



THE FELLOWSHIP OF KINDRED MINDS

The Peterstown community mourns the passing of Rusty Harris. A look at his life reveals the essence of what makes the community so special. His love of family and devotion to the church was balanced by a zest for life and sports. Unique was the bond he had with friends, where the welfare of others was put above his own.

The Baby Boomers developed in the Me Generation, self-absorbed and independent. Not so for the Boomers of Peterstown, in fact, quite the opposite. Caring and relying on others was typical of the immigrant population and first generation Americans in the first half of the 20th century. It was a necessity for survival in a sometimes hostile environment. It was no different in Peterstown, The Burg, a tight knit Italian Neighborhood in Elizabeth, New Jersey. It was one of the communities defining attributes.

The Baby Boomers of Peterstown took the concept of unity that their parents and grandparents taught them to a greater level, bucking the trend in all other segments of society. The youth of the new millennium could not comprehend the code the guys and gals from the Burg lived by, a value system that puts others above yourself. Rusty Harris epitomizes those values and the greatest example of his unselfish concern for his friend came in the final years of his life.

One of Rusty's best friends was Rocco Netta who battled pancreatic cancer for four years. Rusty and Rocky lived similar lives, they played together as kids, both married their childhood sweethearts from the Burg, raised their families in Roselle Park, and both were union carpenters. Rocky had a tough four years dealing with his cancer and Rusty was by his side every step of the way. Rusty was with Rocky every day to offer him support, encouragement and assistance. To suggest it was a sacrifice for Rusty to do this would be insulting. There was nothing more important to Rusty than giving Rocky comfort anyway he could.

For four years Rusty was a constant companion to Rocky even after February of 2014 when Rusty was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer himself, a horrible disease that spreads rapidly and has a very poor prognosis, even so, Rusty still was helping his dear friend cope. Rocky would finally succumb to the disease and pass away two months later on April 26, 2014 at age 63. Rusty's cancer was very aggressive and he passed away five months later on September 15, 2014, at the age of 64.

Rusty is survived by his parents, Russel and Ann (Nigro) Harris; his sisters, Patricia Guidetti (Vic) of Berkeley Heights, N.J., and Kathleen Brophy (George) of Union, N.J.; mother-in-law, Santa Steele of Roselle Park. Rusty and his wife Debbie (Steele) have three children, Kelly Ann of Maplewood, N.J.; Russell (Laura) of Bloomfield, N.J., and Matthew of Roselle Park, and three grandchildren.

There is an overwhelming sadness to the story especially for Rocky and Rusty's circle of friends who care for each other with equal passion. In their youth they formed a team called The Dominos and played rivals in football and softball. They kept the spirit of the team intact even off the field, an all for one and one for all attitude. They dealt with the loss of several friends over the years and in every case rallied the Peterstown community together to support that particular friend in need and his family. This crew lived life to the fullest and the memories of the good times is what gets them through the sad times, and there were no shortage of good times.

The closeness of the group that allows them to overcome adversity also provides the fuel to enjoy life to the fullest. For instance, in 1971 seven of the Dominos decided to take advantage of the Pan Am's Youth Fare of \$199 round trip to Europe on the new 747, including the

helicopter ride from Newark to Kennedy Airport. Alan Mollozzi, Joseph Colletti, Frank Crincoli, Lenny Merlo, Rusty Harris, Rocky Netta, and John Sacco spent five weeks traveling by car to Amsterdam, Belgium, Germany and then to Italy visiting Genoa, Rome and finally spending a week in Vallata. Sacco took an excursion on his own to visit Calabria while Colletti and Merlo ventured to Ribera Sicily. They were all 21 years old, except Frank who was 23 and Joe was just 20.

This brand of life cannot be taught, it's absorbed from the environment. The children of the Dominos have a good chance of inheriting the "do-right/live-right" gene. They have four generations of breeding to back them. There is little hope, though, that Rusty's story would inspire others generation x'ers. They are even more self-absorbed than their parents.

(left) In 1971 Rusty, Rocky and five others, took a five-week trip to Europe. they had a this group shot taken while getting photographed for their passport. (back, l-r) Alan Mollozzi, Joseph Colletti, Frank Crincoli, Lenny Merlo, (front, l-r) John Sacco, Rocky Netta and Rusty Harris.



(above, l-r) Debbie and Russell Harris were married on November 17, 1973.





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President's Message

It's been such a sad time for me and my friends as we lost another close friend. Rusty Harris' passing is another big hit to the heart, especially after losing Rocco Netta earlier this year. I feel like I am in a boxing match just getting beat emotionally.

These are friends who I shared my life with. Our wives and children, parents and grandparents were like one big family. That is how our neighborhood is. When someone passes it is felt by all, on a personal level.

We lost quite a few close friends over the past few years. Too many for being so young. One would be too many. There is little that can be said to ease the pain for those who lost a loved one. Maybe there is comfort in knowing that there's a community of support if anyone who suffered a loss would ever need anything.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the Harris family and all those who are dealing with a loss. Know that you are loved. Know that we loved our friends who have passed. One day we will all be hanging out again, probably sitting on the stoop outside the pearly gates.

