



A DECLARATION OF LOVE FOR ALL TO SEE

When Francesca Gallicchio married Gino Merendino on July 14, 2007, she honored an ages old Italian tradition by walking with family and friends from her home to the church, through her neighborhood of Peterstown in Elizabeth, NJ.

Francesca's procession from her home at 628 Third Avenue to St. Anthony's Church on the corner of Third Avenue and Centre Street was a thing of beauty. Blessed with a perfect summer day, the bride strolled the familiar streets of her neighborhood, to the church four blocks away. In her wake was an array of family members and friends that stretched a block long. Along side were neighbors and well wishers who stood on their stoops to watch. Patrons and workers from the corner hair salon emptied onto the street to catch a glimpse. It was a pageant on a grand scale yet intimate for everyone who witnessed it.

Even though Francesca was born in America she made annual summer trips with her parents, Giuseppina and Vito Gallicchio, to Italy to visit their families. It was in her father's home town of Vallata that Francesca saw a wedding taking place. She was struck by the beauty of the moment, the bride stepping down the steps of her home into the plaza, and the crowd filled with emotion. It was a perfect way for the couple to share a declaration of love with the community they lived in. Since then, she dreamed of doing the same for her own wedding. That time was still a few years away; she hadn't met her husband to be yet.

Francesca met Gino in 2000. Although he lived in Linden, NJ, they both attended a young adult ministry hosted by St. John the Apostle Church in Clark. The group met every Friday evening, and over time Francesca and Gino found they had a lot in common, including a strong commitment to being Catholic. It was in their mutual beliefs and values that they found their love for each other. It was no coincidence to them that they met through their activities in the church. Their lives intersected at their most meaningful points.

The people and places that have special meaning to Francesca and Gino became part of the historical account of their courtship and marriage. For instance Gino proposed to Francesca, on her birthday, in the Eucharistic Chapel in St. John's Church. They started that day by attending mass at St. Anthony's Church where Francesca teaches Catacism. During that morning's services, the students that she was preparing that semester received their first Holy Communion. Each event heightened the significance of the others. It was the triple crown of special days.

Frank Mazza, Francesca's neighbor is a long time educator in the Elizabeth school system and an Italian historian. He explained many of the wedding traditions that were used in Italy. Many customs have symbolic meaning, for instance, in some regions of Italy both the bride and groom walk together to the church. Their neighbors along the way would set up challenges as they pass by. For example the couple would be considered good parents if they are able to quiet a crying baby that is presented to them. Other regions have the groom waiting at the church for his bride who would arrive late. Francesca and Gino used some traditional wedding customs and made them uniquely their own. Gino waited at the church for Francesca to arrive. She wore something old, a pendant from Italy, a gift from her cousin; something new, her wedding dress which she designed and her mother made; something borrowed, her mother's earrings; and something blue, a ribbon pinned on her gown. Gino wanted to drive and not be chaffered in a limo. His car was decorated by the bridal party with a sign that read "Just Married" on the back window.

Frank Mazza is also the Councilman for the Ward that includes Peterstown, he assisted Francesca with making the arrangements with the city to ensure a safe procession. Many of Francesca and Gino's friends and family actually participated in the ceremony. Her mother not only made her dress but also those of the bridal party. Her cousin Phyllis (DeMarco) Fernandez made the wedding cake, Phyllis's husband supplied the photography, and neighbors decorated the entrance of her home and rolled out a white runner from her door to the street. Francesca was escorted from her home and down the aisle by her Uncle Frank Gallicchio, who stood in for her father. Vito passed away just two months before Gino proposed. Her sister Paula was Matron of Honor and the priest presiding over the ceremony was Gino's Uncle Monsignore Cajetan Salemi. Even the police officers on duty controlling traffic, Vito Tropiano and Al DeMarco, were from the neighborhood.

The most noteworthy aspect of this wedding is that the extravagance was not material but emotional. It was a display of love and not glitz.

There is a richness to how people expressed affection and support for the bride and groom through their participation. That expression was witnessed by the Peterstown community that watched as the procession passed by that day.

Events like this reinforce the image of Peterstown as a place which still embraces the values of church, family and community. It's a neighborhood that still maintains an old world charm even in the face of change. One would be hard pressed to find another place like it.

Francesca and Gino will start their lives together with the blessing of the entire community. Auguri! 🍀

(left) Francesca Gallicchio is escorted through the streets of Peterstown lined with neighbors, from her home to St. Anthony's church, on her wedding day, by her Uncle Frank, followed by her bridal party, family and friends.



(above, l-r) Newlyweds Gino and Francesca Merendino.



