even without the Salesians, the Lord and Don Bosco are counting on you to continue all that still remains to be done, especially for our young people and, I know, you will not let them down.

Leaving, I feel very humbled and grateful that I have been able to walk in the foot steps of the many Salesian giants, who have served as your pastors for the past 91 years and who have planted the deep roots of Don Bosco’s spirit in you and of the many wonderful Salesians who worked with them. At a time like this, it is good for us to remember them. At ordination, my motto was from Ephesians: “Say only the good things men need to hear; things that will really help them.”

In this year, I have tried to be faithful to that motto; for the times I have failed or offended any one of you I am truly sorry.

I am certain that God has great things in store for St. Anthony’s. As the Salesian community leaves, I know you will welcome those who will come with the same love and warmth you have given to Don Bosco’s sons. Remember: Don Bosco is in your blood and his spirit lives in you to be shared for the future Salesian growth of St. Anthony’s! You are Salesian!

As I leave you, there is sadness in my heart; I love you all very much. There is also a great hope. I know how wonderful you are and how lucky the next pastor will be! I take my heart with me, but I want you to know that St. Anthony’s is in my heart and I will remember you every day! Pray for me as I will for you!

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(above) Roselle Park Campers sit to spell out "BYE SAM"

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Giuseppe Vito Paternostro was born on June 6, 1960 in Vallata, Italy. He came to America at the age of 12 with his parents, twin brother, and younger sister. He lived in Elizabeth, NJ most of his life and at the age of 20 he opened Tommy's Pizzeria and Restaurant with his brother.

Joe loved soccer. He played soccer throughout his life and was an avid soccer fan. He loved the Italian national team and the club teams of his family members and friends. Throughout the high-school soccer careers of his children, nephews and nieces, he attended every game and was awarded the "Best Fan" award by the Jonathan Dayton Boys Soccer Team, a team that later became Group I State Champions in 2009.

Joe was a positive presence on the sidelines and in the hearts of many. He was quick to forge personal relationships with people in his community or lend a helping hand to someone in need. Whether he was offering assistance to his church-run community functions or helping with youth soccer programs, Joe insisted on being in the middle of the action. A true connector, there was no limit to Joe's circle of intimate friends.

On the morning of October 10, 2008, Joe was working at his restaurant serving customers. During lunch he began feeling sick and called his doctor. He left the pizzeria and drove to his doctor but never made it there. On the way, Joe had a massive heart attack and died tragically in his truck. He left behind a wife, and three children, two of which are attending college full time and the oldest, a Marine, who is currently deployed in Afghanistan.

The Joe Paternostro Memorial Fund was created to raise money for soccer scholarships, Joe's family and the American Heart Association, and to create awareness for others to take better care of their health. 🍕

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- The BA 9th Annual Golf Outing- Maplewood Country Club, Monday, September 15, 2014, 11 a.m. - 8 p.m.
- An Opening Mass of Thanksgiving celebrated by Auxiliary Bishop Manuel A. Cruz, D.D., of the Archdiocese of Newark, in Holy Spirit Church in Union on Sunday, September 21, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. A reception in the Holy Spirit Parish Hall will follow;
- A Centennial lecture featuring Author Rev. James Martin, S.J., speaking on "Jesus: A Pilgrimage", plus book signing at Kean University STEM Building in Union, September 24, 2014 at 7 p.m.

The public is invited to attend these events.

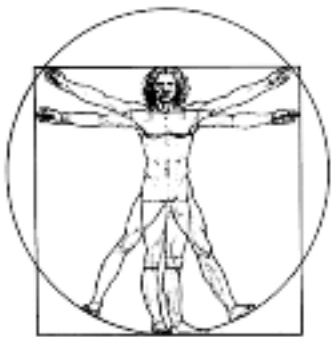
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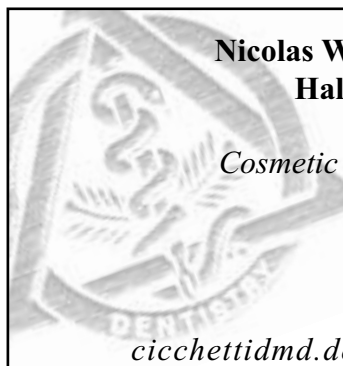
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# THE ROCKETS LAUNCH JOE LONG’S CAREER

Before Joe Long was tapped to join the The Four Seasons he was touring with a band called The Rockets, who were comprised of five home grown musicians from Roselle Park and Elizabeth, New Jersey.

