



A PHYSICIAN'S BLIND DEDICATION

Guido M. Guidi was one of the first Italian physicians in the City of Elizabeth. His general practice served the Peterstown community for over thirty-six years starting in 1911. He was blinded accidentally midway through his career but continued to practice, including delivering a total of 465 babies as an obstetrician.

Guido Guidi was born on August 15, 1876 in Assisi, Italy, in the province of Perugia located on Mount Subasio in the Apoenine Mountains. He entered Royal University in Naples where, in 1900 he received a degree in medicine and surgery. Guidi spent five years honing his skills as an assistant physician working in clinics at the University. His research and work on malaria patients earned him an award. He was following a proud tradition, for it was Italy that gave the world the first medical school in Salerno in the 1100's.

He immigrated to America in 1905 and lived in Ohio before he settled in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, New Jersey, setting up his practice at 212 Christine Street, a beautiful two story home, that he designed himself, with porches on each level supported by four columns. He saw patients in his home office as well as making customary house calls. Doctor Guidi was well respected by the diverse population of Elizabeth residents but was beloved by the Italian Americans who populated the Peterstown neighborhood. For them, he was a doctor that spoke their language along with being a friend and counselor.

Doctor Guidi's grandson Gerardo Caprario submitted to Renna Media, publisher of the Peterstown newspaper, the original memorandums of the birth reports that his grandfather completed. The records were digitized and can be viewed on the website www.RennaMedia.com. The records contain information in accordance to the State of New Jersey, Bureau of Vital Statistics including, name of child, sex, color, date and place of birth; names, ages, birthplace and occupations of parents, including the mother's maiden name. The records indicate the number of children living and dead by that marriage. Some reports also contain notes about the birth that did not pertain to the vital statistics, such as time of delivery, duration of delivery, complications and if forceps were used. Sadly, there are also reports of still-births included in the archive, nineteen in total. Some have cause of death indicated while some causes were marked unknown. The first Record of Birth in the collection is from October 26, 1912, Joseph Anthony Di Mino. The most recent is marked February 27, 1948, Antoinette Colicchio, daughter of Angelo Colicchio, 59 and Carmela Crincoli, 40. The couple had three children at that time.

Gerardo also supplied other documents of interest, including Guidi's naturalization certificate, his physician's and surgeon's certificate, and his marriage license to Laura Retunno. She was a midwife in Ohio and both she and Guido were widowed before they were married on November 16, 1908. They had five children together, Maria Louisa, Otto, Americo, Fides, and George. Laura had three children from her previous marriage, Lucile, Vincent and Ann. Laura's new career in Elizabeth was as the long-time secretary to School #3 Principal Mable Holmes.

Doctor Guidi's blindness in one eye was caused by the effects of radiation from a faulty medical apparatus. He lost sight in the second eye in an accident in his home. He continued in his practice in spite of his lack of vision for well over a dozen years. He retired in 1948 at the age of 73. He was honored by the Medical Society of New Jersey in 1949. The testimonial praised him as a humanitarian, stating, "He exemplifies the true doctor whose life's mission is not a means to an end but rather is an end itself."

His accomplishments as a baby birthing blind physician gained notoriety outside the community when Ripley's Believe It Or Not featured Doctor Guidi in one of its syndicated cartoons that, at the peak of its popularity, was read daily by about 80 million readers.



(above, l-r) Doctor Guidi's grandson Gerardo Caprario preserved his grandfather's records.



(above and left) Dr. Guido M. Guidi and some sample records of births from his career as an obstetrician. Copies of all his birth records can be found on-line at www.RennaMedia.com

Record of Birth

Place of Birth: 159 Ch...
Name of Child: Joan...
Sex: Female
Date: 3-3-22
Time: 9:00 am
Place of Birth: 159 Ch...
Name of Mother: Joan...
Name of Father: ...
Date of Birth: 3-3-22
Time of Birth: 9:00 am
Place of Birth: 159 Ch...
Name of Mother: Joan...
Name of Father: ...
Date of Birth: 3-3-22
Time of Birth: 9:00 am
Place of Birth: 159 Ch...
Name of Mother: Joan...
Name of Father: ...
Date of Birth: 3-3-22
Time of Birth: 9:00 am

Record of Birth

Place of Birth: 16 Palmer...
Name of Child: ...
Sex: ...
Date: 2-27-48
Time: ...
Place of Birth: 16 Palmer...
Name of Mother: ...
Name of Father: ...
Date of Birth: 2-27-48
Time of Birth: ...
Place of Birth: 16 Palmer...
Name of Mother: ...
Name of Father: ...
Date of Birth: 2-27-48
Time of Birth: ...





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President's Message

I'm writing this on Thanksgiving and as I look at my growing family, I know what I am most thankful for. I think about the family members who have passed away. Keeping them in mind, means just as much. They are here in our memories and in the stories we share about them. My grandchildren will get to know my parents through these stories and photos.

We lost some close friends recently and their families will be gathering for the first time for Thanksgiving without their loved one. Holidays are difficult for those who are in mourning and as Christmas approaches, my thoughts are with them also.

As sad as it is that my friends and loved ones are gone I am thankful that they were a part of my life for so long. Family and friends are really the only things that matter. I realize that very few were taught this and consider other stuff more important. They have no sense of "Home" or "Family". It is why I am thankful for my parents and for growing up in the Burg.

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

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Hi Joe,

Just finished reading my October 2014 edition of the *Peterstown* newspaper with an article about Albert Parrinello looking for relatives.

John Grillo and his wife, Ninfa, lived right across the street from me on Palmer Street. I lived in that house for 29 years and they were there before I was born and after I moved out. The address was 28 Palmer Street. Directly across from me was the Nigro family at 30 and I was at 29 Palmer Street. John and Ninfa had two daughters, a little older than me, Phyllis and Maryann.