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

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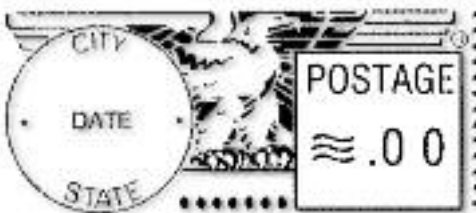
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MEMORIALIZING RUSTY HARRIS "THE REAL MAN'S MAN"

Joe Marino speaks for many in his open letter about Rusty Harris.

Those of us that had the privilege to watch Rusty grow into the most caring and considerate person that the good Lord put on this earth have indeed been blessed beyond what any words can describe.

Rusty was a symbol of what being a Burg guy was. He took an active interest in any Burg related issue. He courted and married a Burg girl, Debbie, and his family ties to the neighborhood still remain today. Rusty's mom and dad still live in the house Rusty was raised in.

From his early days playing baseball in St. Anthony's Little League, to his high school athletic achievements, and as a legend in our O'Brien Field softball and football leagues. Playing for the Dominoes and one of these leaders Rusty always showed that he cared about his teammates conveying that winning attitude. Rusty was a winner. Rusty was a fierce competitor as all who played with him, or against him, experienced. During the years in the playground leagues playing with the Dominoes he excelled personally but was more interested in the companionship of his team members, his friends. As evidenced by the close ties still today of the Domino guys and girls, that Rusty helped by his leadership on and off the playing fields.

As the playground days moved on it was my privilege, and

pleasure, to co-manage the original Sticky Finders Champion Softball team that won many city, county and state titles over a more than 20-year period. In that span of time many were privileged to watch Rusty grow into a loving husband and father to Kelly, Russ and Matt. Not to mention the joy he was getting from his grandchildren.

Rusty was always the calm thoughtful leader who always took into account the emotions and feelings not only of his team mates, but people in general. Rusty showed his enduring strength and courage in the face of his most difficult struggle with life, and that was most evident as he stepped up to the plate one last time.

Rusty will always be remembered for his dedication to his family, and the many friends who mourn his departure from this life.

Rusty always managed to be in my corner always telling me how proud he was of me. It is I who is so proud to have had him as a friend and at times like the brother I never had.

I love you Russ and when we meet again, and step up to the plate again, together I'll know that I'm with a "Real man's Man".

Joe Marino
Toms River, NJ

Dear Joe,

I would like to order subscriptions to "Around About Peterstown" as Christmas gifts for my sister, Fran, and brother, Al. Please include copies of the Aug/Sept 14 issue. You did a wonderful job covering the very special day celebrating our Peterstown celebrity, Joe Long.

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everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

For sixteen years the Peterstown newspaper has been dedicated to preserving the culture and traditions of an Italian American neighborhood and recording its oral history. The stories of the neighborhood are filled with morals and values, a guide to how to do the right thing, being a stand up person, living by a code of honor and loyalty. Society was different in the past generations because people were more in touch with each other. Today individuals are often self-absorbed and independent.

Technology has allowed for the shift away from communal life. Life alone has become easier and more comfortable. What has suffered is the compassion and caring for others. The world is much smaller than it once was, but it is also much colder.

It has become a challenge to instill the value system we grew up with into our children. The game has changed drastically. Our point of reference is no longer viable. The only way for young people to really understand is to get a first-hand account of what life was like. Doing the right thing was how adversity was overcome. Virtuous living is the key to a healthy and prosperous life. 🐾