The band first started when Frank Orlando and Joe Signarello started playing together after they graduated high school in 1955. Both were from Roselle Park and decided to formally put a band together a few years later. Frank called his cousin Tom Barletta from Elizabeth, a few towns east. Barletta lived on Niles Street the Peterstown section of town. He recruited his talented neighbor from High Street, Joe LaBracio. The band was rounded out with guitar player Gary Keller.

The band practiced hard and worked even harder. They were the house band for a club in Elizabeth named The Wonder Bar where they played six nights a week. They played Rock & Roll, all the latest hits by everyone from

Bill Healy to the Beatles. Soon they were represented by Frankie Fame and began playing along the East Coast. They also signed with the William Morris Agency who had them touring the United States and Canada. They were playing Las Vegas regularly in their heyday. They would continually play The Wonder Bar whenever they were not on the road. Rehearsals were held in LaBracio’s basement on High Street.

The band played together for about six years. The Vietnam War was brewing and Keller was drafted into the Army. In 1965, LaBracio was asked to audition for The Four Seasons.

For the record, the guy’s stage names were: Joe Long (LaBracio) on Bass, Don Thomas (Barletta) on Saxophone, Joe Cig (Signarello) on Drums, Gary Kay (Keller) on Guitar, and Frank Arlo (Orlando) on Piano. 🎸



(left, l-r) MEMBERS OF THE ROCKETS - BASS: JOE LONG (LABRACIO) - SAXOPHONE: DON THOMAS (BARLETTA) - DRUMS: JOE SIG (SIGNARELLO) - GUITAR: GARY KAY (KELLER) - PIANO: FRANKIE ARLO (ORLANDO)



(above, l-r) Members of the band The Rockets, Joe LaBracio and Frank Orlando, share a moment in Elizabeth at the ceremony naming High Street Joe Long Way on July 27, 2014, forty years after they last played together.

*Joe Long is Musical Director of The Jersey Four, a Four Seasons tribute band. Joe will be working closely with The Jersey Four Cast to recreate that authentic sound of the Four Seasons. Find out more about the band and its schedule on-line at [thejerseyfour.com](http://thejerseyfour.com)*

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## JOE LONG WAY STREET SIGN CELEBRATION

There were many people who turned out to line the four corners of Third Avenue and High Street and then fill the school hall for testimonials and entertainment. There were many people to be thanked for planning and working at the event, especially catalyst John Moretti. John Sacco was caterer, John Schipani was DJ. Charles Alexander read testimonials from Long's musical colleagues. Others were in attendance, like Dennis Diken, Drummer for the Smithereens and Dave Brigati first with Joey Dee and the Starlites and later with The Rascals. Friends joined in toasting Joe including his cousin and downstairs neighbor growing up on High Street, John Marcantonio.

Elizabeth Mayor Chris Bollwage presented Joe with the Seal of the City and a resolution passed by City Council was presented by Councilman Frank Cuesta and Council President Manny Grova Jr. Cuesta and Councilman Frank Mazza presented Joe with a replica of the sign for his home. MC for the day's events was Wayne Avery, legendary DJ from Elizabeth's now defunct radio station WJDM. 🎧



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# FIRE DIRECTOR ONOFRIO VITULLO NAMED UNICO CITIZEN OF THE YEAR

*Submitted by Louis Bani, President, Elizabeth Chapter of UNICO*

It is with great honor and pride that we recognize Onofrio Vitullo, as UNICO's 2014 Man of the Year. Mr. Vitullo fully embodies the UNICO motto by truly placing "SERVICE ABOVE SELF". A dedicated firefighter of thirty years, Onofrio currently serves our community as Director of the Elizabeth Fire Department.

