



# IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO SAY THANK YOU

Between 1965 and 1970 twenty-nine young men from the City of Elizabeth were killed in action in Vietnam. Thirty-six years later they have been honored with a memorial. The memorial serves as a tribute to these fallen men, a reminder of sacrifices made by others for our country and as a means to educate our youth.

There is no better place in the City of Elizabeth where the Vietnam Memorial can make a bigger impact than where it stands. On September 21, 2006 the official dedication and unveiling ceremonies took place at Scott Park on Elizabeth Avenue. The park is situated between City Hall, fronted by Scott Place and Thomas Jefferson High School on Madison Avenue. Since the days of the war the High School has become Jefferson House and folded into a much larger high school system in Elizabeth. That stretch of Madison Avenue has since been renamed Martin Luther King, Jr. Plaza.

The intersection hosting the memorial most likely has the largest number of vehicular and pedestrian traffic in the city. Over five thousand students attend Elizabeth High School, whose main campus is one block away and in full view of the memorial. Elizabeth Avenue delivers thousands of cars and busses past the threshold of the memorial. The dome of City Hall defines the skyline behind it. The shadow of the 22-story courthouse and the seat of the Union County Government points to the memorial as the sun sets in the evening.

In this setting stands a majestic piece of polished black granite, similar to that used on other Vietnam memorials in Washington D.C. and Holmdel, NJ. It stands 9 feet tall and 5 1/2 feet wide. Herb Washington, chairman of the Memorial Committee, designed the memorial with input from members of the Eastern NJ Chapter 779 of Vietnam Veterans of America, who sponsored the project. The design includes emblems of the five branches of the armed forces, an illustration with a map of Vietnam, images of two soldiers, bamboo shoots and a Huey helicopter. A headline reads "In memory of all those who served in the longest war in the history of the United States, Vietnam (1961-1975) and with eternal gratitude to the Elizabeth NJ residents who made the supreme sacrifice in the name of freedom." Below the names of the 29 young men killed in action are etched along with their branch of service, their date of birth and death.

It is sobering to see that 19 of the men were 21 years old or younger when they died. The rest were not that much older. They most likely went to school across the street from the memorial and played in the park. They were not much older than the throngs of students that meander around the memorial to and from school today. The hope is that they would pause and read the memorial and maybe start a dialog with their friends or teachers about the significance of war and what the names on the memorial have to do with their own lives.

The memorial is also a reminder to the government officials in City Hall and the County of the responsibility they have to the people they serve and that the honor that was

bestowed upon them to lead came with a price, paid for by the bravery of these veterans.

There were 2.6 million Americans who served in the Vietnam War, 58,229 perished. Time should be spent in reflection of this, lest we forget, or take advantage of the price of freedom.

(left) Wreaths with the names of the 29 soldiers killed in action were displayed beside the Elizabeth Vietnam Veterans Memorial during the dedication ceremony.



(above) Flags representing each branch of the armed forces fly above the Memorial, while the American flag looms larger with the P.O.W. M.I.A. flag beneath it. Elizabeth's city hall is visible behind the trees.



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### President's Message



I would like to thank everyone who turned out to our Columbus Dinner. The response to the event was very good. There is a buzz from many people who would love to join us next year and bring the celebration back to the glory days when we had an actual parade and the participation of many organizations. The Sons of Peterstown is reaching out to clubs that are interested in building up the celebration. They were very appreciative of the invite and excited about the possibilities.

The focus of our dinner was the youth. Our children are not getting the same historical account of Columbus that we had. So, I was very pleased that EVERY student from Columbus School #15 participated in a project about Columbus. I'd like to personally thank Principal Joe Caporaso.

I also must thank all the young people who came to the dinner and helped serve the food and bus the tables. The LaBrutto's, Colletti's, Palermo's and my three. The future of our culture is in their hands and their involvement is a good sign that they care. Not many kids would sacrifice a Saturday night the way they did.

Thank you and God bless.

John Sacco, President

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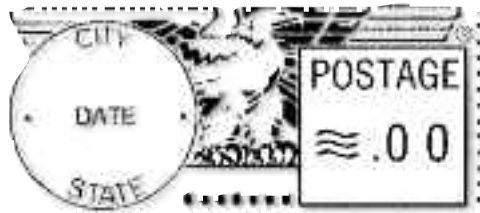
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## Letters to the Editor



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Dear Joe-

While I was pleasantly surprised to see the article about my Aunt Minnie and Uncle Ed, the source of the article, Frank Imbriacco, did not have all the facts correct.

Prior to Minnie and Ed taking over the store, Mike had been joined by his brother, Frank, in the running of the store. After the war, Frank went into the family business with Mike and remained in the business until it was sold to Minnie and Ed.

After selling the business to them, Mike entered a new business venture with his brother, my father, Frank, known as Zennario's Sport Shop. The attached photo, shows my Dad, Frank on the left and my Uncle Mike on the right.