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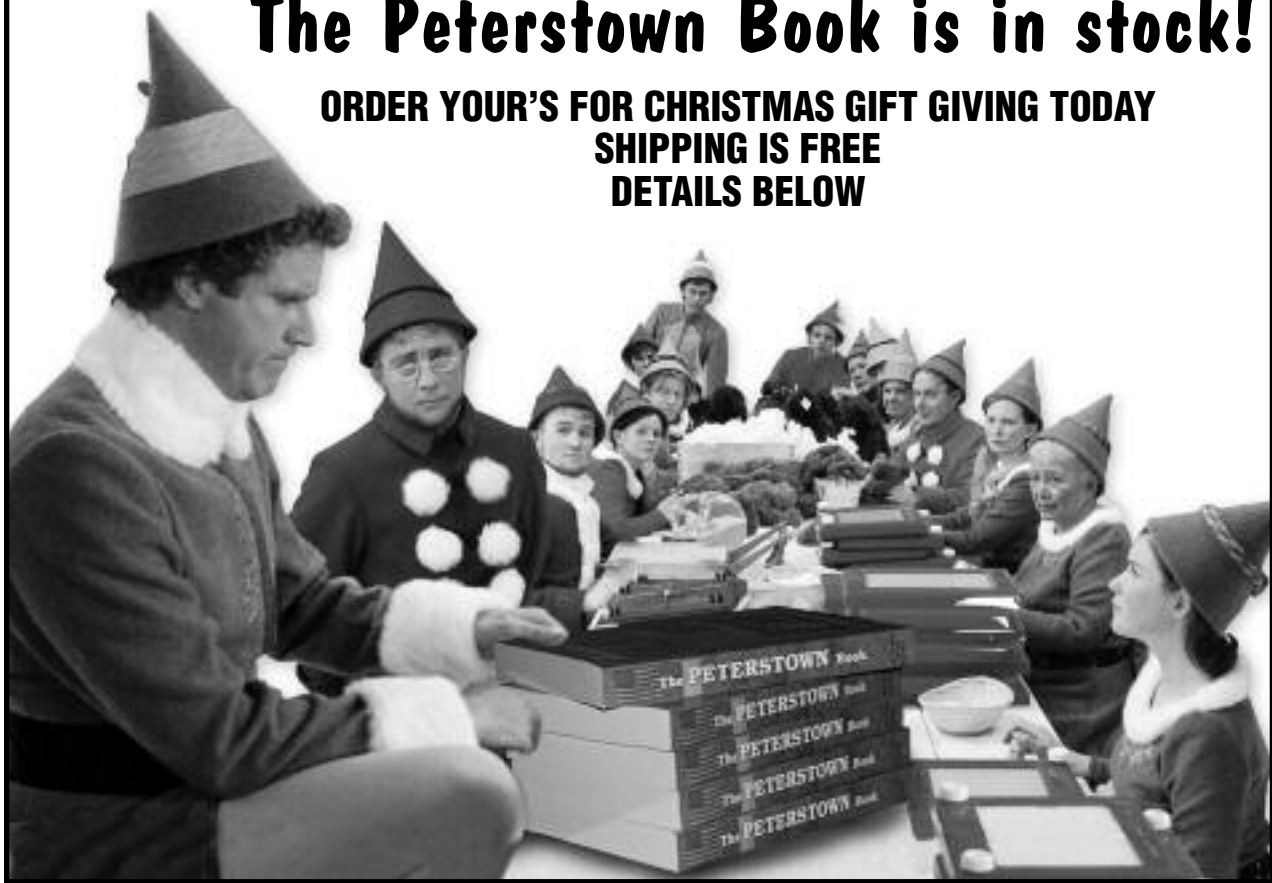


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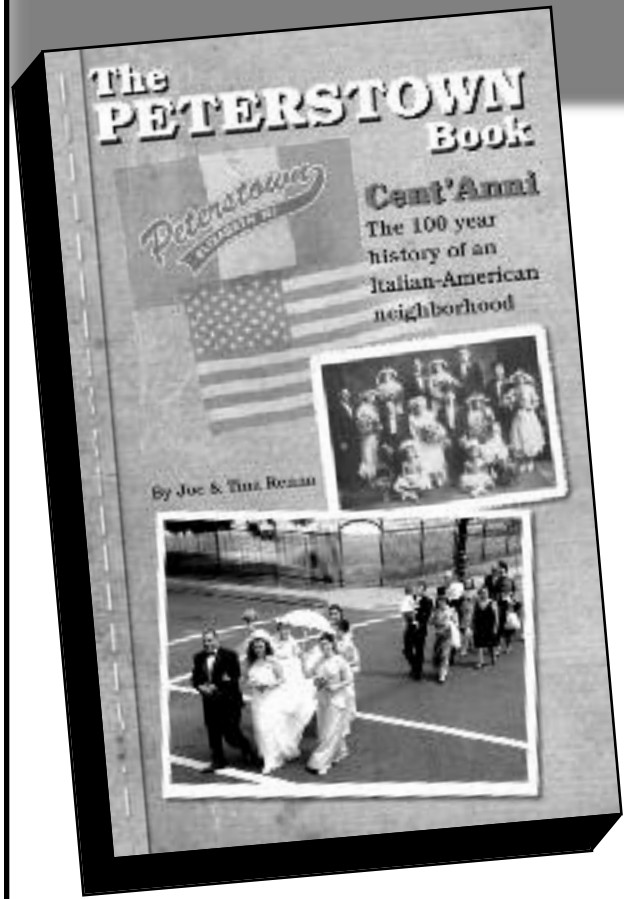
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The event had over 20 judging categories with sixty-five sponsors donating trophies, give-aways and setting

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UNICO is a charitable organization that promotes Italian heritage and culture. Its many efforts are focused on community service. Funds raised by the car show will support mental health programs and their scholarship funds.

Anyone interested in joining UNICO can email Lou Bani at loubrig@aol.com. 



(above) Volunteers Brigid Bani, Mariana Norte and Lou Bani.



(above) Cafe Gallo from Inman Avenue in Edison kept the masses well fed.



(above) Club 3, a car club rooted in Union County, was recognized for being highest in participation. President of the club, Bob Rivera from Union, NJ, is holding the trophy.

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Tony kept the car in his garage in Colonia, NJ. At almost twenty feet in length it barely fit. It sat in the garage for over 20 years until Tony gave it to his grandson John, who never really used it himself and also did the same as his grandfather and kept it in a garage, again with only an inch or two of space to allow the garage door to close.

John kept the car for a while and thought it would be a nice gift to pass down in the family. He decided to give it to his godchild, Anthony Mauti. John’s father and Anthony’s grandmother Blanch mauti were siblings.

Anthony embraced the car and gave it care. He freshened the car up in his spare time and occasionally would enter it into a car show to experience the car show atmosphere. The car is impressive all gussied up. The style car was also called a “Woody” because of its simulated wood paneling that adorned the length of the car. It also has very cool vacuum lights that are hidden behind a fold-down in the grill when not in use. The car only has 9,600 miles logged on the speedometer.