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President's Message



When I reflect on the stories that have appeared in this newspaper, tradition is an underlying theme in all of them. Even with all the murmurs of how Peterstown has changed it is still a remarkable place, with many of its traditions still intact and many of its original families keeping the culture alive.

I come across two types of people every day, those who are enjoying life in the way they always had growing up, and those who changed their lifestyle and complain that things aren't the same as they used to be. What do they expect?

There is still enough opportunity to get back to your roots in Peterstown. There are enough events and regular get-together at the senior center and Church to get reacquainted with the old neighborhood and give the kids a taste of growing up in the Burg.

Next Sons of Peterstown get together will be a Dinner in honor of Columbus in November. Plan to drop by.

Thank you and God bless.

John Sacco, President

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Letters to the Editor



Dear Joe,

My name is Joe Pagano. I was born in Newark, went to St. James Grammar School and then to East Side High School. In my sophomore year we moved to Roselle and I graduated in 1946 from Roselle High. I joined the Army and served in Korea from November 1946 to 1948. After the Army I was able to become a member of Electrician's Local #675, headquartered on 269 Morris Avenue in Elizabeth.

My father, Peter, worked for the Jersey State Electric Company on Broad Street in Elizabeth, next to the firehouse. I worked for the Joe Tomasulo Electric Company from Roselle Park. We did most of the electric work for the Elizabeth schools and the Union County court house.

My first job after my apprenticeship was as foreman for the new St. Anthony's Grammar School in 1956. I and two of my Electrician's installed the wiring on the school and enjoyed the daily visits of Father Dominic. He and I would become friends during the job.

When I went back one day for a service call, he brought me into the first class of the new students. He said "Children, this is Joe, he is the man who put all the lights in our new school. Say good morning and thank you to Joe." They all stood up and said "Thank you for our new school lights". I will never forget their little faces. And now I see they are having a 50-year reunion.

I was also foreman on the renovation of the Harmonia Bank. After work I would stop at the open market and bring home the fresh fruit, Italian bread, etc.

I am now retired and have lived in Cranford since 1954. My wife died in 1991 and I have four married children and seven grandsons. I enjoy your paper and know a lot of the people in your stories.

Thanks for the memories.

Joe Pagano
Cranford, NJ

Dear Joe,

I want to thank the crew at the Peterstown paper for doing the article on the Hot Dog cake. That cake was the talk of the town, and it was as good as it looked!!! I should know I, was the lucky guy it was made for!

I would like to thank Phyllis at Joanne's for all the hard work and the creativity she put into it. It was really appreciated. I would really like to thank Phyllis Nicastro who I know played a big part in the arrangements for the cake. A great big thanks go's out to all my friends at the Board of Education who took time to come celebrate my retirement. It was really a memorable occasion for me. Let's not forget the crew at The Garden Restaurant, great people! And last but not least my really good friends Bob Delaney, Bob Donnellan, Blaise Lapolla, Jr. and all the people who helped in any way.

In closing I would like to say it was a pleasure serving the children of Elizabeth for the past 26 years, there are so many great people who commit themselves to the children of Elizabeth and to have been a part of that was just great.

Thanks to all of you and may GOD BLESS.

Sincerely,
Allan Muenster
Howell, NJ

Hi Cuz,

Happy Days! Moved to Hawaii to be with our girls and their families. Please note the change of address on our renewal subscription. We do not want to miss out on any of your publications they have been very informative, and an excellent way to keep note on our old neighborhood and the present Peterstown.

Hello to all our friends and relatives. We need to learn a new language, although the common language here is English.

Aloha
Your Cousin Mickey (Renna) Cortese
Kahului, HI

Dear Joe,

Thank you for the wonderful article that appeared in the June/July 2007 Peterstown paper regarding our 60th wedding anniversary. Just a follow-up on your story about us. We recently returned from a nine-day cruise with the immediate family celebrating our anniversary. On board ship we renewed our vows with Rev. Monsignor Edward Armister of the Divine Mercy Parish of Trenton officiating the ceremony. It was truly a beautiful ceremony.

Needless to say we all enjoyed the cruise very much and you helped in making our 60th memorable. Thanks once again.

Sincerely,
Val & Agnes Imbriaco
Linden, NJ

Dear Editor,

I am a subscriber of your newspaper, and a former resident of Peterstown now living in Virginia. I was baptized and confirmed at St. Anthony's Church and I still love and feel very close to St. Anthony's Church.

But now I ask, with all the pictures and articles of the clergy within your last issue why wasn't Fr. Dominic Batistelo mentioned? After all, he was a good pastor for many years. He built the school, and held many activities including fund raisers. He also built the rectory and the convent.