In addition, I would like to correct the name of the sole surviving sibling. It is Nicholena and she still lives in the home her father, not her grandfather built.

I am also curious where Mr. Imbriacco got the photos of my grandparents and how he knows that the children in the picture are Columbia on the left and Jennie on the right. Assuming it is Columbia and Jennie then the caption is wrong because Columbia was older so she had to be on the right and Jennie had to be the one being held by her mother, my grandmother Carmella.

Thanks for listening,  
Janet Zennario Csordos  
Perth Amboy, NJ

Dear Mr. Renna,

Just a note to tell you that your advertisers don't go unnoticed here. Tommy Kaczmarek and me and our wives, Agnes and Jeanann, had dinner at the restaurant of one of your advertisers, Mario's Seafood South, in Toms River. The dinner was enjoyable and the service was excellent. Many of us like good seafood and we will certainly pass the word around.

We had a pleasant conversation with Mario's owner, Brian, a very personable young man, who manages the restaurant and deli. Open only ten months, it looks like a real winner.

I would appreciate being put on your subscriber's list so that I can pass your paper around our Toms River area to former Elizabethans.

Pete Nozza  
Toms River, NJ

Mr. Renna,

We wish to thank you very much for printing the Kirk Center article along with the photos, which came out very clear. I enjoy reading your paper. It has that "ole down home" feeling. Please, never lose it.

If I can be of any service in the future, such as write-ups on old time Italian-American fighters, your welcome to them. I did a piece on the fabulous Two-Ton-Tony Galento, who was a legend in his own time. I'm sure old-timers would get a kick out of it.

Best wishes to you, your family and your fine newspaper.

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Fernandez Sr.  
Albrightsville, PA

Hi Joe,

My son, who lives in Elizabeth, told me about an article in your paper about some of the old fighters who get together. I have written to you a few times on some of your articles that were so enjoyable. For the past 10 years I have lived in Florida in a place called Spring Hill, about 40 miles North of Tampa, it is probably one of the largest sub divisions in the US, we are growing in leaps and bounds, lots of folks from NJ, NY and any place where it is cold.

My son mentioned Pete Nozza, Pete was my JV football coach at Jeff in 1948, I remember him has a rugged no nonsense guy. I believe he had fought in the Golden Gloves.

The reason for this note is that a friend of mine lives in the Jersey Shore area, and I don't know if he knows about this get-together. His name is Harry Moloney, and he won the most outstanding boxer title in the 1950 Elizabeth's Diamond Gloves event. His late brother Chris also fought and lost the same night as Harry won, he was defeated by Dennis Conway, both of them later met tragic deaths.

I had been up to NJ this past June/July and visited with him, he has a room that he made into a den and has a lot of his memorabilia there, one is a blown up picture of him knocking out a fellow named Evans from Rahway. Not many people gave Moloney much of a chance against him. Maloney was also undefeated and was known as a knock out fighter.

If you could send me some info on the gathering I would send it to Harry and see if he would be interested in going to some of the socials, he now resides in Brick.

Sincerely,  
Jack Joyce  
Spring Hill, FL

Dear Mr. Renna,

I was born and raised in Peterstown on Loomis Street between Second and Third Avenues. My dad was born in Bari, Italy. My mom was born in the Bronx, but her parents were also born in Bari, Italy. I am very proud to be an Italian American and to have shared in all the culture while growing up in Peterstown.

I wanted to give a little background on myself because I want to commend you for all the time, effort and expertise you put into the life of Christopher Columbus. Joe, you have truly made all of us proud and truly happy to be Italian or Italian American. Thank you for taking the time and getting all the facts in place and may God bless you for keeping our Italian heritage one to be proud of. Our heritage is given a bad rap at times, but you have shown a great side of our roots.

I have only recently heard about the Peterstown News and now I have it delivered to my home. Keep up the good work and you will surely be blessed.

Sincerely,  
Ceil Busco Donofrio  
Rockaway, NJ

Dear Friends,

Please take a moment to look at this beautiful 3 1/2 month old kittens. They are all looking for loving homes. The two grey and white kittens - one is a girl and one a boy, and the short hair tuxedo is a girl. They have all been tested for Feline Leukemia and Feline Aids and are negative, have been dewormed and have received their first distemper vaccine. They will shortly be ready to be altered. If you are interested or know someone who is, please call or email me - kimberlypacelli15@yahoo.com or my cell at 732.742.1932.

We ask the prospective interested parties to fill out an application, request their current vet's phone number and ask for an adoption donation. Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Regards,  
Kimberly Pacelli  
Avenel, NJ



# Editor's Opinion

*everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna*

Everything goes through cycles and I have sensed a rebirth in cultural pride has taken place. Many communities have experienced a lull in community development. The past dozen years saw changes in the demographics that caused civic organizations to go dormant or close up all together. The main cause of this trend has been the aging of a generation.