Extremely proud of his heritage, Onofrio is the son of Italian-American parents, who came from humble circumstances. Through their strong work ethic, and cultural traditions, they raised Onofrio, his brother, and his two sisters to be model American citizens. Upon returning in 1974 from his service in the United States Navy, Onofrio began his career as an Elizabeth Firefighter. Through hard work and tireless dedication, he was promoted to the rank of Captain and assigned to Rescue Company #1.

After 30 rewarding years of service to the citizens of Elizabeth, Onofrio reluctantly decided it was time to

retire in 2004. Mindful of Onofrio's continued dedication and character, Mayor J. Christian Bollwage once again called on "Nof" to serve the city in the role of Fire Director.

We sincerely hope that you can join us in celebrating such a passionate public servant and proud member of the Italian-American community. Please let us know if you will be attending and the number of tickets you will need for family and friends. We thank you in advance and appreciate your continued support.

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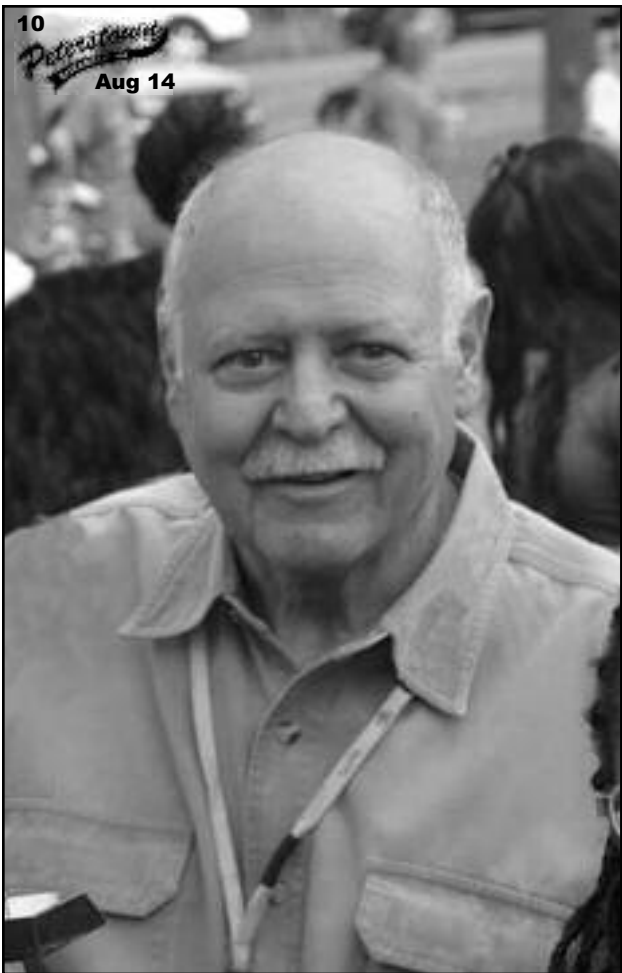
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"In my short time on the Elizabeth Fire Department each of these honored individuals have provided me with

invaluable guidance and leadership," said FMBA Local 9 Vice President David Bialas, "their efforts, witnessed by many, came as no surprise to me as they selflessly dedicate themselves to the Fire Department and citizens of our city day in and day out." These honored men each received a proclamation from City Council that was presented by Councilwoman-At-Large Patricia Perkins-Auguste at Elizabeth's Annual National Night Out held at O'Brien Field. FMBA Local 9 President Michael Guarino states, "Our Local appreciates the recognition and support from City Council and Mayor J. Christian Bollwage as our firefighters have been recognized at this event for the second year in a row." 🇺🇸