I feel that you should make restitution for this terrible error and include Father Dominic in the next issue. How could any member of Italian heritage of Peterstown forget Father Dominic?

Yours Truly,
Mr. John E. Troncale
Forest, VA

Dear Joe:

What a great newspaper! A few years ago, my brother, Tony DeCarlo, a former councilman in Roselle, gifted my wife and me with a subscription to the "Peterstown" news. We truly enjoy it! Since we've lived in Houston for the past 34 years, it's always so nice to be brought up-to-date on people we know and the goings-on in Peterstown.

Happy Anniversary to St. Anthony's! I served as an altar boy at St. Anthony's for many years after moving to Elizabeth from Brooklyn in 1940. I got to know my present wife, Lucy (Casano), at that time in the 3rd grade at Christopher Columbus School #15. We started to date in 1950 and were married in St. Anthony's in 1955. Our four children subsequently attended St. Anthony's school.

The June/July 2007 issue was an exceptionally special one for my wife and me. There on the front page was a picture of our son, Jim, when he attended St. Anthony's school. Jim was in high school when we moved to Houston in 1973 due to my job transfer with Exxon. Since then he's been married and moved from Houston to New Jersey in 1988 and now lives in Edison with his wife and youngest daughter. His oldest daughter lives in the Dallas area of Texas with her husband and her two children. Jim has been a grandfather for the past eight years and naturally makes Lucy and me great-grandparents as well. Our daughter, Joanne, lives here in Houston, and so does our daughter, Cindy, with her husband and two sons. Our daughter, Diane, lives in San Antonio with her husband and two sons. We have six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. We've been blessed, and mention the foregoing with the hope that some of your readers will remember us and may like to be brought up-to-date on our family.

It was so nice to read about several people that we know in your latest edition, and would like to address a few remarks to some of them hoping that they'll see it in one of your future editions.

Sal Angelo: I have many good memories from the time we spent at the Kirk Community Center. We were in the same graduation class at "Jeff" back in 1950, and I went to many of Jeff's basketball games at the Armory when you starred on its team. There's been talk already about having a 60th high school reunion in 2010 combined with the Battin Class of '50. Don't remember seeing you at the 50th in 2000, but, God willing, hope to see you at the next one!

Joe DiLeo: I remember meeting you when you visited my in-laws with your wife, at least 50 years ago. Lucy and I lived on the floor above my in-laws on Amity Street. I understand you and my brother-in-law, Jim, were the best of friends, and at that time, you were working for the FBI. It's great that you're still actively employed even after two retirements. You truly have been blessed!

Carmella (Nocera) Saxton: Lucy and I both remember you, your mom and dad, sister Nettie, and brothers Nat (Red) and Pat. A driveway separated our houses on Amity Street. In fact, after all these years, we still exchange Christmas greetings with Nettie.

And, last, but not least, hello to Andy Casano, my brother-in-law, who'll probably be reading this. Love from all of us in Texas and we'll be talking to you soon.

Joe, thanks for a truly enjoyable paper. Please keep up the good work and continue to keep us informed as to what's happening in "Good Ol' Peterstown" and to all of the folks who write to you from all over the country.

Regards,
Joe DeCarlo
Houston, TX

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ST. ANTHONY'S ALL-STAR LINEUP

There have been 21 Pastors in the 114 years of St. Anthony's parish. The capsulated history of the church that appeared in the June 07 issue of Around About Peterstown mentions just a few of them. This caused a wave of letters and calls from readers lobbying for inclusion of their favorite Pastor.
Some parishioners spoke of their favorite priest like sports fans talk about pro ball players. Besides those who served as pastors, there were hundreds of priests and brothers who were assigned to St. Anthony's through the years, each with his own contribution.

Much in the way that Major League Baseball has a Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, St. Anthony's can have its own honoring their MVPs (Most Valuable Priests) and record holders. The parish can also have a wing for the Salisian nuns who taught in the grammar school and were in a league of their own.
Though the suggestion that our clergy can be treated as superstars is made in jest, the concept still has merit. They would make much better role models than ball players who present themselves as greedy, self-centered, egotistical, prima donnas.

Rev Leonardo Ruvolo Pastor 923-1931
D.O.B: 7/6/1883 Ordained: 1909 Hometown: Alcamo, Italy
Died: 12/28/1932 Incense: Left
Holy water: Right
Stats from St. Anthony of Padua Church, Elizabeth, NJ
Table with 6 columns: Year, Baptisms, 1st Communions, Confirmations, Weddings, Funerals. Rows for years 1923 to 1931 and Totals.
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(left) A spoof on trading cards for the clergy of St. Anthony's, including the back of Fr. Ruvolo's card and the front of Fr. Louis's action card.