The men and women who were responsible for building our great communities following World War II are now octogenarians. They have long been retired and no longer in the positions of influence. Their businesses that fueled programs are closed and the energy required to make things happen has faded. Many clubs have closed as their membership dwindles due to death and illness. Our senior generation has done a yeoman's job to which the subsequent generations are most appreciative. They deserve to rest and it should be their time to be catered to.

There was no one day that marks the time that the baton was passed, and a new crop of younger folks rose to the challenge of being community leaders. This was a gradual change and this past year saw a spark ignite a flame that is destined to be seen and heard county wide.

There is no one person in charge of this resurgence, but like the past it is many people working selflessly together with the same goals in mind. These people are interested in preserving the traditional values that they were raised on. The way to do that is to recognize the past, celebrate the good, and educate the young.

Locally we saw changes that have set the stage for a rebirth in Peterstown. Peterstown will have new representation in city hall next year, several social clubs have experienced a growth of younger members and quite frankly, my generation is getting to the age of taking life a little more seriously.

Members of the Sons of Peterstown average out to be 50 years old. This year we held a diner in honor of Christopher Columbus that has started talks of expansion in future years. Our club invited groups from across Union County to participate. The reaction has been positive. Many groups are experiencing a cycle of low membership and are not able to host an event on their own. The message we are sending out is to unify. Elizabeth used to have a Columbus Day Parade. The last one was over 15 years ago, about the same time of the last St. Rocco's Feast.

The change that I'm talking about is why the Vietnam Memorial is possible. Those from the Vietnam War era are now in the position of influence and power. They are now presidents of organizations and our business leaders. Their children are grown and they now have time to give back to their communities

I've noticed the people who have been making a difference lately. They bring many different things to the table and that is one of the components to success.

Recently picnics, dinner dances and reunions have been more frequent and better attended. Peterstown even had a World Cup celebration that drew hundreds of people into the local clubs and into the streets and lasted an entire day and night. There was no committee or chairman to plan it. It happened because the hundreds in attendance worked together.

I'm excited about the direction I see the community going in. Peterstown is still a neighborhood but its residents have poured out across the state. Special events bring them back together. What pleases me most is the involvement of our children. It is impossible for them to experience how special it was to grow up in Peterstown. The community that their grandparents created was out of the ordinary. We can only simulate it.

I did not mention even one person who is responsible for the positive things that are happening because I would have to name dozens, and I would not want to leave anyone out. They know who they are and they are not helping the community for self-recognition. They are helping because it's the right thing to do. 🇺🇸



**Not for Nothing But...**

some people get involve  
in a community only  
to benefit themselves.



(above, l-r) Elizabeth UNICO president Joe Sutera and Paul Rinaldo, Hillside UNICO president Angelo Bonanno, Sons of Peterstown president John Sacco, St. Anthony's Church Trustee Al Ruggani, and Sons' VP Lou LaBrutto, at the Sons' Dinner to honor Columbus.



(above) George Howard coaching along with his own coach and mentor Tony Orlando, Sr. in 1987.

## PETERSTOWN COMMUNITY CENTER WELCOMES GEORGE HOWARD

George Howard is into his first year as assistant director at the Peterstown Community Center. George was born (1933) and raised in Elizabeth and is best known for his lifelong commitment to the local youth boxing scene.

George was an amateur boxer in his youth working out of the Carver Center Rec Center down the port section of Elizabeth, training under Tony Orlando Sr. He turned pro as a middleweight in 1951 after graduating from Thomas Jefferson High School. George was undefeated as a pro in ten bouts but had his professional career interrupted due to the Korean War. He entered the U.S. Air Force. While in the Air Force he served as head coach for the base boxing team. He helped train and coach teams of all levels in Germany, France and the United States.

Following the war, George Howard has had a brilliant career as a coach and trainer. He brought his skills back home to Elizabeth in 1983 when he became head coach of the Elizabeth PAL team. George is still coaching, now for Elizabeth Recreation at Erxlaber Community Center.

George's 23 years as a coach has included:  
1989 Team Coach for Golden Gloves Nationals in Knoxville Tennessee.  
1990 Team Coach for Golden Gloves Nationals in Miami, Florida. 1991 Coach at All-Corners Boxing Camps, Lake Placid, New York.  
1991 Coach at 1991 Boxing Championships, Colorado Springs, Colorado.  
Trained and coached Junior Olympic Team for Championships in Des Moines, Iowa.  
1991 Trained and coached US Olympic Boxing Team in Colorado Springs for US/Russian competition, held in Miami, Florida and Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

In 1993 George received honors as Coach of the Year and was inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame in 2005. George Howard is currently the Committee Chairman of the New Jersey Association of USA Boxing, Inc. 🇺🇸

## THE ELIZABETH VIETNAM VETERAN MEMORIAL

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## BA STUDENTS WALK FOR BREAST CANCER AWARENESS

Over 170 Benedictine Academy students, plus faculty, staff and administrators and some student family members participated in a three-and-a-half mile Walkathon on October 4, 2006 to raise funds to combat Breast Cancer. Donning sneakers, jeans, Benedictine shirts and white caps with pink ribbons symbolic of Breast Cancer Awareness, participants enjoyed a healthy walk on the warm and sunny fall day, raising more than \$3,500 through pledges secured from family, friends and neighbors. Donations are still being received and will continue to be counted. Proceeds from the event will be given to the Susan G. Komen Foundation to fund breast cancer research.