(above) Elizabeth Fire Director Onofrio Vitullo

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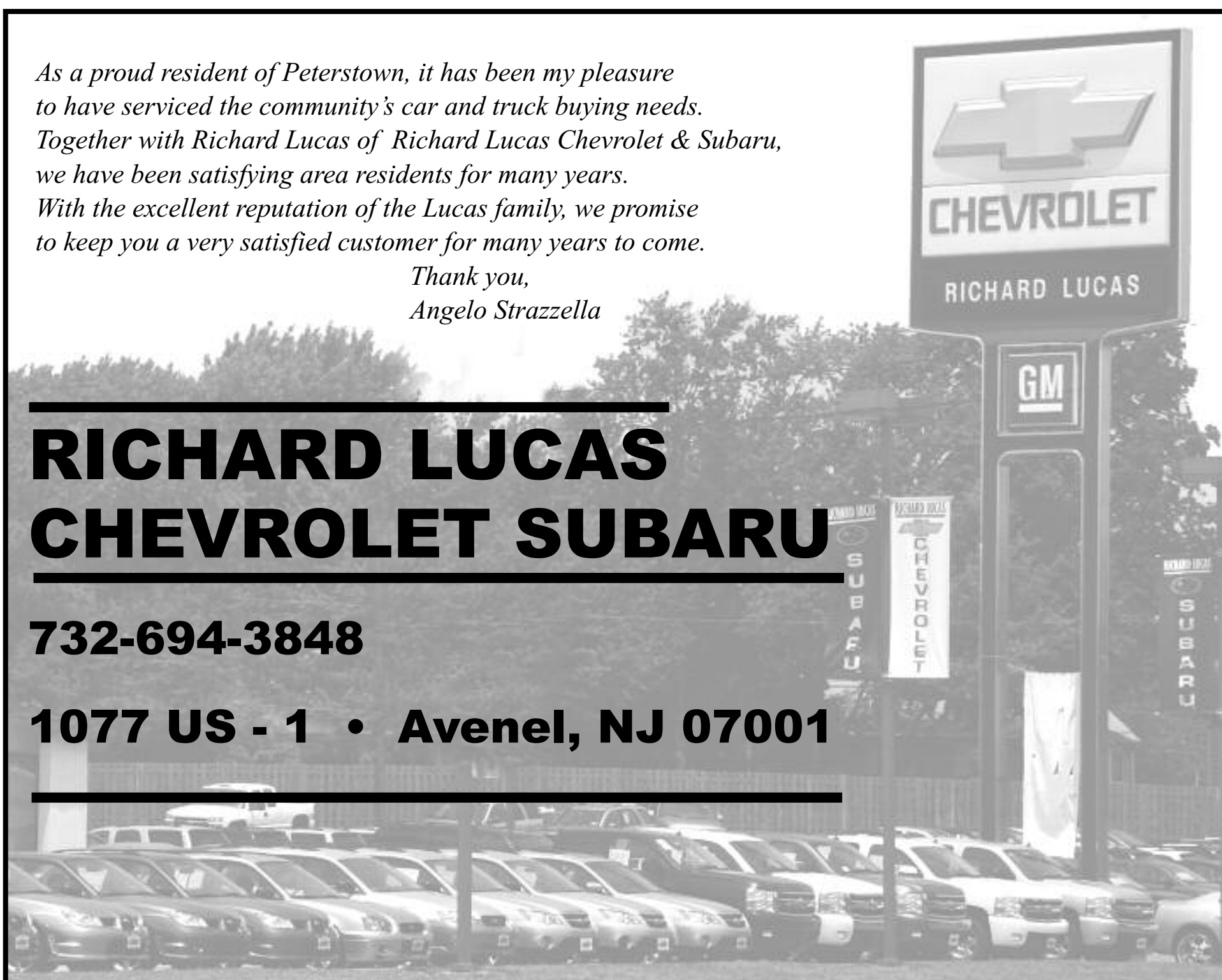
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# FRANK GRASSO TAPS DEEP EMOTION

The Township of Cranford’s annual Memorial Day Parade ends with a service at Memorial Park. It is well attended by the community. After that formal ceremony Cranford residents Don and Joanne Sweeney invite family, friends, and neighbors to their home for a barbeque. The Sweeneys were always spectators at the Memorial Day Parade. Joanne, who was raised in Cranford, recalls her family made it a mandatory event for all their family for years. “If there is ever a summer opportunity for our family to go away for the week-end, the same answer would always come from Joanne. We can’t, we go to the Memorial Day Parade.” stated Don.