Dot Daley Chillemi

Toms River, NJ

PS. Thanks for the invite to meet with the Parrinellos and Phyllis Grillo, but I don't think I'll be able to make it. Hope your meeting will be informative and please tell Phyllis that I send my regards. Tell her "Dorothy, the Di Bella's granddaughter". Hopefully, she will remember me. I lived there since I was born. Again, thanks.

Dear Joe,

I was reading the October 2014 copy of the *Peterstown News*, I check it out occasionally because a lot of my family lived in Peterstown when I was a little girl growing up in Elizabeth. My grandparents lived at 210 John Street.

I read that Albert Parinella is looking for cousins to try to piece together his family history and saw the picture of my Uncle Johnny and Aunt Mary, Al's parents. My grandmother, Fillippa Grillo, lived across the street from her sister Rose. John's father was their brother. My grandmother, Fillippa, had 10 children but only my Aunt Carmela is left. She is 96-years-old and has short term memory loss but she supposedly remembers a lot from her childhood.

My mom's maiden name was Grillo her married name was Gassera.

Thank you for connecting me with Albert. I can tell him the little bit I know. Also thank you for connecting me with my cousin Phyllis. I remember her and her kids very well. Her parents used to come to see my mom quite often. He was my favorite uncle. Thank you for your help. I'm glad I saw the article it could be fun learning about my grandmother's side of the family.

Sincerely,

Theresa Gassera-Stokes

Willow Grove, Pa.

Dear Joe,

Many thanks for the October 2014 issue of the *Peterstown Newspaper*. I really appreciate it and enjoyed reading the articles. My favorite was MY OPINION, which tells me what kind of person you are, You're to be commended. Keep it up. Your Catholic Values are important to you and to your readers.

May I continue to be on your mailing List? I assure you, the bills will be paid by my prayers and those of the Sisters, as we pray for our Past Pupils everyday.

God bless you.

Your friend, and former Principal.

Sister Domenica, FMA

Dear Joe,

Thank you for publishing the wedding portrait of John and Ninfa Grillo in the October 2014 issue of your *Peterstown* newspaper. I thought we would never find any descendants of their's, but your newspaper did. I am happy to have found cousins from my mother's side of the family. I feel that portrait belongs with their children and grandchildren.

Thank you also for publishing that beautiful article about my family's history. The photos also capture the beauty in the story you wrote. Because of this article I have now spoken to Phyllis (Grillo) Lindquist, the daughter of John and Ninfa Grillo.

My wife Jeannette also received a call from Joyce (Petrillo) Sutura who was in our wedding party 54 years ago. She lived next door to my wife Jeannette. I also received another call from Cape Coral Florida from a childhood friend, Vince Tallo, who lived on Amity Street also.

Your newspaper travels news a long distance.

You are to Peterstown what Ken Burns is to PBS Channel 13 with his documentary reports.

Thanks again.

Jeannette & Albert (Bob) Parrinello

Elizabeth, NJ

Hi Joe,

My Aunt grew up in that area and was familiar with some of the people in your October issue. She is now 91-years-old and she thoroughly enjoyed reading it. We live in Texas and I would love to make it possible for her to receive this on a continuous basis.

Thank you and God Bless,

Tina Casano

El Paso Texas

Hi Joe,

Here is a picture of my parents, Vito and Evelyn Festa, from their 50th anniversary. They were married in Newark on November 25, 1950 during the great storm. They just celebrated their 64th wedding anniversary.

My father was born in 1925 in Elizabeth and grew up in Peterstown on the corner of Forth Avenue and Spenser Street. He continued living there after he married my mom along with my brothers and sisters, Diane, Vito, Michael, the twins (Anthony and Patrick), until 1964 when they moved to North End. They live in Toms River now.

Thanks for including this in the *Peterstown Newspaper*. I love all the nostalgia, even though I never lived in Peterstown. I was born after they moved to North End. I do remember Peterstown though. I used to go to your house a lot with my mother. Your mom and her were very close friends.