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Rev. Michael Karan
(1895-1897)

Rev. Francesco Cammerato
(1897-1900)

Rev. Antoio Falcone
(1901-1903)

Rev. Giovanni Bertolotto
(1903-1904)

Rev. Vincenzo Ferretti
(1904-1913)



Rev. Ezechio Giannetto
(1913-1923)



Rev. Leonardo Ruvolo
(1923-1931)



Rev. Paul Zolin
(1931-1933)



Rev. Caesar Rinaldi
(1933-1939)



Rev. Anthony Bregolato
(1939-1948)



Rev. Dominic Cecere
(1948)



Rev. Aloysius Trifari
(1948-1953)



Rev. Dominic Battistello
(1953-1964)



Rev. A. Joseph Louis
(1964-1967)



Rev. August Bosio
(1967-1980)



Saint John Bosco
Born: 1815 / Died: 1888
Ordained in 1841
Founded Salesians order 1859
Canonized in 1934



Rev. Alvin Manni
(1980-1985)



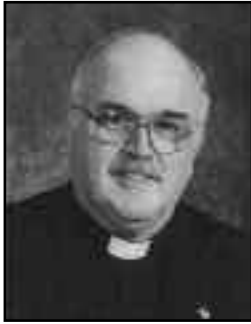
Rev. Joseph Maffei
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(above, l-r) Simone Palermo, age 11, kicked off the 2006 Walk Now for Autism fundraiser in Nomahegan Park with the singing of the national Anthem, supported by his mom, Maria, who co-chairs the event with Jennifer Love. They are hoping to top last year's numbers with 3,00 people participating and over \$419,000 raised.

2007 WALK NOW FOR AUTISM

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EVER WONDER WHAT CHARITY TO CHOOSE?


With so many worthy causes to choose from it is very confusing to pick the charity that needs help. One way is to pick a charity championed by a person that you have a personal relationship with. Charities that help locally can be very rewarding. It is easy for the giver to relate to the plight of the family and friends of those in need. It gives one pause to think that everyone is equally vulnerable.

One of the missions of the *Around About Peterstown* newspaper is to keep the community connected and that includes networking those in need with those who can assist. The following are personal requests from the *Around About Peterstown* family.

Realtor, Kevin MacNamara who advertises in the paper is also a registered nurse. His patient, Barbara O'Desky told him about a fund raising effort she was conducting to help a friend of her's. He in turn submitted the information to the newspaper in order to help her out.

Realtor Donna Evaristo of ReMax Prestige in Roselle Park, also an advertiser in this newspaper, runs a Halloween Party each year to raise funds for "The Children's Miracle Network". The information is gladly shared with the readers.

Maria Palermo is once again co-chair of the Annual North/Central NJ Walk to benefit Autism research. Maria and her husband, Jim, are parents of a son, Simone, who is diagnosed with the condition. Jim is Vice President of the Sons of Peterstown Sports Club.

These are just a few examples of charitable efforts working on a local level. There are countless other fund raisers throughout the year for individuals and organizations that are doing an important community service. Peterstown has a reputation for coming to the aid of those in need, one might even call it a tradition. Readers are encouraged to support local charities. It does the heart good. 

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Barbara O'Desky and Michele (Mardon) Meyerhoff were classmates at Westfield High School, class of 59. They stayed friends ever since and shared a lot of good times in their lives. When a problem surfaced, the true depth of that friendship was revealed.

Two years ago Michele was diagnosed with Scleroderma, a rare and chronic autoimmune disease which causes the body's connective tissues to harden. For Michele, the tissue in her lungs has been severely damaged. Last year she spent almost seven months in the hospital, needing a ventilator many times to help her breathe.

Before her illness Michele lived a full and active life which included snow skiing, biking, roller blading and gardening. She is now on oxygen 24 hours a day and tires easily.

There is hope for a better life for Michele. Until a few years ago there was no effective treatment to stop the progression of Michele's disease. However, in recent years many Scleroderma patients have been significantly helped by a transplant using stem cells taken from their own bone marrow. Michele's doctor wants her to

undergo such a transplant within the next few months with the hopes of stopping further progression of her disease. Unfortunately, Michele's health insurance will not provide coverage for the transplant, considering it experimental for the treatment of Scleroderma. Before Michele can receive the transplant she must pay the hospital \$160,000 to cover the costs associated with the procedure.

Barbara has taken up the challenge to raise the money Michele needs. A fund was set up with the National Foundation for Transplants (NFT). A tax-deductible donation to the NFT New Jersey Stem Cell Fund will help make it possible for Michele to receive the treatment needed to save her life.