Traditionally after the parade the Sweeneys would always have a couple neighbors over in the afternoon for a small barbeque. As time went by and their sons became involved with Cub Scout pack 103, the gang after the parade started to grow. Then, after the attack on the World Trade Center in 2001, there was a rise in patriotism in America. They decided to put a free standing flag pole on their lawn and dedicate it to all the souls that had given their lives in the pursuit of freedom as well as the ones lost on 911.

Don's grandfather Hermann Bachmann, and Sal Grasso, a WWII decorated veteran and next door

(left) Uber patriot and trumpeter Frank Grasso.

(below) Attendees of Don and Joanne Sweeney’s Annual Memorial Day event pose for the traditional self-timed group photo.

neighbor, were the guests of honor when they erected the flag pole. Don started off that year's ceremony with a talk directed at the young people in attendance, trying to instill the idea of the “cost of freedom”. Frank Grasso, Sal’s son, played taps that day as the flag was raised. The Sweeneys recognize a veteran as guest of honor at each years barbeque. Sal and Herman have both passed now, but Frank still plays taps every year. Frank has been playing taps for his neighbors for the past thirteen years. It is becoming more common to hear a recorded version of taps played at funerals and memorial services. Lack of military band members created the necessity to use recordings of the national song of remembrance. Frank plays the 24 notes with precision and emotion which brings out emotion in all who hear him.

Besides memorializing those who were killed in action. Frank Grasso has followed in his father's footsteps and dedicated his time to helping veteran causes; in particular he has volunteered to work on the USS Slater Museum moored on the Hudson River in Albany, New York. He also worked on New York City's Intrepid Sea, Air & Space Museum which is located on the Hudson River and the USS Ling, a submarine located in Hackensack, NJ. Frank Grasso grew up in Cranford. His parents, Sal and Carmella (Montalbano) were both from Peterstown. Sal's father was a sailor during World War II and survived action on-D-day, in Sicily and France. Frank’s father volunteered to help with the USS Slater Museum and introduced his son to volunteering. 🇺🇸



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By Tina and Joe Renna

It was a beautiful experience going to South Carolina for our daughter Mia's graduation and Commissioning ceremony. Mia graduated Clemson University with a degree in civil engineering. She also received her commission designating her Second Lieutenant in the US Army. It was with great pride for us to pin the lieutenant epaulets on the shoulders of her uniform during the ceremony.

Mia joined the Army her freshman year of college and served in the South Carolina National Guard during the time of her enrollment. She went through the officer training program and was commissioned the day before she graduated Clemson. Mia was accepted into the Army Corps of Engineers and will receive her assignment after she completes five months of training in Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

What made the week perfect was that our other daughter Angela flew in from California to be with us. After graduating from the University of Vermont last year, she finished a year-long commitment as a volunteer with AmeriCorps working at community health clinic in San Francisco. She traveled back home to Cranford with us and will be pursuing a second degree in nursing.

## Recipes

Submitted by: Sharon Cook

My grandmother explained the key is to have all ingredients finely chopped so that the flavors come together.