Thank you,

Debby Festa

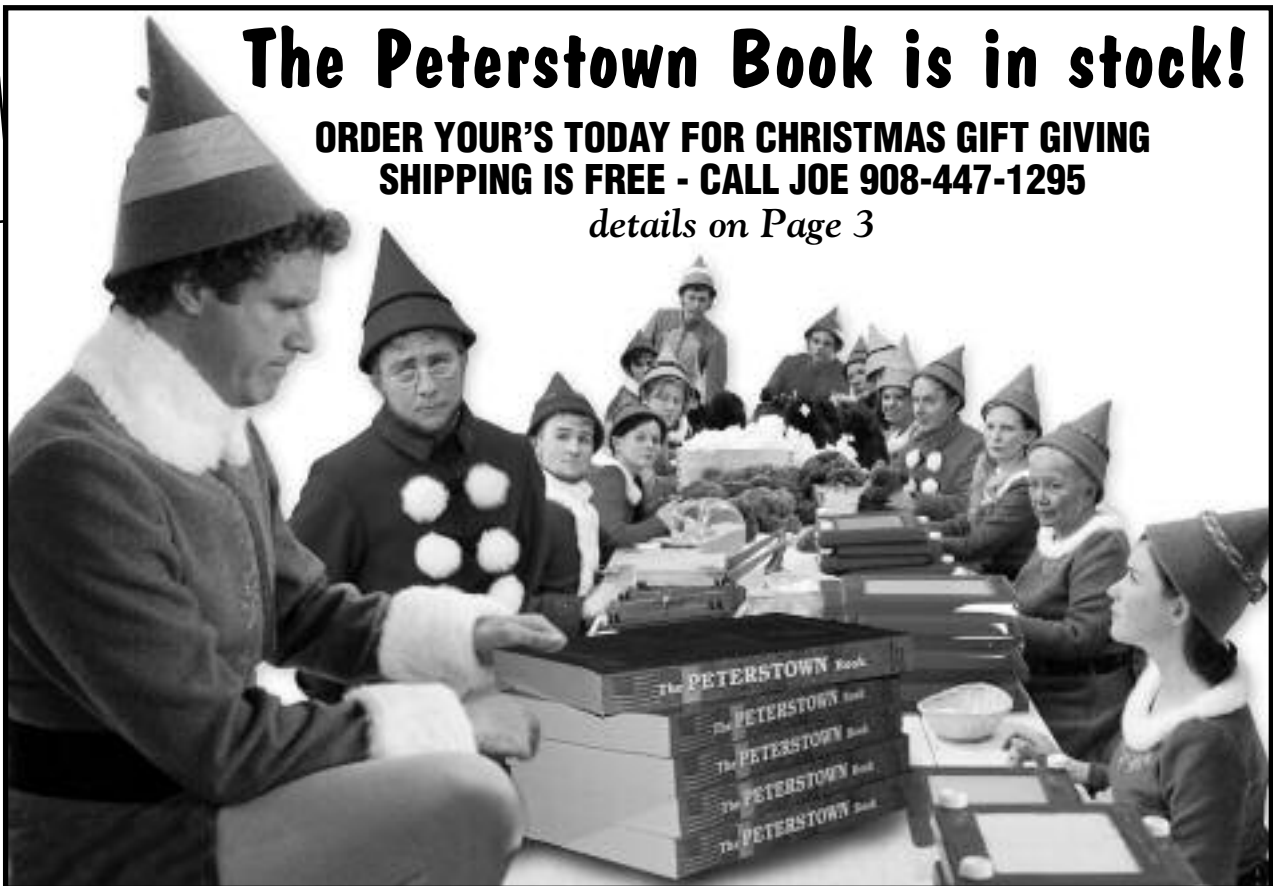
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ELIZABETH FIREFIGHTERS GIVE THANKS AND DONATIONS TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

The Elizabeth Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association of New Jersey, Branch No. 9, Inc. (FMBA Local 9), partnered with local community organizations this Thanksgiving holiday to help feed those less fortunate in the City of Elizabeth with turkeys and hams. "It is not about Elizabeth firefighters being able to help hundreds of Elizabeth residents on this single holiday, but the fact that these organizations help thousands of Elizabeth families throughout the year," said David Bialas, Local 9 Vice President.

This year FMBA Local 9 donated turkeys and hams to Missionaries on a Mission and St. Joseph Social Service Center. Missionaries on a Mission are based out of the New Bethel Missionary Baptist Church on E. Jersey St. and are headed by President Missionary Cerise Simmons. This year their goal was to distribute over 200 Thanksgiving food baskets.

The St. Joseph Social Service Center is located on Division St. and is under the direction of the renowned Sister Jacinta Fernandes, OSB. "Sister Jacinta is a staple of the Elizabeth community and has helped countless residents during her years of service," said President Michael Guarino Jr. He continued, "Her soft voice yet charismatic activism accompanied by her selflessness is an inspiration to all of our members as we carry out our civic mission."

In addition to making contributions of food, Local 9 cooked and donated turkeys to the Salvation Army Elizabeth Temple's turkey meals. President Guarino stated, "This has become a yearly tradition for our organization and our members always enjoy meeting the staff who graciously donate their time preparing for an event that helps so many citizens." FMBA Local 9 will also be donating turkey dinners to the St. Patrick's

Church soup kitchen on Thanksgiving Day. "The City of Elizabeth is lucky to have these organizations in our community and as Thanksgiving starts the holiday season we ask that you remember them and their missions come Christmas and the New Year," urged Vice President.



(above, l-r) Making donations at St. Joseph Social Service Center Firefighter James Yelverton; Captain William Feehan; Sister Jacinta Fernandes, OSB; FMBA Local 9 Vice President David Bialas; FMBA Local 9 President Michael Guarino Jr.

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(above, l-r) Mr. Ken Richuso, Deacon Joe, Eighth Graders, Garbhaelle Saint-Victor, Beautiful Prince, Angus Gonzalez, Jaylen Rose, Monique Audige and Brian Campos standing in the truck.

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Not for Nothing But...

I used my dictionary

to look up

the word Google.

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(above) OLGA students celebrate with their dictionaries, gifted by Elizabeth Rotary Club.


OLGA STUDENTS TAKE FIRST IN FORENSICS

Our Lady of Guadalupe is proud to announce that the Academy took First Place honors at the Union County Catholic League of Forensics competition held at St. Theresa's School in Kenilworth. There were six schools that participated including St. Joseph's in Roselle, St. Theresa's in Kenilworth, St. John the Apostle in Clark, St. Bartholomew's in Scotch Plains, St. James in Springfield as well as Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy. This was the first time that the Academy participated in the Forensics competition and are very proud of Imani Jackson, an eighth grader who came in First Place.



(above, back, l-r) Nazia Fenelus, Carlos Arias, Imani Jackson, Genesis Quinones, Marisol Rodrigues, Brian Campos, (front, l-r) Evan Morales, Mia Mazza, and Julia Santiago. Absent but also a member of the Forensics Team is Garbhaelle Saint-Victor.

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The "Elizabeth Market" lithograph recreates the open air fruit, produce, seafood and meat markets that stood on Elizabeth Avenue. Set in 1930, the scene shows vendors working on cobblestone-lined streets among a number of recognizable buildings that still stand today. The market occupied the northern portion of the Peterstown Neighborhood which was the home to many of its vendors.

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Next event will be Sunday, December 14th at 2:00 pm at the Hanson House located at 38 Springfield Avenue, Cranford, NJ, hosted by the Union County Historical Society. Any organization that would like to host a discussion can call Joe Renna at 908-447-1295.