Donations can be made on-line at www.transplants.org or by mailing a check made payable to NFT to the NFT New Jersey Stem Cell Fund, 2560 US Hwy 22, Box #208, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076-1529.

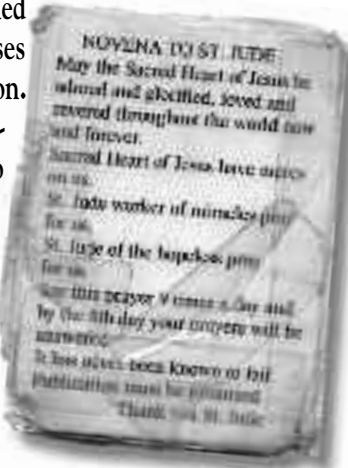
To learn more about the fundraising campaign for Michele or to volunteer, call Barbara O'Desky, Fundraising Chairman, at 732-748-14853.



(left) Michele Mardon-Meyerhoff of Cranford has a true friend in Barbara O'Desky.

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(right) This card is carried around by a man who uses it to pray for his grandson. He shares it with whom-ever he can and asked to have it published. The power of pray is very effective. Getting the Novena to St. Jude published is one of the goals of its proponents, done anonymously.



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Jimmy represents the third generation of DaSalvos in the business. Jim Senior gave Jr. his start he rolled it over. Servicing cars is not only a business to the DaSalvo family it is also a passion. When not in work Jim tends to a collection of antique cars that he has restored. His passion is shared by his son Jimmy and is now rubbing off on Jimmy's son, also named Jim.

The youngest Jim is just 12 years old but already has an interest in classic autos. He knows more than the average gradeschooler about old and late model cars and has kicked tires around the family business since he could walk.

The DaSalvo's involvement in cars is not typically what someone would consider a family tradition, but for them it is. It spans four generations (there were no automobiles prior to Jim Sr.) and the experience is shared by all. There are certain ways to treat a car, some better than others. Jim taught Jimmy the same way he was taught by his father and the same way that Jimmy will teach his son.

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(right, l-r) Jim DaSalvo Sr. and his father-in-law Lorenzo Pouzo wipe down a brand new 1954 Ford Crestine in front of Cleveland Auto Laundry.

(below, l-r) Jim Jr. DaSalvos and his son Jimmy work side by side at the now full service tire shop.



(right) Jim Jr. at age 14 working at the Auto Laundry in 1954.



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(above) James DeSalvo Sr. with a 1927 Model T Ford in 1927.



LOVE OF AUTOS ARE A FAMILY TRADITION

The DaSalvo family has been in the auto business for three generations, first as a car wash and now as a tire shop. For father and son, Jim and Jimmy, the interest in cars goes far beyond the work place. Maintaining old autos is a hobby for Jim who learned about different makes and models of cars first hand as he hand washed them as a youngster in the 1950's. Jim's particular interest is in old Cadillacs.

Over the years Jim has owned and restored a number of cars and keeps a few of his favorites, some with sentimental meaning. The first car he restored was a 1955 Caddy. He did that in 1977. In 2003 he bought a 1947 Chevrolet Fleetwood and restored it with a small

block Chevy custom motor, tilt steering and many present day luxuries. This was the make and model of the first car Jim owned.

Jim also has a 1966 Coupe DeVille in pristine condition. It was a gift for his late wife Rose, who passed away in 1987. Two years earlier, when it was time for a new family car, Jim asked Rose what car she would like. It was 66 DeVille that Rose named over any new car out there.

Jim loves going to old car shows and to share his enthusiasm with his son Jimmy and his five grandchildren, Rose, James, Vincent, Hailey and Nicholas. 🚗👨👦👧👦👧👦



(above, l-r) Haily Rose and James DaSalvo IV are being taught an appreciation for motor vehicles from their grandfather, keeping the tradition going.



VINCE LAQUAGLIA'S CAR COLLECTION

It is possible to catch a glimpse of one of Vince LaQualia's classic cars while strolling through the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. His collection of Cadillacs are kept in mint condition. Vince often shows his cars at local events 📸📷



(above) 1956 Cadillac Sedan Deville.



(above) 1956 Cadillac Coupe Deville



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(above and below) Front and side view of 1959 Cadillac Coupe Deville.



(above) 1956 Cadillac Sedan Deville



(above) 1961 Cadillac Convertible



(above) 1956 Cadillac Coupe Deville with the Brooklyn Bridge in the background. This was the first 4 door hardtop ever made.



(above and right) Two views of Vince's 1955 Cadillac Convertible used in a photo shoot in 2006 promoting the Broadway hit "Jersey Boys", a musical about Frankie Valli and The Four Seasons.