After forty-four years, the car is still in the family and is now being cared for by a third generation family member. The family agrees that the car is to stay in the family and not to be sold.

Hey, they even had a little surprise by winning a trophy at the UNICO car show - Best in Class (Ford). 🏆



(above, l-r) Brothers Anthony and Joe Mauti, with their cousin John Maretti and dad Joe Mauti showcased their Grandfather’s 1970 Country Squire.



(above) Sandra of ReMax Estates handed out balloons to the kiddies.



(above) Third Place - Elizabeth Fireman Andy Sandoukas with daughter Ashley from Cranford, NJ.



(above) Music was delivered by Michael “Hot Rod Mike” Gelnovatch 908-337-8050.



(above, l-r) JB Jones from Rahway, NJ, with Tony Famiglietti, won Best in Show for his 1967 GTO .



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(above) Archbishop Hebda leading mass at St. Anthony's Church with Deacon Joe Caparoso and Paster Oscar Dominguez assisting.



(above) Students at Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy were enthused that the Archbishop visited and asked plenty of questions.

(left) Archbishop Hebda visits the second grade class at Our Lady of Guadalupe Academy with Principal Deacon Joe Caparoso and Rev. Oscar Dominguez.



with breakfast for the Archbishop and invited guests. The childrens' choir, under the direction of Miss Diana, entertained guests with some lively tunes. After the breakfast, the Archbishop spent the entire morning going into the classrooms and meeting with the students. The dialogue with the Archbishop was amazing! The students were not shy to ask him questions and enjoyed everything the Archbishop had to say to them. 🙏



(above, l-r) Archbishop Hebda with Christopher Noguero, Julia Santiago, Alex Parra and Bryan Campos.

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WEDDING BRINGS FAMILY TOGETHER IN CALABRIA

Submitted by Ralph Abbate

During World War II, seven-year-old Augustine Caruso watched the retreating German forces bomb the railroad tracks near his home in Calabria, Italy. Back then the train line was used to supply the Allied forces pushing the German army out of the Italian peninsula. Seventy years later that same train line brought Augie and his daughter back to Calabria for the occasion of a family wedding for his nephew Cristian Caruso.

Augie recounted this wartime experience with friends and family as they sat in the home of Cristian’s parents Giovanni, Augie’s brother, and his wife Franca on Liguori Mountain. The home overlooks the Tyrrhenian Sea and the rail line runs next to the coastline.

Augie’s nephews and nieces, Ralph and Cathy Abbate, Gino Jr. and Theresa Abbate, joined their uncle on his trip and to attend the wedding too.

An interesting sequence of events linked the Caruso Family to their hometown of Calabria and their new hometown in America, Elizabeth, New Jersey.

In 1952 there were three airplanes that crashed in the city of Elizabeth. The three separate crashes killed a total of 119 people. One casualty of the second plane crash was Rose Caruso. Her husband Dominick Caruso returned to Italy a few years after the tragedy and re-married a young lady named Rita. They had one son named Giovanni, who came to live in America with his wife Franca. After two years in Elizabeth, they decided to return to the “Mezzogiorno” where they had a son, Cristian.

Cristian attended the University of Bologna and as

most of the young of Calabria today, he left the region for the job opportunities in the north. It was in the city of Dusseldorf, where Cristian met a young German doctor named Christina. After dating for a few years, they became engaged and a wedding in Calabria was planned.

Although the families make infrequent visits back to the homeland, it is today’s social media that keeps the Caruso families in touch. When Cristian and Christina became engaged the US based families started planning their journey. Those who made the trip could not miss the chance to share the event with the Caruso family back in Guardia.

At the home of Giovanni and Franca, the group were treated to some of the finest Calabrian treats by Zia Franca who has several kitchens in her home. Early September in Southern Italy is a beautiful time for enjoying the seaside sunshine. The evenings were cool and eating meals “al-fresca” was a lovely treat.

The wedding was held at the church in Terme Lugini which is a small town at the foot of the Liguori Mountain. Giovanni provided a bus for his American and German guests that transported them to the place of the reception. The “Palazzo del Capo” is a beautiful hotel/restaurant overlooking the Mediterranean Sea. The cocktail hour was held “Al fresco”, the guests moved indoors for dinner in a large dining hall. Later the guests had deserts on a rooftop patio overlooking the Tyrrhenian with the mountains of Calabria behind them.

The couple enjoyed a honeymoon on the island of Zanzibar in the Indian Ocean. 🌴



(above) The wedding reception was held at the Palazzo del Capo, a hotel and restaurant in the Cittadella del Capo. The guests enjoyed a cocktail hour "al-fresco" on the lawn with gardens overlooking the Tyrrhenian Sea.



(above) The newly married Christina and Cristian Caruso with Giovanni and Franca Caruso. The wedding was held at the church in the village of Terme Luigiane which is part of the municipality of Acquappesa, in the province of Cosenza, region Calabria. Giovanni and Franca both work for the world famous hot baths in the village.