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(above) Wedding photo of Ninfa and John Grillo from September 3, 1933 that appeared in the October 2014 issue of the Peterstown newspaper.



(above) Filippa (Parrinello) Grillo, with granddaughter Mary Ann Oskutos



(above) Frank and Nicholas Grillo

PARRINELLO AND GRILLO COUSINS MEET

Albert (Bob) Parrinello and his wife Jeanette were on a mission to find out more about Albert’s family history. He had just a few clues to go help him, one of which was the wedding photo of John and Ninfa Grillo taken on September 3, 1933. He suspected that the woman in the photo was his father’s first cousin. He thought that if someone knew John and Ninfa they could provide him with the information needed to find his cousins.

Albert submitted the photo to the Peterstown Newspaper for publication in the October 2014 edition



(above) Ninfa and John Grillo in later years



(above) Joseph Grillo with grandson, Phyllis’s son, Stan Kozal.

in hopes someone from the community would recognize the couple and reach out to him. He thought it was a long shot, but worth a try.

It turned out not to be a long shot at all. Phyllis (Grillo) Lindquist contacted Joe Renna, the publisher of the newspaper, via email to explain that John and Ninfa were her parents. Albert, who doesn’t do email, arranged to meet Phyllis at Joe’s home so she could bring photos and go over some family history for a follow up story. Phyllis has one sister, Mary Ann Luciani.

Another of Albert’s cousins contacted the newspaper also. Theresa Gassera-Stokes also saw the photo and wrote to say that John and Ninfa were her aunt and uncle. Her mother was Francis, John’s sister. As it turns out, Albert can expect quite a few contacts to be made. Phyllis explained that John was one of ten children and that there are thirty-four first cousins including Theresa who is one of five.

Technically Albert and Phyllis are second cousins. Albert’s father, Giovanni Battista Parrinello and Phyllis’s father Giovanni Battista Grillo were first cousins. Phyllis brought along family records to the meet-up including her father’s birth certificate that listed his mother’s maiden name as Filippa Parrinello, the sister of Albert’s grandfather. Filippa had a sister Rose who lived across the street from her on Palmer Street, in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ.

Albert’s father lived with Filippa (Parrinello) and her husband Joseph Grillo upon arriving from Italy alone at the age of 16. When that house got too crowded he moved in with his aunt Rose who had only four children compared with Filippa’s ten. Their names are Nicholas Grillo, Frances Grillo Gassera, John Grillo, Virginia Grillo Crincoli, Frank Grillo, Carmella Grillo Oskutis, Victor Grillo, Rose Grillo, Baldasari (Sonny) Grillo, and Anne Grillo. Only Carmella is still alive at 96-years-old.

Others have also reached out to share their memories with Albert and Phyllis. As the contacts grow the Grillo and Parrinello families promise to keep their connections intact and will be sharing developments with their old friends and old neighbors through the Peterstown newspaper.



(left, l-r) Phyllis’s sister Mary Ann Luciani, Uncle Sonny Grillo, father John Grillo, son Stan Kozal, mother Ninfa and Phyllis.