The walkers wound their way from the Westminster section of Elizabeth, where the school is located, into Hillside, then looped back to the Academy. All were escorted safely by Police Officers from the Hillside Police Traffic Bureau, as well as by Academy faculty, staff and administrator chaperones. The Benedictine

Academy Portuguese Club, moderated by Academy Business and Facilities Manager, Luisa Rodrigues, sponsors the Annual Breast Cancer Awareness Walkathon.

Benedictine Academy was founded by the Benedictine Sisters of Elizabeth in 1915 to serve young women in the surrounding communities. A Catholic, college preparatory high school, the mission of the Academy is to educate young women to be responsible leaders. Focusing on academic growth and character formation in the Benedictine tradition, the Academy challenges students to become life-long learners with listening hearts and loving spirits committed to justice and integrity. Academic achievement and personal growth are developed in a unique educational family setting in the Benedictine tradition.

B.A.'s focus on teaching students to acknowledge the needs of others and showing them how to meet those needs brought this important recognition. ✚



(above, l-r) Benedictine Academy Seniors: Michelle Cartagena, Andrea Goyma, Catalina Morales and Gabriela Rebelo carried the banner and led the way when the Academy community participated in their annual Walkathon for Breast Cancer Awareness.



(above) These Benedictine Academy students walked to honor Julia M., a breast cancer survivor.

## UNION HOSPITAL FOUNDATION HONORS ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR



Stephen Giordano (at right), President of the Maplecrest Auto Group of Maplewood accepts the 2006 Organization of the Year Award from Joseph Cantalupo (at far left), Chairman of the Union Hospital Foundation and Kate Coyne, Executive Director of Union Hospital. The Maplecrest Auto Group was recently honored at the hospital's annual fundraiser held on September 21 at L'Affaire in Mountainside. Holding the plaque with Mr. Giordano is Tony Giordano, Community Relations Manager at Maplecrest.

## 1960 CYO DIAMOND TITLEHOLDERS

This is the fourth issue in a row that includes a photo or article about Cleveland Jr. High School. Frank Imbriacco submitted the first photo, which ran in the April 06 issue, taken in the school's playground. That sparked others to submit photos and recollections of life in and around the First Avenue school.

Frank submitted the following newspaper clipping of the Holy Rosary CYO basketball team. Holy Rosary school was located on First Avenue where Niles Street ends. The church, located behind the school faced Elizabeth Avenue. The team represented the parish and the players were 16 and 17 years old. Most of the players went to Cleveland, some were graduates of Holy Rosary, which only went up to the 8th Grade.

Holy Rosary's parish included Peterstown up to an imaginary line where St. Anthony's, only seven blocks

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**Not for Nothing But...**

instead of Xs and Os  
 my CYO coach used  
 crosses and halos.

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away, drew it's congregation and student body. The CYO league was able to keep friends playing together even though they were going to different high schools. ✚



(above) Holy Rosary squad of Elizabeth, which captured CYO Diocesan Intermediate championship at Bloomfield. (Back, l-r) Nick Dunn, coach; Joe DeStephan, Al Fedeli, Carl Stallone, Jimmy Murray and Rev. John Egan, coach. (Front, l-r) Frank Meltage, Joe Stallone, Frank Imbriacco, Steve Lovenguth, Phil Meshinsky and Tom Brown.

# APA LEAGUE SHOWS A RESURGENCE IN POOL PLAYING



(left) Mike Malta is head stinker for his Monday night team The Campus Inn Stinks.

The American Pool Players Association has been operating a local chapter since 1988 and has seen a steady rise in participation.

The leagues operate year-round in three sessions, fall spring and summer. There are approximately 70 teams playing at 27 host locations in Union County. Games are played in bars and restaurants that have pool tables. Teams are formed representing one of the host locations. There are leagues for each night of the week. One location may have multiple teams on several nights depending on how many pool tables they have. Each team has a roster of eight players, of which five play in a game. The game is Eight Ball.

The league is full of diverse talent where seasoned players mix it up with novice shooters in a casual atmosphere. The league is as social as it is competitive. This is not to say that there isn't serious pool being played. Aside from playing for trophies and bragging rights, the top three teams each year are sent to Las Vegas to represent New Jersey in a national tournament. In 2005 teams from the Stanley Cup in Linden, The

back Porch in Rahway and Styles Inn of Linden earned their way to sin city.