(above) Photos clipped from a 1952 newspaper report of the plane crash shows Carmella Caruso (top) being comforted by a nurse and friend at St. Elizabeth’s



Hospital where her mother, Rosa Caruso, was taken after being pinned under rubble at 310 Williamson Street. (left) Carmella’s brother, Augustine, age 13.

Not for Nothing But...

you can go home again
and sometimes it’s better.



(above) Meals were robust and boisterous.

(left, l-r) The American travelers at the wedding reception held at Palazzo del Capo. Maria Caruso, Cathy Abbate, Ralph Abbate, Gino Abbate Jr., Teresa Abbate and Augustine Caruso (seated).

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Being self-sufficient is an important part of the Calabrese culture. Producing their own produce and meats is a way of life and processing and cooking has some unique qualities. Preservation of food is a common technique used to prepare all types of food.

The recipes shared by some of the members have been handed down for generations. The complex craft of preparing the food takes skill but the technique takes a good bit of education.

Club members regularly make homemade sausage. Carmen Antonucci plays the lead role. He learned from

Paul Gualano, who took charge of making the sausage for the club in 1948. Traditionally the meat used in the sausage was hand chopped, something that club members still do.

Paul Gualano owned a popular butcher shop on Spring Street in Elizabeth, now routes 1 & 9.

The cuisine uses primarily pork in its dishes, no beef. Calabria is a peninsula occupying the "toe" section of Italy's "boot" so many dishes feature fish also. The big difference between being back in Italy and being here in America is that in their home country the members



(above, l-r) The members of St. Benedict Society at the 2014 Annual Barbecue: Rosario Bufaino, Angelo Campo, Augustine Caruso, Pauline Campo, Joe Guarino, Yolando Gregov, Zeljko Gregov, Christina Sbaratta, Ben Caruso, Giuseppina Piccoli, Joe Iannelli, Anthony Sbaratta, Linda Guerino, Mario Guerino, Lucy Lanza, Ralph Abbate, Rose Caruso, Pat Specchio, Aldo Antonuccio, Santo Lanza, Anthony D'Archi, Al Greco, Carmine Antonuccio and Nicole Fusaro. (seated) Carmine Antonucci.

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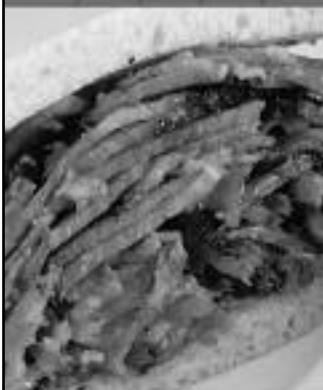
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Preserving Sardines

Ben Caruso as handed down
by his grandmother Maria Caruso

INGREDIENTS

Fresh Sardines (not more than 4" in length)
Sea Salt
Crushed Pepper (Sweet and/or Hot)
Water
1 qt Wine Vinegar

PREPARATION

- 1) Remove heads from Sardines and place in large tub
- 2) Sprinkle with salt and let sit to remove blood
- 3) Put a layer of sea salt on the bottom of a clay pot
- 4) Arrange a layer of Sardines on top of salt
- 5) Add a layer of crushed pepper
- 6) Add another layer of Sea Salt, then Pepper and repeat process until pot is full
- 7) Put a weight on the contents in the pot to press, adding more weight every day for three months. (The salt will have cured the Sardines and the water will create an air tight seal.)
- 8) Serve whole, or pull tail and fillet, sprinkled with olive oil. Season also with Garlic and Oregano (optional).

Blossom Fritters

Ben Caruso

INGREDIENTS

Zucchini Flowers Cheese
Flour Parsley
Eggs Oil

PREPARATION

- 1) Mix Flour, Eggs, Cheese and Parsley into a batter.
- 2) Dip Zucchini pedals in batter and fry in Oil.

Home Made Sausage

Carmine Annonucci
as handed down by Paul Gualano

INGREDIENTS

Pork Butts (Shoulder on the bone)
Seasoning
Sausage Casing (intestine)

PREPARATION

- 1) Remove bone and fat from the Pork
- 2) Mince by hand or chop by hand then use grinder.
- 3) Mix in seasoning
- 4) Stuff into Sausage casing

Editor's note: That's all I have folks. You can season your sausage a hundred different ways, with fennel, hot pepper, etc. I wasn't given Paul's recipe but I will say it was some of the best sausage I ever ate.

Preserving Eggplant

Ben Caruso as handed down
by his grandmother Maria Caruso

INGREDIENTS

1/2 bushel Little Italian Eggplant
cut in quarters and sliced very thin
Sea Salt Garlic,
Water Chopped Red Pepper,
1 qt Wine Vinegar Salt
Fennel Seeds Fresh Mint

PREPARATION

- 1) Place eggplant in a large bowl and mix in a lot of sea salt
- 2) Enfold the Eggplant in cheese cloth and place weight to the top of bundle. (approx. 20lbs.)
- 3) Let sit for 24 hours so water is removed
- 4) Fill a big pot half way with water and 1 qt of Wine Vinegar and bring to a boil
- 5) Add Eggplant for 2 -3 minutes
- 6-7) Repeat steps 2 & 3
- 8) Put eggplant in a tub and mix in Fennel seeds garlic, Chopped Red pepper, salt and fresh mint
- 9) Pack tightly into jars and top off with olive oil
Can store indefinitely for future use.