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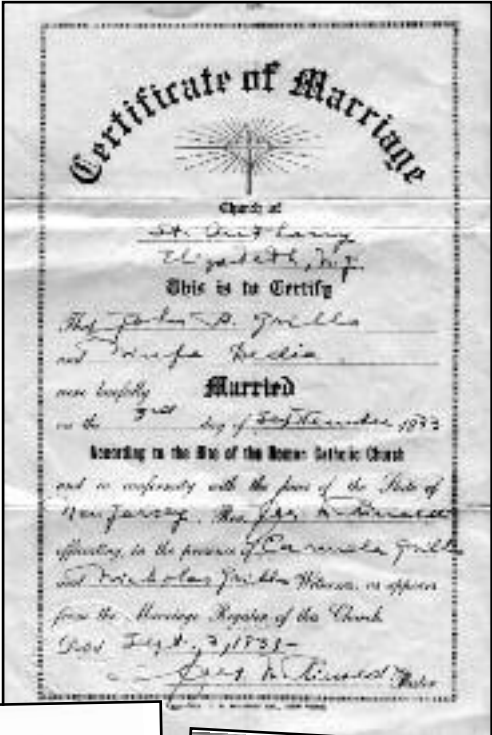
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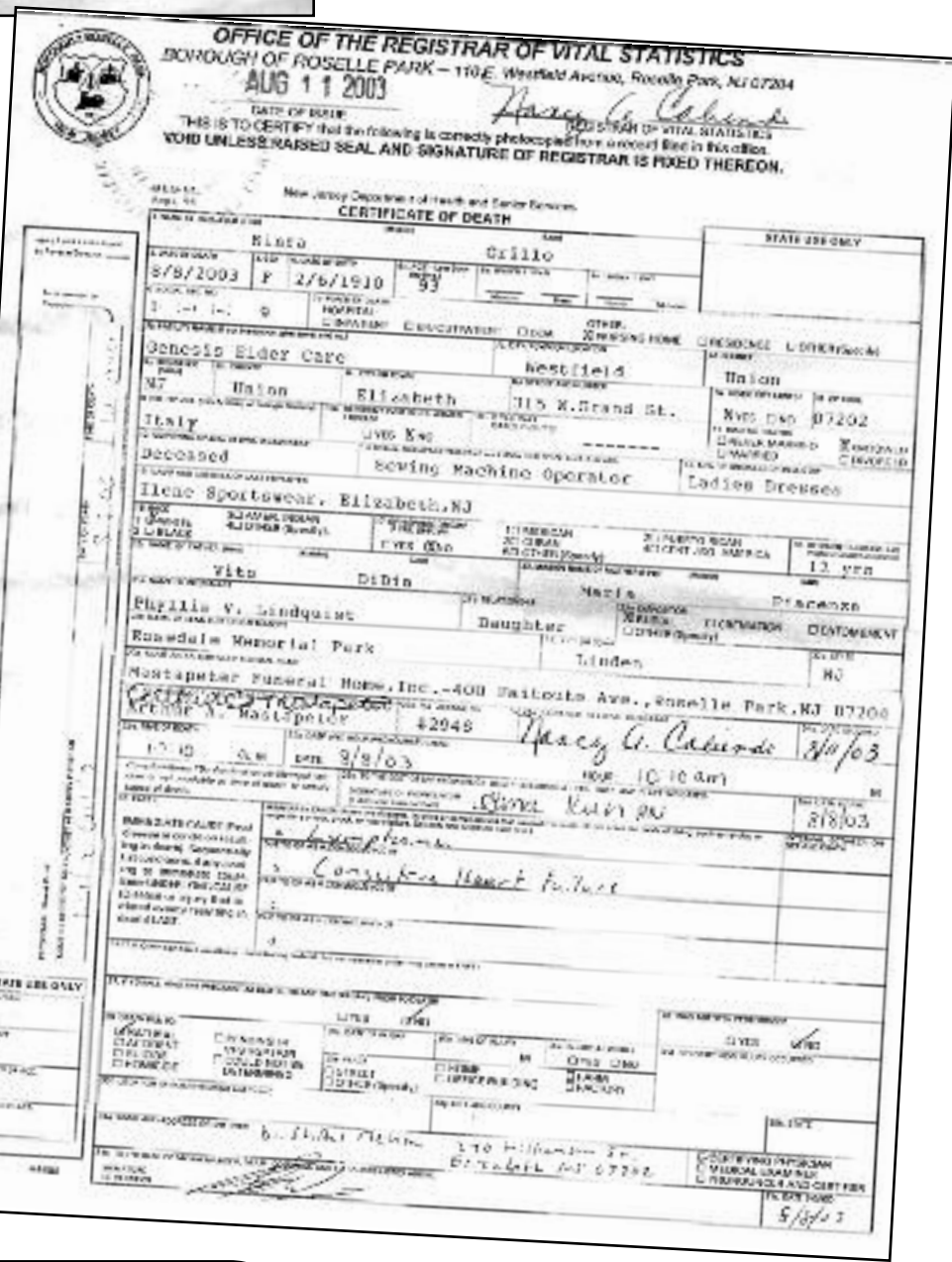
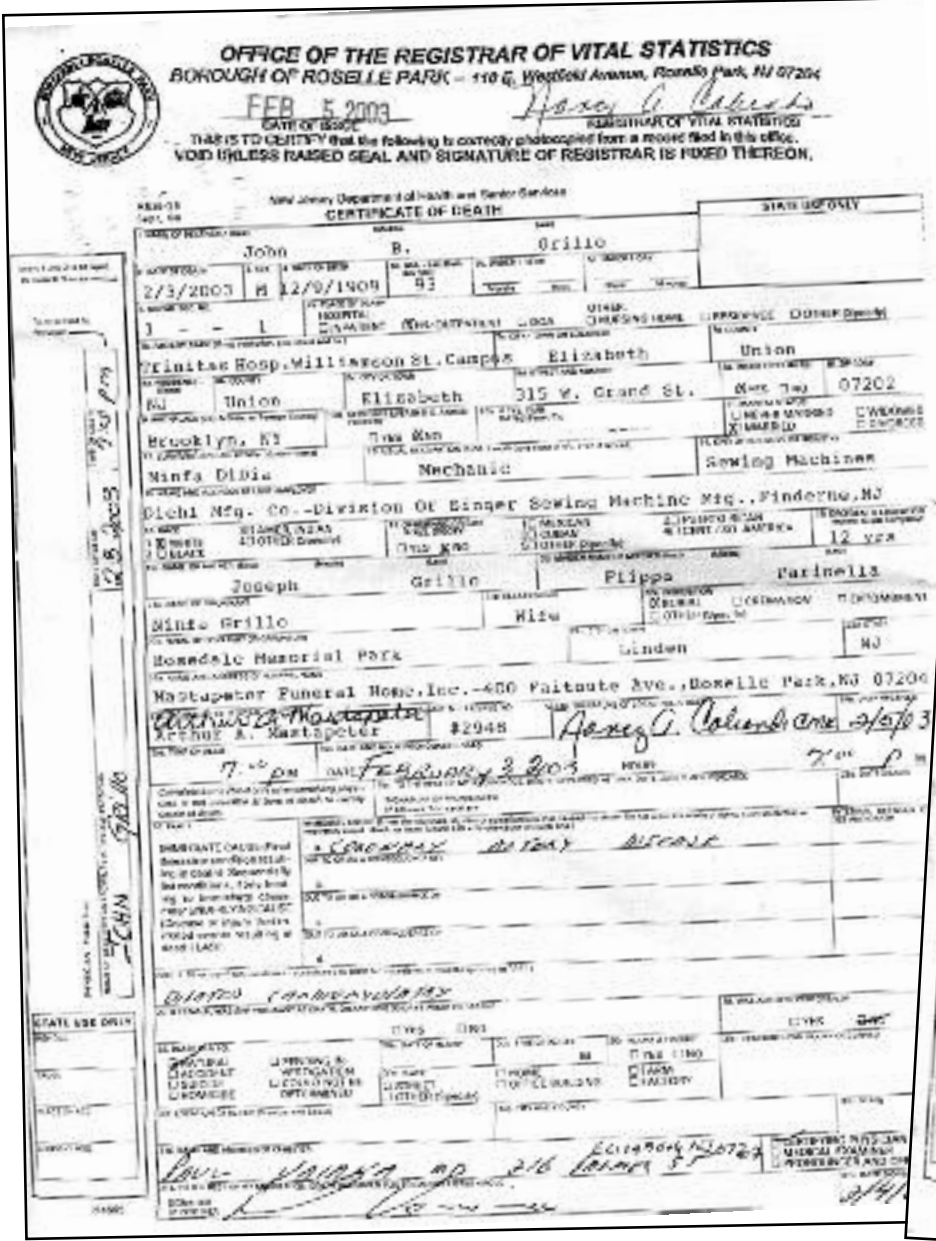
JOHN AND NINFA GRILLO VITAL RECORDS