ROCCO'S ROYAL

Rocco Muscaritolo of Rocco Auto Service on Third Avenue in the Peterstown Section of Elizabeth has just started restoring a 1955 Dodge Royal that belongs to his friend Frank Gudierrez. Rocco will use only original parts in the car.

(left) Rocco Muscaritolo and a 1955 Dodge Royal.

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In 1982 John and Louise were feeling a bit nostalgic and purchased another 1954 Ford Victoria and restored it to its original glory. They would cruise around like the old days but with one extra passenger, their daughter, Maria.

They continue to enjoy cruising around again like they did when they were dating except now they have their five grandchildren as passengers, the children of Maria and her husband John Brennan.

(left, l-r) Louise and John Rappoccio stand in front of their restored 1954 Ford Victoria with grandchildren, Philip, 3, Michael 7, Johnny 2, Giana 4, and Patrick 5.

(below) John Rappoccio sits on the hood of his first car, a 1954 Ford Victoria, with his best girl, Louise Polizzi, before taking her to see Elvis Presley in "G.I. Blues" at the Liberty Theater.



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Veal Napoleon

INGREDIENTS

- (1 serving)
- 2 pieces of breaded and fried Veal
- 2 pieces of breaded and fried Eggplant
- 1 slice of fresh Mozzarella
- 3 cloves of Garlic
- 1/4 cup of Shallots
- 1/2 cup of Cherry Wine
- 1/4 cup of Chicken stock

PREPARATION FOR SAUCE

- 1) Sauté garlic and shallots in oil until cooked.
- 2) Add Sherry wine and chicken stock to deglaze.
- 3) Add a dash each of salt, pepper, oregano and cook until sauce thickens a bit.
- 4) Finish off with 1 teaspoon of butter.

PREPARATION:

- 1) Layer the Veal and Eggplant on top of each other (veal/eggplant/veal/eggplant) in pan.
- 2) Top with a slice of fresh mozzarella and pour on sauce.
- 3) Place in 350-degree oven for 10 minutes.

Rigatoni with Sausage and Cannellini Beans

INGREDIENTS

- 2 Sweet Sausage links
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- 3 cloves of Garlic
- 1/4 cup Shallots
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- Pinch of dried Basil and Parsley
- 1/2 cup of Cannelloni Beans
- White Wine
- 1/2 cup of Heavey Cream & PAD OF BUTTER
- Greated Cheese, Salt and Perpper to taste

PREPARATION:

- 1) Cook pasta while sautéing Sausage, Garlic, Shallots, Sage, Basil, Parsley and Beans until Sausage is cooked through.
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Images from the wedding of Gino Merendino to Francesca Gallicchio who walked from her home to St. Anthony's Church honoring an Italian tradition, which is the subject of the cover story of this publication.



(above, l-r) Family and friends follow Francesca up Third Avenue from her home to the church. Francesca's Uncle Frank Gallicchio escorts the Bride as her sister, the Matron of Honor, shades her from the sun with a parasol. Brides maids Falcia Mazza, Jacqueline Fabré and Vincenza Cerami tend to the train. Flower girl Sydney is being held by her father Ivan Kaltman who is escorting his mother-in-law, mother of the bride Giuseppina, Ryan or Dillon, one of the twin ring bearers, is being held by dad Dennis Hughes and Uncle Carmine Gallicchio followed by too many more to name.



(above) Neighbors emptied out of the hair salon on the corner of South 7th Street to catch a glimpse of the bride. (right) Police Officers Vito Tropiano and Albert DiMaggio made sure the procession was safe from traffic.



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(above, l-r) Classmates from the class of 1957 planning a 50th reunion, Ceil Busco Donofrio, Anna Marie Truncale Ludman, Jennie Falconi Wright, Joan Sterner Sikalitza and JoAnn Fortunato Foti.

CLASS OF 1957

Five Peterstown friends from the Battin High School Class of 1957 got together to start planning a 50 year reunion. Most started kindergarten together at Christopher Columbus School #15 and then went on to Grover Cleveland Jr. High. The date of the reunion will be September 30, 2007.

They are in search of all their classmates. Anyone interested can contact Ceil from Rockaway, NJ at 973-625-1640 or via e-mail - ceil@ponymotor.com, or Louise Tommaso, committee head at 732-785-0349.

CLASS OF 1952

Elizabeth, NJ's Battin High School Class of 1952 is having their 55th reunion on October 20, 2007 at the Clarion Hotel on Rte. 27 in Edison, NJ. It will be a luncheon beginning at 1:00 p.m. and ending at 5:00 p.m. Invitations have been sent to all class members but many have been returned for incorrect address. Anyone wishing to attend and has not received an invitation, should contact Morag MacDonald Moscato at 609-730-1793.