The three teams going to Vegas must win their division and then beat other division winners in an annual state championship held in Atlantic City.

Establishments interested in becoming a host location can contact league operator Sam Mahon at 908-420-7359. There is no sponsorship fee to being a host. Teams and players must pay to participate. Individuals wanting to form a team can contact a host location or introduce a new host location. More information can be found at [www.poolplayers.com](http://www.poolplayers.com).



(right) Championship trophies won by the Campus Inn are on display behind the bar.

(below, l-r) Ben's Hustlers, from the host bar in the North End section of of Elizabeth, Warren White, Jay Ruiz, Marcy McBrotney, Kenny Connor, Rich Parent.



(left, l-r) Players from the team Campus Inn Stinks, located in Elizabeth, Mike Malta, Vic Bauer, Jason Howell, Mike Ricci, and Hugo Reis.

## MONDAY NIGHT POOL SHARKS



(left, l-r) The Back Porch Bulldogs from Rahway: Billy Chakowski, Tom Ferris, Mary Ferris, Mike Ferris, Mike "Bulldog" Raneri, Jeff Demesmin, Brian Dashiell.

(Below, l-r) The Stanley Cup from Linden has four teams just in the Monday night league alone. Two players from The One Eye Hitters are Steve Persaud and Rick Schiek.



(above, l-r) Players for Bar 9, located on the corner of Third Avenue and Niles Street in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, Giovanni Vergaro, Ray Vella, Omar Rodriguez, Mike Rosa, and Javier Bertaucort.

(left, l-r) Nuno's, located on Roselle Street in Linden, field Good Fellows including Perry Harrington, Angelo Coleman, Greg Thomas, Jerry Somerset, Bruno Alves, owner Nuno Dominges, Mr. Met and Jeff Dominges.



## CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS SCHOOL #15

Christopher Columbus School #15 is located in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth on Third Avenue between Spencer and South 5th Streets. It had just 12 classrooms when it opened in 1917. In 1924 a gymnasium/auditorium was added as well as 11 more classrooms. School #15 absorbed staff and students from William Penn School #11 when it closed its doors in 1983. The school continued to grow and today has an enrollment just shy of 593 students attending Pre-K to 5th grade.

Several years ago staff introduced a project that has become a tradition at the school. In honor of the school's namesake each student is assigned a writing/research exercise with Columbus as the topic. The pre-schoolers color Columbus related pictures. The commitment to teach the virtues of Columbus's accomplishments is highly commendable and sadly a rarity.

The curriculum is, excuse the pun, very old school, which is not surprising since 14 staff members and teachers are native to Peterstown, and all remember those same lessons they were taught in grade school. 🇺🇸

(left) Teachers and staff members of Christopher Columbus School #15.

Years of service at school #15 are indicated inside of the brackets.

Alumni of the school are marked with an A. (top row, l-r) Eugene Carbone (25), Denise Renda, Christine Lucia (A), Irene Henkes (A), Joe Caporaso.

(Middle row, l-r) Nina Caravano, Hilda Herrero, Teresa Guiducci, Mary Demsky (25).

(bottom row, l-r): Giustina Mazza, Francesca Ferrera (A), Margherita Martino-Avella (20), Diana Onoszko (A), Salvatore Trapani (19).

## MRS. KEARNY'S 1963 THIRD GRADE CLASS



Note: this photo was submitted by classmates Danny Loffa and Maria Smeragua who eventually got married on New Years Day in 1978 and will be celebrating their 29th anniversary.

(back row, l-r) Jim Castaldo, Harry Aker, Dan Loffa, Vincent Conte, Joe Cash, Keith Winston, Mike Alessio, Tom LaVellitia, Robert Lloyd, Daniel Vence.

(middle row, l-r) Lynn Bono, Regina Pilloro, Judy Griggs, Helen Cullen, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, Georgia Wolf, Linda Pogue, Nancy Bandinella.

(front row, l-r) Joe Longo, Mary Bryant, Maria DiGeorgio, Camille DeFranco, Carol Kane, Sandy Ciaramella, Maria Smeragua, Maria Collichio, Robert Nigro.



# IMAGES OF CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

The original site for the statue of Christopher Columbus was in Scott Park on Elizabeth Avenue between Jefferson High School and City Hall. In 1989 the statue was moved from that spot to its present home in Peterstown. It stands in O'Brian's Field (School #3 Playground) facing Third Avenue. The statue is beloved by the Italian residents of the neighborhood. Local songwriter, Angelo Nigro (The Singing Mailman) was so moved when he saw the statue being put in place that he wrote a song to express his joy.

Angelo's poem and other items related to Columbus were part of the Sons of Peterstown Dinner to honor Columbus on October 7, 2007. The images were both inspirational and educational.