Phyllis Lindquest supplied copies of her parent’s vital records including her father’s birth certificate from December 9, 1909, their marriage certificate from St. Anthony’s Church from September 3, 1933, and both their death certificates. Ninfa was born February 6, 1910. John and Ninfa Grillo were both 93 years old when

they passed away just five months apart in 2003. They would have been married 70 years. They had ten children, 34 grandchildren and countless great and great-great grandchildren. Phyllis’s cousin John Parrinello lit a spark to find out who they all are. Maybe one day he will.



(above, l-r) Albert and Jeanette Parrinello met with Albert’s second cousin Phyllis Lindquest to learn about his family’s history. Phyllis brought along family photos and records to show Albert.
(left, l-r) John Grillo’s birth certificate and John and Ninfa’s Marriage Certificate.
(below, l-r) Death certificates for John and Ninfa Grillo.



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INTERESTING TIDBIT ABOUT THE PARRINELLO AND GRILLO RELATIONSHIP

Albert Parrinello knew very little about his father's life growing up. He knew that his grandfather stayed in Italy and that his father, John, came to America alone at the age of 16 to live with Aunts. Albert never knew what the aunts' married names were until recently when he explored a box of old photos left behind after his father passed away. The names John and Ninfa Grillo were written on one wedding photo and through that he was able to locate their daughter Phyllis, his second cousin, eighty years later.

Albert grew up in the North End section of Elizabeth, New Jersey in a house his father bought when he first married. John grew in the Peterstown section. John never shared the details of his life growing up there and so Albert never knew anything about who raised his dad or that there were actual blood relatives his age, though distant, across town.

Albert is married to Jeanette Cosenza, who was also grew up in Elizabeth. She attended Battin High School and began dating Albert during that time. Jeanette grew up just behind the High School in as section known as Pearl Oval, just across the creek from Peterstown.

She had three classmates in her graduating class of 1959 with the last name Grillo who she was friends with. Naturally they knew Albert also. What was peculiar was that they did not know the family history as it pertained to them, Albert, and his father.

Albert's father once hinted to Jeannette that her friends are John's cousins but wasn't very clear, or forthright about it. It wasn't until Phyllis mapped out the family tree and identified the classmates as being all second cousins to Albert.



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(above) Albert Parrinello's wife Jeannette



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(above) Albert's cousin Darlene, Ann's daughter



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Teacher
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(above) Albert's cousin Gloria, Nicholas' daughter



MARY ANN GRILLO
Stenographer
Our character is our will;
For what we will, we are

(above) Albert's cousin Mary Ann, John's daughter



Butternut Ball Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 2 1/2 cups flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup butter (1/2 pound) softened
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 cup chopped walnuts
- 3/4 cups confectioner's sugar
(for use after cookies are baked)

PREPARATION

- 1) In large mixing bowl combine all ingredients except walnuts and confectioner's sugar.
- 2) Mix thoroughly then add chopped walnuts.
- 3) Shape rounded teaspoons of dough into balls the size of a whole walnut.
- 4) Place on greased cookie sheet and bake at 400 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes (be careful not to burn).
- 5) While still warm roll cookies in confections sugar.

(left) Jeanette made Italian Pizzelles for her and her husband's meet-up with cousin Phyllis for the article for the Peterstown Newspaper. She shared the recipes and two other cookie recipes with the readers of the newspaper.

Recipes

Submitted by Jeannette Parrinello

Italian Pizzelles

INGREDIENTS

- 3 eggs beaten
 - 3/4 cup sugar
 - 3/4 cup unsalted butter (melted)
 - 1 1/2 - 2 cups flour
 - 1 teaspoon baking powder
 - 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 - 1 teaspoon anise extract
- PREPARATION**
- 1) Add and beat ingredients together in order listed.
 - 2) Use the smaller amount of flour for thinner pizzelles and up to 2 cups flour for thicker pizzelles.
 - 3) Drop batter by rounded spoonful onto center of preheated pizzelle griddle.
 - 4) Close lid and immediately lock handles together if your machine has handle locking feature.
 - 5) Allow to cook until steaming stops (about 30 to 60 seconds). Use your own judgment on time with your pizzelle griddle.
 - 6) Remove with fork and allow to cool on wire racks or paper towels.
 - 7) When ready to serve or display, dust with powdered confectioner sugar. Early dusting of powdered sugar may cause pizzelles to become softer and not as crisp.

To store them, place in an airtight container without dusting of powdered sugar. Metal containers preferred.

Sesame Seed Cookies

INGREDIENTS

- 2 cups butter (1 pound)
 - 1 cup sugar
 - 4 eggs
 - 1/4 cup milk
 - 3 tablespoons vanilla extract
 - 1 tablespoon anise extract
 - 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 - 3 teaspoons baking powder
 - 1/2 teaspoon salt
 - 7 cups flour
- PREPARATION (DOUGH)**
- 1) Melt butter then add eggs, milk, vanilla and anise extract.
 - 2) Add dry ingredients.
 - 3) Mix dough until easy to handle.
- (COOKIES)**
- 1) Put 1/2 pound sesame seeds in large fine strainer and run water through the seeds (seeds must be moist).
 - 2) Form cookies by rolling dough into elongated balls (about 1 1/2 inch long).
 - 3) Roll in moistened sesame seeds.
 - 4) Place in ungreased (dry) cookie pans and bake at 375 for 12 to 15 minutes (until lightly golden color).
 - 5) Remove finished cookies from hot pans and place on wire cookie racks to cool.