(right, l-r) Carmine Antonuccio and Zeljko Gregov are cooking Italian homemade sausage while members Joe Guarino, Joe Iannelli and Santo Lanza look on. The sausage was made by Carmine and Joe Guarino.



(above) Ben Caruso with a plate of hot roasted peppers.



(above) Aldo and Carmine Antonucci oversees production in a wine cellar with 85 gallons of white and rose wine to be shared with the members of St. Benedict's Society Club. They are proud to say that their wine is 100% all natural, no added sugar, yeast or sulfite.



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(above, l-r) Albert Parrinello's maternal grandparents Tomisina Casano (1886-1970) and Giacomo Morsello (1882-1963) in 1957.



(above, l-r) Wedding photo of Mary Catherine Morsello and John Battista Parrinello, St. Anthony's Church, September 22, 1934.
 - As captioned on the back of the photo:
 Mary's date of birth: 1-20-1914,
 date of death: 3-15-1952.
 John's date of birth: 2-19-1910,
 date of death: 2-19-1981.

PREPARING A FAMILY LEGACY IS A REWARDING TASK

Recently, Albert Parrinello has found out more about his father and his family than he had during his long life. His father John never spoke much about his youth and Albert laments that he never pressed him on finding out more. Albert didn't want the family history to be a mystery to his children and grandchildren so he and his wife, Jeannette, have been compiling photo albums and scrapbooks so his family will have a reference to their past.

They are captioning each photo and document that they come across with detailed information. The material is being sorted and packaged to be given to the appropriate family member. Albert only wishes that he knew more about his extended family.

Without his father's first hand account, information about his grandparents and any possible branches of his family are difficult to come by. He does know a tiny bit about his father's life in America but has had no contact with the people who were part of his father's life after arriving from Italy alone, at the age of 16, in 1926.

One peculiar fact is that John was born in Brooklyn, New York. His mother, Anna Marie, lived in America for a short time living with the parents, who owned a bakery. He husband Alberto, John's father was back to Marsala, Sicily and did not make the trip to America. John was about three years old when his mother returned to Marsala join her husband. Since John was an American citizen by birth his parents thought he would have an easier time assimilating. The opportunities that America offered was a driving force for many immigrants at that

time. And so, John was sent to America, but his parents stayed behind in Marsala.

It was arranged that he was to stay with one of his aunts. Alberto's two sisters were already settled in America raising their own families. The sisters lived across the street from each other on John Street in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ, an enclave of Italian Immigrants.

John stayed a while with one aunt before moving in with the other. Albert only knew the second aunt whose name was Roseanne (Parrinello) Morsello, coincidently the same last name as his maternal grandparents but of no relation. John kept in touch with that part of the family and Albert remembers visiting them when he was young. Thier paths have crossed on only rare occasions through the years.

Albert did not know much about the first aunt. He suspects that her married name was Grillo based on a wedding photo of who Albert believes to be of her son. Albert has know idea how many distant cousins he may have or what their names may be. He is on a quest find out.

A funny side bit is that most people know Albert by the name Bob. He says the name developed from his older sister Anna Marie's pronunciation of the word baby, which sounded like Bobby and then shortened to Bob. So the name stuck. Anna Marie passed away in 1936. She was only 19 years old.

John's maternal Grandparents were Giaccamo (Jack) Morsello and Tomasina (nee Casano). Their daughter Mary married John in 1934. They lived at 218 Amity Street and moved Jackson Avenue into a two family home they shared with her parents in 1946. Bob was 8 years old at the time.

John became a widower when Mary passed away in 1952. He got remarried in 1955 to Assunta Arnone. The Arnone family also hailed from Peterstown. Her brother Don was an accomplished guitarist of some fame. Assunta passed away in 1994.



(above, l-r) Wedding photo of Assunta Arnone and John Parrinello, St. Anthony's Church, January 16, 1955. John became a widower when his first wife Mary passed away in 1952.

John Parrinello started his career in Esso Refinery and worked there for 39 years before retiring. Bob retired after 45 years as a Union Printer Pressman, a skill he learned at Edison Tech High School.

Bob married Jeannette Cosenza in 1961. She grew up in Peal Oval section of Elizabeth, where Elizabeth High School now stands.

They moved into in the Jackson Avenue home, where they raised their four children, The couple raised their four children, John, Nicholas, Thomas and Joanne. John, their eldest son, passed away on November 29, 2005 at the age of 43. Bob and Jeannette are blessed with eight grandchildren and are preparing to celebrate their 55th anniversary.

Upon his father's death in 1981, Bob took possession of the boxes of photos and documents that his father stored. and has meticulously been sorting them and writing captions on the reverse side of the pictures. It has been a labor of love. 📷



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(above, l-r) John Parrinello with, son Albert, daughter Anna Marie and wife Mary (Morsello) on Ann Marie's confirmation day.

(left) Battin High School 1954 graduation photo of Anna Marie Parrinello, Born September 17, 1936. Died June 18, 1955.



(right, l-r) Jeannette and Albert's eight grandchildren Alyssa, Joe, Andrew Jessica, Matthew, Nicholas, John Jr., and Danielle together celebrating Christmas in 2006.