(right) Angelo Nigro holds a wood carving of Columbus that his father, Frank, mounted on the outside of his garage when he purchased his home in 1916. Angelo who still resided in the Palmer Street house refurbished the piece so it could be displayed at the dinner.



## CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS

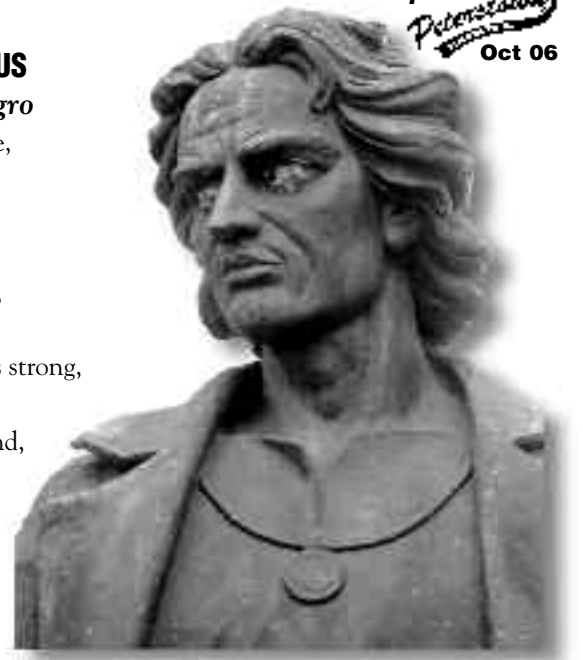
Written by: Angelo Nigro

It's so great to have you here,  
Christopher Columbus.  
Here to stay year after year,  
Christopher Columbus.

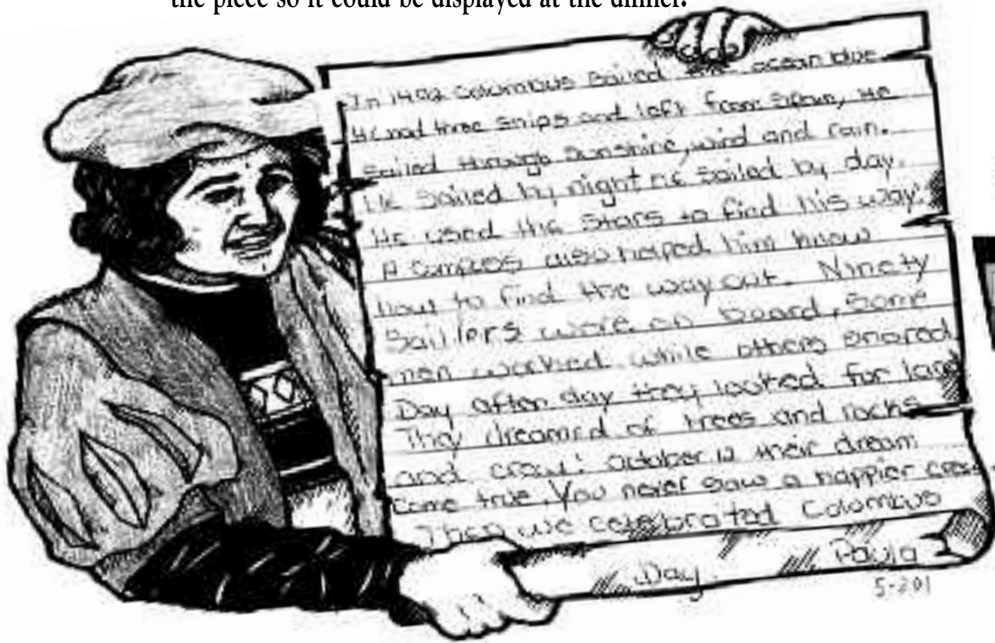
This is where you belong,  
Right here among us  
Where the love for you is strong,  
Christopher Columbus.

You discovered this great land,  
In fourteen ninety two  
We are living here today,  
All because of you.

We are happy as can be,  
To have you among us  
Standing proud for all to see,  
Christopher Columbus.



(above) Angelo Nigro's poem and the statue that inspired it.

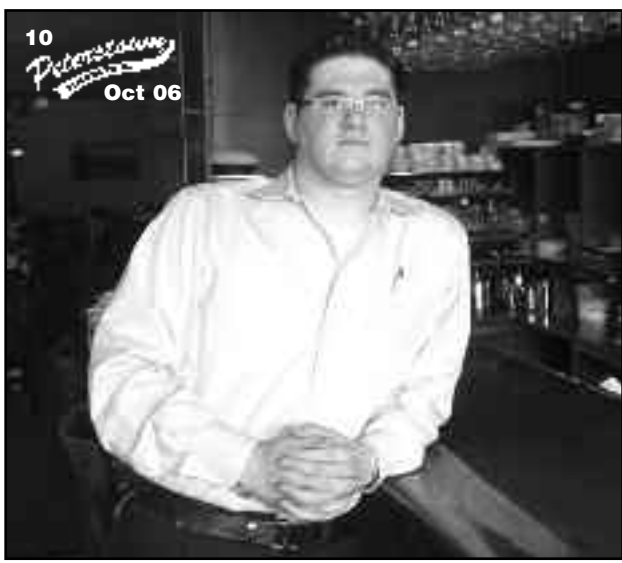


((above) One class from School #15 made centerpieces for the tables.