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DECONSTRUCTING AN OLD PHOTO

By Joe Renna

My sister Lorraine (Renna) Kelly came across an old photo that included our mom, Millie Nigro, and three of her siblings, Mary, Nancy and Joe. Our Uncle Mike was missing from the photo. The photo was tagged with their names along with two other girls named Mickey and Marie, with no last names offered. Lorraine wanted to solve the mystery of who the girls were.

Lorraine lives in Linden, New Jersey next door to our Aunt Nancy (Nigro) Gersick who was just a few months old in the photo dated 1933. She said Mickey's last name was Scanelli and though she remembered the other girl, she did not recall her last name and thought she was Mickey's sister, but was not sure. They gave me the photo to see if I can find out who the girls were.

My only lead was the name Scanelli. I know Charlie Scanelli and he still frequents the Peterstown Community Center in Elizabeth, and John Sacco's butcher shop for morning coffee. I'm a regular at Johnny's every Friday and sat with Charlie over coffee, and a potato, egg, and hot pepper sandwich.


I didn't plan on meeting Charlie that day so I didn't have the photo with me. Anyway, Charlie didn't need the photo. I asked if he was related to Mickey. The question started a description of Mickey and her family

that was in such detail that it seemed like he was talking about something that happened just yesterday.

It turns out that there was cause for Aunt Nancy to be confused. Charlie says Mickey and Marie, his aunts, were half sisters, though neither was named Scanelli. Charlie Scanelli, Sr. married Mickey's sister Rose and Aunt Nancy had the two confused. Their maiden name was actually Collala.

Mickey's married name is Kusspiel, Rose married Charlie Scanelli, Sr. Their parents were Lucy and Rocky Collala who had five children together, Rose, Mickey, Yolonda, Nick and Freddie. It was after Rocky's death that the widowed Lucy married Sal Manetta. They added five children to the brood, Genny, Rachel, Anita, Sal and Marie, who appears in the photo.

The families were close growing up just two doors apart on Niles Street. The Manetta's in number 408 on Niles Street and the Nigro family occupying the house on the corner on Fourth Avenue. My grandparents Joe and Maria Liberta were godparents to Mickey.

Charlie could go on for a long time talking about the neighborhood, remembering names, dates and events vividly. Future articles based on the oral history that Charlie has to offer are in the works. 



(above, top, l-r) Mickey (Collala) Kusspiel, Maria Manetta, Carmella (Nigro) Renna, (bottom, l-r) Mary (Nigro) DeLorenzo, Nancy (Frances Nigro) Gersick, and Joe Nigro Jr.

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(above) Photos of Elizabeth UNICO Awards Dinner from Sunday, October 19, 2014 honoring their Citizen of the year Onofrio Vitullo, Director of the Elizabeth Fire Department.

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THERE SHE IS MISS ITALIA

Clarissa Marchese of Ribera Sicily was crowned 2014 Miss Italia. It was a cause to celebrate for the Peterstown community of Elizabeth, New Jersey where her grandmother, Carmela “Mela” Fidanza, grew up and her mother Marisa was born and raised.

Mela moved back to Italy as a widow with her daughter Marisa. Clarissa, age 20, was born in Sciacca, in the province of Agrigento and grew up in Ribera. The long distance relationship between family members here and abroad has always been strong. The two sides would take turns visiting one another. Clarissa has already spent time in America visiting prior to her official visit as Miss Italia.

One cousin that Clarissa has close ties with is Cristina Guarraci who lives on Clark, New Jersey. They are actually second cousins once removed, meaning Clarissa’s great-grandmother Maria, married to Giuseppe Scaturro, was sisters with Cristina’s grandmother Giroloma, who was married to Amedeo Guarraci. This made Clarissa’s grandmother, Mela and Cristina’s father’s Tony, with wife Maria, first cousins. Cristina and Clarissa’s parents Pippo and Marisa Marchese are second cousins.

Mela has two daughters, Marisa and Anna Maria. She has a brother Paul Scaturro who lives in Rahway, New Jersey. Paul is an active member of the Ribera Club in Peterstown. The club took the lead in hosting the newly crowned Miss Italia during her international tour.

Clarissa spent five days in the area, visiting New York City and making appearances at hospitals, visiting veterans and charitable organizations. She also attended receptions at the Ribera Cultural Center and the Peterstown Community Center. The Ribera Club, joined by other Italian-American organizations held a gala on December 8, 2014 honoring Miss Italia at the Renaissance Hotel in Elizabeth. Cristina is a hair stylist and make up artist and prepared Clarissa for the gala.

Cristina and Clarissa would spend much of their time together when the families visited. Some visits lasted weeks other months. In 2012 Clarissa spent a month in America celebrating her eighteenth birthday staying with

several cousins in the Guarraci, Sortizza, Scatorro, and Hutnik families. Cristina made a two week long visit to Italy in August 2014 just as Clarissa was preparing to compete in the Miss Italia Pageant.

The five-day whirlwind visit was exciting for Clarissa and many of the folks who got to meet her, especially friends of the family who knew Clarissa for many years.



(above, r-l) A selfie taken by Cristina Guarraci off the ceiling of an elevator with Miss Italia Clarissa Marchese and her parents Pippo and Marisa Marchese.

(above, r-l) Cristina Guarraci, Miss Italia Clarissa Marchese and Cristina’s brother Anthony at a December 8, 2014 gala held in Elizabeth.

(right) Miss Italia Clarissa Marchese making an appearance in Elizabeth. Hair and make up was done by her cousin Cristina Guarraci.