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(above, l-r) Jeannette and Albert Parrinello on their wedding day, January 8, 1961.



(above, l-r) Jeannette and Albert Parrinello celebrating their 50th anniversary in 2010.



(above, l-r) Parrinello children Nicholas, Joanne, and Thomas.



(above) Photo of Jeannette and Albert's son John from 1990.



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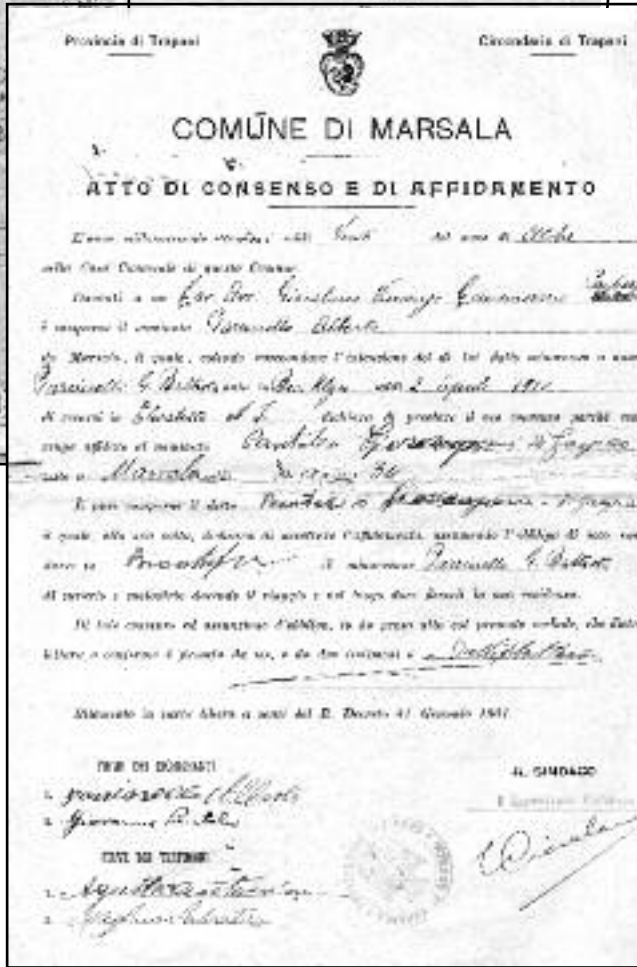
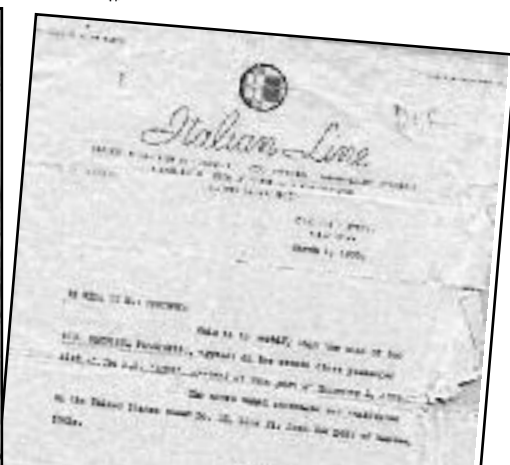
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(above) Ninfa and John Grillo, may be first cousins to John Parrinallo.

(below and left) Documents related to Giovanni Battista Parrinello and his trip to America in 1926 include ticket, permission slips, clear bill of health, etc.



According to the documents John was disinfected, bathed and vaccinated. His head was round, jaw was "OK" and his nose was small. No scars or identifying marks, his hair eyes and eyebrows were Chestnut.

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AUNT JELLY CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

Angela Barone was born on January 11, 1914. Friends and family called her Jelly because it was how her niece Ann, pronounced it when she was a toddler.

Jelly grew up at 651 ½ Fourth Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, New Jersey and lived there until her eighties in the late 1990's. Her parents were Frank and Philomena Barone, nee Madorma, and she had five siblings, all deceased, Frank, Salvatore, Jean, Gus and Ann. The family measured much bigger in that the Barone family occupied several homes on Fourth Avenue. Frank's siblings lived next door on both sides of his home. His brother Jimmy was married to Philomina's sister Carrie Mardorma.

Jelly started a career as a seamstress but left the work force to care for her parents. There was a lot of shared services when it came to raising the Barone clan and Jelly supplied a lot of the caregiving. She never married but doted over her ten nieces and nephews as she would her own children, and her nineteen grandnieces/nephews, six great-grandnieces/nephews and 3 great-great-

grandnieces/nephews. The oldest niece that Jelly cared for was Camille and their bond came full circle when Canille would have the opportunity to care for her aunt later in life. Camille was the daughter of Ann (Schillaci) Farber, who was the step-daughter to Frank. Camille's biological father passed away before she was born but grew up as part of the Barone family when Frank married Ann's mother, Philomina. She was never considered a step-anything by her parents or siblings.

When Jelly's parents died and her sister Jean had passed away she was living alone in the Fourth Avenue home. Her failing eyesight made it difficult to manage the house on her own and so she moved to Linden, to live with her grandniece, Janet Sheehy, Camille's daughter.