(left) A writing sample from a 5th grader from the school.



((above) On loan from the library of St. Anthony's School a model of the Nina, Pinta and Santa Maria constructed by Salvatore DeCesare in loving memory of Michael and Venceza DeCesare and dedicated to the children of St. Anthony's on October 12, 1990.



(above) Echoqua owner Dennis Banis learned the inner-workings of the restaurant as an employee before taking over in 2005.

(right) Echoqua is located in Echo Plaza on Route 22 West in Springfield, NJ behind this landmark tower.



The Italian words "Ecco qua" means "Here it is". Cleverly hanging the second "C" in ecco creates a play on the word "echo" in Echo Plaza. The name of the restaurant still sounds the same and keeps it original meaning but can now be identified with its location.

# Recipies

Submitted by Echoqua, Springfield, NJ

## Pasta Fagioli

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/8 pound (about 3 slices) pancetta, chopped
- 2 sprigs rosemary, left intact
- 1 sprig thyme with several sprigs on it, left intact
- 1 large fresh bay leaf or 2 dried bay leaves
- 1 medium onion, finely chopped
- 1 small carrot, finely chopped
- 1 rib celery, finely chopped
- 4 large cloves garlic, chopped
- Coarse salt and pepper
- 2 (15 ounce) cans cannelloni beans
- 1 cup tomato sauce or crushed tomatoes
- 2 cups water
- 1-quart chicken stock
- 1 1/2 cups ditalini
- Grated Parmigiano or Romano, for the table

### PREPARATION:

- 1) Heat a deep pot over medium high heat and add oil and pancetta.
- 2) Brown the pancetta bits lightly, and add herb stems, bay leaf, chopped vegetables, and garlic.
- 3) Season vegetables with salt and pepper. Add beans, tomato sauce, water, and stock to pot and raise heat to high.
- 4) Bring soup to a rapid boil and add pasta.
- 5) Reduce heat to medium and cook soup, stirring occasionally, 6 to 8 minutes or until pasta is cooked al dente.
- 6) Rosemary and thyme leaves will separate from stems as soup cooks. Remove herb stems and bay leaf from soup.
- 7) Ladle soup into bowls.

## Echoqua Veal Chop

### Demi Glace

### INGREDIENTS

- 5 lbs veal bone
- 1/2 cup carrots diced
- 1/2 cup celery diced
- 1/2 cup onion diced
- 1/4 cup tomato paste
- 1/4 cup rosemary
- 1/4 cup thyme

### PREPARATION:

- 1) Roast the bones, vegetables, tomato paste and fresh herbs in a 425-degree oven until browned. About 15-20 minutes.
- 2) After roasted, place the contents of the roasting pan in a large stockpot. Fill the pot with water and simmer for at least 15 hours.
- 3) Strain the remains through a sieve to create your demi glace.

### Red Wine Reduction

### INGREDIENTS

- 1/2 cup roasted shallots
- 1/2 tsp fresh peppercorns
- 2 sprigs fresh thyme
- 2 fresh bay leaves
- 1/2 cup demi glace
- 2 liters Barolo wine

### PREPARATION:

- 1) Add all the ingredients to a saucepan. Simmer until reduced by 1/2.

### Veal Chop

2 French Cut Veal Chops

### PREPARATION:

- 1) Marinate the veal chops overnight in olive oil, garlic, rosemary, salt and pepper.
- 2) Grill the veal chops to the desired temperature.
- 3) When brought to the right temperature, place over a bed of sautéed broccoli rabe.
- 4) Drizzle the veal chop with the wine reduction.
- 5) Garnish the veal chop with mashed potatoes and a sprig of fresh rosemary.

## MEMORIAL CAKES DONATED

A luncheon was held for those who attended the Vietnam Memorial dedication in Elizabeth on September 21, 2006. Following a buffet catered by John Sacco the guests enjoyed pastry and cake with their coffee. The cakes were donated by Phyllis Fernandez of Joanne's Luncheonette on Third Avenue and Bella Palermo's on Elizabeth Avenue, both in Elizabeth.



(left) Phyllis created a silver replica of the memorial on a cake donated by Joanne's Luncheonette.



(Above) Cake dedicated to Vietnam veterans from Bella Palermo's Bakery.

## WIN A CUSTOM CAKE FROM JOANNE'S

During certain holidays, Phyllis Fernandez creates a themed cake and raffles it off to a customer at Joanne's Luncheonette. Phyllis has a specialty cake business that she operates at Joanne's, that caters to parties and affairs.