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(right)
 Angela Renna
 with her daughter
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 Angela Renna
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(below, l-r)
 siblings Paul
 (deceased),
 Angela
 and Nick Renna.



(above) Angela in her home studio with Jingles, a rescue pug, wearing one of her many outfits. Yes, pugs are very fashion conscience.

THE A.R.T. OF RESCUE

Heart is what drives most artistic souls, and so determines their fate. That's pretty much how Angela Renna Teixeira ended up working as a painter and ceramic artist, using her skills and vision to feed another passion, animal rescue.

She is a dog lover with an insatiable obsession for funny little short dogs. She has three pugs of her own but also keeps others in her home, as she and her husband, Paul, volunteer as a foster home for dogs in rescue that are waiting to be adopted.

The dogs are Angela's muses. Their clown-like natures and expressive faces became the subject of her paintings and clay creations. There was a growing interest in her art from other dog lovers and so Angela started to sell her work through the internet. Every piece she makes is listed for sale through eBay's Giving Works, where a percentage of all sales go directly to non-profit, volunteer-based (mostly), dog rescue groups.

Before she added a full pottery and art studio to her home, she worked for many years as a dog portrait artist,

(below) Dog portrait paintings



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Not for Nothing But...

I once painted a pug
 in my pajamas.

.....

and still enjoys a long career in graphic design as an art director in the publishing industry.

Angela fostered her interest in art while attending the Elizabeth public school system enrolled in the gifted and talented program. She had excellent commercial and fine art teachers who encouraged young artists like herself to work with their strengths. Angela credits the system and her teachers and says "It was a gift, without which I don't know where I'd be today. Thankfully, my early life in Elizabeth, NJ handed me the opportunity to find out the kind of person I really am."

Angela is driven to the core by passion, kindness, humor, and art with good intentions. She went on to earn a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the School of Visual Arts after graduating Elizabeth High School, Class of '89.

Angela's family moved to Union, where her mom, also named Angela, still lives. Both Elizabeth and Union are still very much a part of her life and what shapes her sensibilities. 🐶

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Each year the Chamber selects three businesses as their large, medium and small businesses of the year. They have selected Renna Media as the small business of the year for 2014. The honor of large company of the year goes to Linden petroleum company Infineum USA L.P. and Summit investment firm R Seelaus & Co. was named as the medium company of the year. The Linden Chamber of Commerce was named the Chamber of the Year.

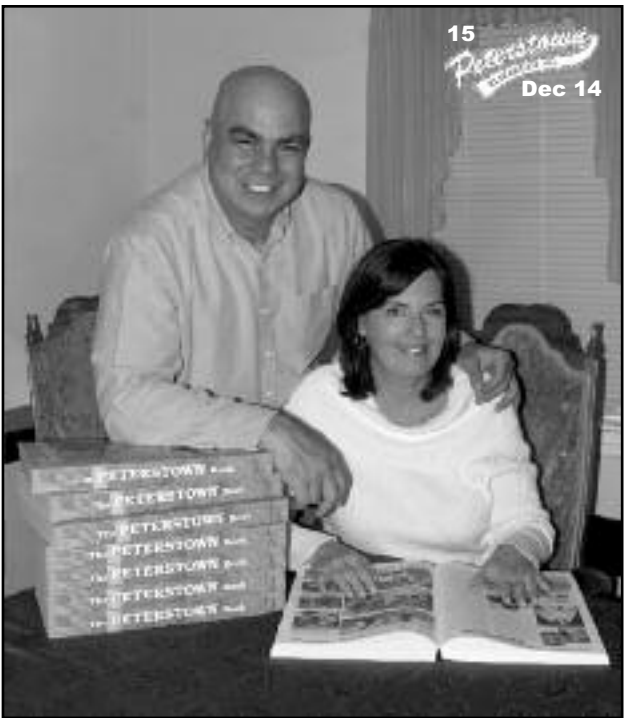
Joe and Tina Renna were nominated and selected not only for the success of their business but the community service aspect of their business plan. Renna Media publishes twelve community newspapers that are mailed free to 58,000 homes and businesses on a monthly basis. The focus of the newspapers is to support the community service organizations in the towns that they publish in. Non-profits can promote events at no charge. The publications also recognizes individuals and businesses that perform community service. The newspapers also serve as a calendar of upcoming events for the town, schools, and library.

Renna Media launched their newest publication Cranford Monthly in January of 2014, it is mailed to every home and business in town. It joins other Union County publications in Clark, Linden, Rahway, Kenilworth, Union; along with six newspapers in their western zone, Warren, Watchung, Long Hill, Green Brook, Dunellen, and North Plainfield.

Tina and Joe also publish Around About Peterstown on a bi-monthly basis. This publication is less of a business venture and more of a labor of love. The Peterstown Newspaper attempts to record the oral history of the Elizabeth neighborhood Joe grew up in. In September of 2013 they published The Peterstown Book, a one hundred year history of the Italian American Neighborhood.

The biggest benefit to being a Gateway Chamber member is networking. The smallest companies have access to the largest. The Chamber hosts approximately 180 networking events a year. Prospective members are invited to events also. If a business is a member of one group then they are automatically a member of all groups. The groups include:

- Linden Chamber of Commerce
- Clark Chamber of Commerce
- Kenilworth Chamber of Commerce
- Warren Chamber of Commerce
- Somerset Hills Business Network
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- Association of Women in Business
- Workforce Education Committee



(above, l-r) Joe and Tina Renna in their home office looking over a copy of with The Peterstown Book.

AWARDS DINNER:

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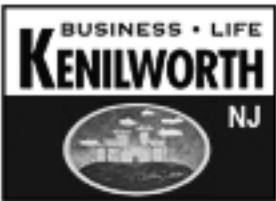
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