### Grandma Poole's Southern Shrimp Salad

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds shrimp  
(steam or boil in salt water and chop the size of the noodles. If possible, use wild, not farmed shrimp.)
- 16-ounce box elbow macaroni  
cooked with garlic or celery salt
- 1 ½ cups mayonnaise
- 1 tablespoon garlic salt
- 1 tablespoon minced dried onion
- 1 ½ teaspoon celery salt
- 1 ½ teaspoon celery seed
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ teaspoon Old Bay seasoning (optional)
- 2 hardboiled eggs, finely chopped
- 1 small onion minced
- 1 stalk celery minced
- 2 tablespoons sweet relish

#### PREPARATION

- 1) Mix together mayonnaise, garlic salt, dried onion, celery salt, celery seed, salt, pepper, and Old Bay seasoning.
- 2) In a separate bowl, mix together eggs, onion, celery, and sweet relish.
- 3) Combine all ingredients.  
For the best flavor, store in the refrigerator overnight.

Visiting South Carolina is a charm. The people are polite and gracious. Attention is paid to dressing tastefully and acting properly. It is definitely a different culture than other parts of the country. My family received firsthand experience of southern hospitality when we were invited to the home of Mia's friend and Kappa Alpha Theta sorority sister Ryan Cook in Goose Creek, SC. Ryan's parents, Sharon and Rick, opened their home to us and cooked up a few courses of southern cuisine, including bacon wrapped shrimp and venison tenderloins, and shrimp and grits. Their hospitality was much appreciated.

We spent a few days in Charleston and on Folly Beach before saying farewell to our 2nd Louie as she starts a new chapter in her life. 🐼



(above, l-r) Mia Renna, Sharon and Rick Cook and their daughter Ryan.

### BLT Shrimp and Grits

#### INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups grits, cooked with butter & garlic salt
- 1 pound shrimp (peeled and deveined)
- 6 strips bacon chopped
- 3 thinly sliced scallions, green parts separated for garnish
- 2 cloves garlic
- 3 medium tomatoes, peeled, seeded and diced
- Salt
- Cayenne pepper or white pepper
- Arugula

#### PREPARATION

- 1) Sauté bacon until crispy. Remove some bacon for garnish. To make a little healthier, remove some bacon grease and add in safflower or olive oil.
- 2) Mix in garlic and scallions while still heating oil.
- 3) Then add shrimp and ½ of tomatoes, season with salt and pepper and cook until shrimp turn pink, about 2-3 minutes.
- 4) Add sifted flour to thicken (optional).
- 5) Place grits in shallow bowl and pour shrimp on top. Garnish with tomatoes, crumbled bacon and scallion tops. Spoon on top of arugula.

## CONGRATS MIA!



(above) Mia Leigh Renna, Second Lieutenant, Army Corps of Engineers, in the United States Army Active Duty.



(above) Proud parents pin Mia's Second Lieutenant shoulder boards to her uniform.



(above, l-r) Our two college grads Angela, University of Vermont, and Clemson alum Mia.

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Frank Mazzarella, a longtime resident of Peterstown and one of the original "Good Guys", celebrated his 90th birthday on April 28th of this year in Weston, Florida. A party in his honor was held on Saturday May 3rd at the home of his daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Don Kocik, also in Weston.

Nearly 100 family members and friends attended the affair. Relatives from New Jersey and Georgia as well as Frank's son, Pat, his daughter-in-law, Sue and his

(left) Frank Mazzarella (center)  
with nephew Ralph and Jane Ciacciarelli.

grandchildren, Annie and Jared, from Scottsdale, Arizona were there for the celebration.

Frank was born and raised in Elizabeth and lived for many years on Fourth Avenue in the Peterstown section before relocating with his wife Gloria to Weston. A World War II navy veteran, Frank was chosen last year to participate in an Honor Flight to Washington, DC. He is a well deserved member of our greatest generation.

He was an active participant at St. Anthony's church and was always there to lend a hand. He has many wonderful memories of his time in Peterstown and he remains friends with many of the longtime residents. 🇺🇸



(above, l-r) Frank's family, Don, Lisa, Frank, Pat, Annie, Jared and Sue.



(above) Frank's nieces and nephews: Michael Torella, Tom Horin, Ellen Wozniak, Frank, Marisa & Jim Szpeich, Bill Torella.

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