The goal is for 75 classmates to attend.

(below) Battin High School class of 1952 at their 50th class reunion in 2002.

BATTIN HIGH SCHOOL CLASS OF 1952 AT THEIR 50TH CLASS REUNION



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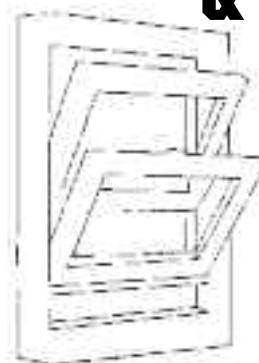
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LINDEN MEMORABILIA SURFACES IN CRANFORD

Once again Jean Pascarella of Doevtails comes through with an heirloom from her antique store related to articles in the Peterstown Newspaper. Her interest was piqued by an article about the Linden Athletic Hall of Fame Inaugural Dinner in the June 07 issue.

Jean noticed that the Linden High School Football Team of 1934 were inducted for having an undefeated season, unscored upon and untied. It just so happened that Jean has a collection of eighteen Linden High School year books dated from 1921 to 1939. As always she made her inventory available to the newspaper resulting in this follow-up article.

The intention was to publish the photo and names of

the Hall of Fame team. The only problem was that the 1934 team was not undefeated. They were 6-3. According to the year books it was the 1933 team that was undefeated.

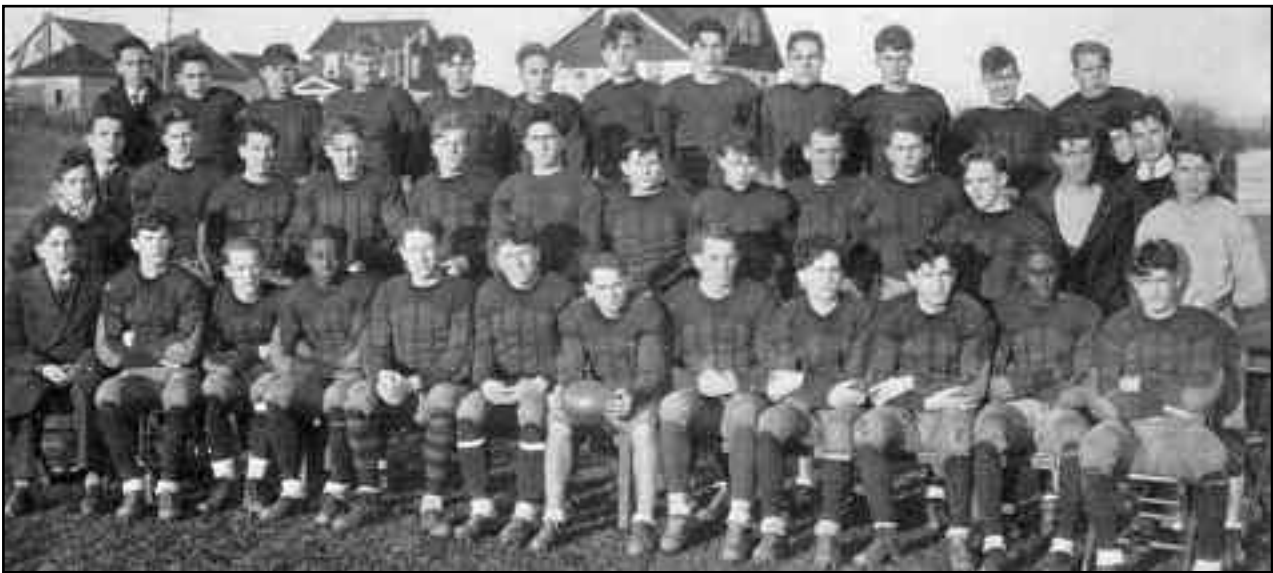
The yearbooks were given to Jean by a customer who also turned over some photos and keepsakes that belonged to his parents, who both attended Linden High School. The books are still sitting in Dovetails, located at 3 Eastman Street in Cranford, NJ, across from the clock in the downtown plaza.

Jean donated two baseball uniforms she received to the Cranford Historical Society who will use them as part of a display planned for January featuring historic items of recreational activities.



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Aug 07
(left) Baseball uniforms from Linden's past.