Janet remembers how caring Aunt Jelly had been to her and her sister and loved the opportunity to return the favor. Coincidentally, Camille, marriage name Abitanto, was also living with her daughter and would

care for Aunt Jelly. Janet's three children have a double dose of grandparent love.

Sadly, in 2012, Camille was diagnosed with cancer and died in October of that year. A year later, Aunt Jelly moved into Genesis Healthcare in Westfield in August of 2013. She suffers from dementia, but still lights up when her nieces and nephews visit. She still has the ability to make them laugh with her stories of dancing at the Spar Club in the "good ole' days." 🎶



(above, l-r) Janet Sheehy celebrated the 100th birthday of her grand-aunt "Jelly", Angela Barone on January 11, 2014.

WELCOME TO THE WORLD THOMAS FOWLER III



Thomas Fowler Jr. and Jacalyn Zieser Fowler of Fourth Avenue in Elizabeth, NJ welcomed their son Thomas Fowler III into the world on August 12, 2014 at 11:40 pm, weighing 8 lbs 11 oz and measuring 20 inches long.

Joseph Chirico, long-time resident of Peterstown, passed away at the Fr. Hudson Center for Hope after a short hospitalization at Trinitas Hospital. Joe and his wife, Carmela were residents of Centre Street where they raised their three children Mark, Lisa (Nascondiglio) and David. Joe and Carmela spent most of their later years in Toms River, but frequented community events around Peterstown, and attended St. Anthony's Church. Joe leaves behind eight grandchildren, and six nieces and nephews. The funeral was held at St. Anthony's and was officiated by Deacon Joe Caporaso, and Fr. Oscar. Joe was laid to rest at St. Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia. Joe loved to walk the streets of Peterstown; meeting up with old friends and talking about his family's most recent achievements. He loved working in his garden and was proud of his cucuzza crop every year. Joe was a Little League coach for St. Anthony's, a member of the Knights of Columbus in Linden, and retired from Singer's in Elizabeth after 20 years of service. Joe was a U.S. Army Veteran, and proudly served his country in the Korean War. He will be remembered for his positive attitude, his love of family, and his love for this community. 🌿



BOB FERNANDEZ, SR.

Robert F. Fernandez Sr., 81, of Albrightsville, passed away peacefully on Friday, Aug. 29, 2014, with his beloved wife of 57 years, Mary Ann (Lenard), at his side. They would have celebrated their 58th anniversary on Sept. 1. They have four children and six grandchildren.

Robert was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey, on April 5, 1933. He was the son of Henry and Catherine (Moleski) Fernandez. Robert had proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy as a Seabee. He retired from David Brearley Regional High School as a custodian and spent his retirement years in Pennsylvania.

Robert's writings and photos appeared in several issues of the Peterstown Newspaper. Robert had a lifelong passion, from the tender age of 6-years-old, for "The sweet science". . . boxing. He authored two books on the subject: "Four Crumbling Houses Ten Count," and just released weeks before his passing, "Boxing in New Jersey,

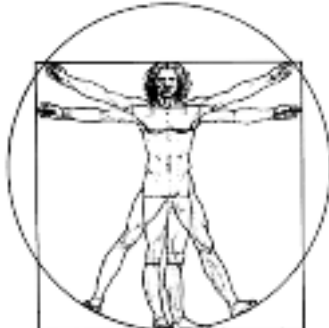
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(above) Luis Ruales proudly holds his first chess trophy, the 2014 Under 1400 Kenilworth Chess Club Championship.

(right, l-r) Dr. Richard Lewis, a dentist whose office is located on Elmora Avenue in Elizabeth, frequents Luis' shoe shop, not for a shine but for a game of chess. The image above is a screen shot of the YouTube documentary about Luis called "The Last American Shoemaker in Roselle."

SHOE MAKER LUIS RUALES HOLDS ON TO OLD TRADITION

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Ruales has many customers from Elizabeth, NJ and many who go to his shop to pick up a copy of the Peterstown Newspaper. Peterstown, the small Italian neighborhood in Elizabeth boasted at least a dozen shoe makers from the neighborhood where none exist today.

In its hay day there were over 250,000 shoe repair shops in the United States, today there are less than 7,000. People are very glad to find a guy like Luis.

Luis will be turning 70 soon and still battles with the fact that he must one day retire. He struggles giving up the business because he loves what he does and more

importantly he loves his customers who represent three generations of some families.

Ruales is originally from Ecuador but his story is similar to that of the Italian immigrants who settled in Peterstown. His craft offered him opportunity and his work ethic was his ticket to success.

A film about Luis called "The Last American Shoemaker in Roselle" by Joseph Eulo can be found on YouTube. The film chronicles the life of Luis Ruales as he works, plays, and comes to terms with his biggest challenge yet. We learn about Luis' hopes, fears, and uncertainties about retirement and the future of shoemaking in America from several points of view. The Last American Shoemaker is the first in a series of documentaries that take a look at the immigrant experience.

Luis did develop one distraction for work and that is playing chess. He is a regular at the Kenilworth Chess Club and won the 2014 championship for his rating level. The trophy is displayed proudly in his shop. ♟



(above, r-l) Luis Ruales with long time customer Fran (Conte) Burns from Peterstown section of Elizabeth.

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