THE 1933 LINDEN HIGH SCHOOL UNDEFEATED FOOTBALL TEAM



(above, front row, l-r) D. Margulies, W. Crosby, E. Kryusiak, O. Stuckey, D. Putnam, M. Woytowicz, E. Gudaitis, B. Putnam, M. Hauswald, A. Weitzman, F. Givens, L. Dubino. (Middle row, l-r) N. Goldenstein, Mr. Kalla, C. Saunders, I. Gutkin, M. Bergstedt, P. Archipley, A. Rosenthal, L. Foxman, M. Sladowsky, S. Slahetka, T. Tallon, W. Priestley, Coach Cooper, G. Collins. (top row, l-r) Al Goldberg, E. Deutsch, J. Boyle, E. Poskay, H. Mopsick, W. Petraitis, C. Mayer, P. Ravaszy, A. Cook, G. St. Andrassy, E. Ruth, G. Pittius, L. Engel, M. Freiman.



(above) The 1933 Tigers in action.

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ANTHONY LONDINO

Anthony Londino, better known as Liss or Lony, passed away on August 1, 2007, surrounded by family. It was the way he lived his life. Liss dedicated his life to his family and he loved being with them more than anything else.

Liss was 82 years old and packed a lot of living in those years. Though he was quiet, it seemed that there was always excitement around him. He was the center of a big family, starting with his four daughters, Pamela, Debbie, Judy and Tracy. He had an even bigger group of friends.

Lony was a WWII veteran who served as a rifleman in the United States Army, Company I, in the 47th Infantry Regiment, during World War II, receiving the Combat Infantry Badge and three bronze service stars for battle participation in Northern France, Rhineland and Central Europe. He was wounded in action in Germany, awarded the Purple Heart Medal, and received a honorable discharge.

Liss was predeceased by his first wife Joan who died in 1984. After years of being a widower Liss married a second time to Grace (Carta) Londino. Grace was also a widow for ten years, having been married to Lony's cousin, Al. Both lived on Niles Street, in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ, directly across from each other.

EULOGY FOR GRANDPOP

Anthony Pozsonyi, 10 years old

My name is Anthony and I am proud to be named after my grandfather. He was the best grandfather in the world. He was the most loving and devoted person I ever knew. I always knew my grandfather was special, but after these last few weeks we really found out just how special he was.

He had so much love for all of his family that he fought so hard to be with us, he defied many odds, and struggled through many obstacles to be with us. He was strong and very brave and he wouldn't let anyone tell him what he could and couldn't do. He had some nicknames, like Lony, Liss, Tony, and The Iron Horse and now we truly can all understand the meaning

The two enjoyed a 20 year marriage together.

Liss belonged to the Kingston Athletic Club in Elizabeth and the Mens and Ladies Senior Citizens Club in Peterstown. The now defunct Kingston Club was made up of all his childhood friends who stuck together their entire lives. The group of friends were so close that they could be considered each other's extended families. There was a special relationship between the close knit neighbors of the Peterstown section of Elizabeth. It is probably why his loss was felt deeply by so many mourners at his wake and funeral.

Lony also leaves behind Billy Davison, husband of daughter Judy, and their two children, Billy and Amie, who lovingly opened their home to the rest of the family to surround Anthony in love in his final days; Tom Pozsonyi, husband of Tracy, and their son, Anthony; Tom Gartland, husband of Pam, and her two children, Jessica and Blake Huntley, whose father, Jeff Huntley, had an endearment and appreciation for Anthony; Peter, Donny, Christopher and Stephanie, children of Debbie Longo, whom Anthony, with love and patience helped raise, and four great-grandchildren, Brittany, Anthony, Donny and Nicholas. 🍀

behind 'The Iron Horse'.

His last days were filled with so much happiness at his daughter Judy's house, where he wanted to be, surrounded by his 4 daughters, grandchildren, and my Nana Grace. He listened to his favorite Frank Sinatra music, sipped on his red wine, laughed, cried, and told us all how much he loved us, and in the end, he did it his way!

My grandfather will be with us always and the love he gave to us will always be in our hearts! We know if he could whisper one thing to us, it would be, "I'm up in heaven smiling down and back together with that old gang of mine!". 🍀



(above, l-r) Childhood friends sang "That Old Gang of Mine" at the wedding reception of Liss Londino's daughter, Tracy, wedding in 1993. Phil Renna, Tony Charimella, Pete Renna, Vito Bellino, Duke DeMaio, Tony Guiliano, Sam Renna, Pete Melchione, Tony Guida, Liss Londino and William LaMorte.

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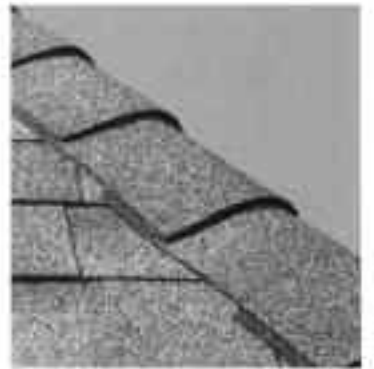
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