There is no cost for the raffle. Patrons simply ask for an entry form and they're in. It's October readers of this newspaper who are encouraged to find their way to Joanne's, located on the corner of Third Avenue and Loomis Street. Have a coffee or a bite to eat and sign yourself up to win the prize Halloween cake.



(left, l-r) Denise Renda is handed a decorated St. Patrick's Day cake by Marie of Joanne's.

(below) The winner of last year's Halloween cake Dennis Rooney, who was present with his prize by Brandon DaSilva.

Note: Brandon is the fourth generation of the family helping bake cakes at Joanne's



## MUNCH MOBILE GIVE'S ANOTHER NOD TO LOCALS

Two more Peterstown based businesses received top honors by the popular *Star-Ledger* Munchmobile. The Munchers canvas New Jersey to find the best spot for eats. Each week features a different type of food. The Best Italian Hot Dog award was given to Tommy's on Second Avenue, owned by Tommy Parrinello.

Santillo's Brick Oven Pizza was given top dog honors for the munchmobiles excursion to find the best pizza. Santillo's is owned by Al and Nancy Santillo and is located on South Broad Street.

In previous years Spirito's Restaurant on Third Avenue and DiCosmo's Italian Ices were also favorites of the Munchers. Considering that there are thousands of places statewide to pick from, it is pretty amazing that four winners hailed from one neighborhood.

Read more about the Munchmobile at on the web at: <http://www.nj.com/munchmobile/>





## FRANK & BRIDGET MELE 65 YEARS MARRIED

On September 7, 1941, Frank and Bridget were married in St. Anthony's church in Elizabeth. A reception that served finger sandwiches (which Frank and his ushers made that morning) was held in Scott Hall, Elizabeth. They honeymooned in Niagara Falls.

The couple resided at 433 Loomis Street for 64 years, before moving to Colonia with their youngest daughter Patricia. Frank is a retired superintendent of public works for the City of Elizabeth. Frank served in WWII with both his brothers, Steven and John.

Frank and Bridget feel their greatest riches came in the form of their family, they have 4 children, Michael (wife Arleen) of Hollywood, Florida, Maryann (husband Tony) Chrichello of East Brunswick, Frank (wife Oliva) of Toms River, and Patricia (husband John) Trela of Colonia. They also have ten grandchildren and eleven great grandchildren.

An anniversary celebration was held at the Sheridan Hotel in Woodbridge. Frank's sister, Margaret Caruso, brother John Mele, Bridget's sister Josephine Myers and Kay Guida, who served as a bridesmaid 65 years ago, were in attendance, as well as family and close friends. 🎉

## PAUL AND SANTA COLLETTI CELEBRATE 60 YEARS

On September 1, 2006 Paul and Santa Colletti celebrated their 60th Anniversary with their family at a dinner at Michelino's Restaurant located in Elizabeth.

They met in Ribera, Sicily in 1945 and married on September 1, 1946. While living in Ribera they had 3 children, Maria, Joseph and Charlie. Paul and Santa wanted to make a better life for their children so they decided to move to America. Soon after Paul and his brother Gaetano left for America. They were sponsored by their sister, the late Josephine Migliorino. They arrived here on September 23, 1960. After Paul found a job and a place to live, he saved his money to have his family come join him in their new home. Santa and their 3 children arrived on June 30, 1961 and moved into an apartment on 3rd Avenue in Elizabeth. Paul and Santa had 2 more children, Anthony and Anna. In 1966 they moved to their new house on South Seventh Street where they still live.

Paul worked at Sterling Extruder Corporation while Santa worked in the garment industry. They retired in 1987 and returned to Sicily many times as well as traveling to Florida and Las Vegas.

Through the years, their family has grown. Maria and husband Giovanni Baiamonte have been married for 38 years and have three children. Maryann and her husband Elvi have 3 children John Paul, Alex and Oscar, their son Paul is engaged to Susan Karlik and are planning a June, 2007 wedding. Their daughter Sandy and her husband Anthony have one daughter, Alissa. Charlie and Laura have been married for 21 years and have a daughter, Kristen. Anthony and his wife Lisa have been married for 17 years and have 2 children, Ashley and Anthony Jr. Anna and her husband Mark Sompel have

been married for 20 years and have a daughter, Jessica. Their son "Big Joe" passed in August, 2005.

Paul and Santa are members of the Retired Men's and Ladies Club of Peterstown and Saint Anthony's Senior Citizens Club. Paul is also a member of the Men's Ribera Club in Elizabeth. 🎉



(left) Santa and Paul Colletti met in Sicily in 1945.

(below) On September 1, 2006 Santa and Paul celebrated their 60th wedding Anniversary.



(above) Paul and Santa celebrate with their children and grandchildren.



(above, l-r) President of the Chapel of Four Chaplains Mary Miller, Dennis Horin, who was awarded the Legion of Honor for 2006, and Executive Director Viola Bostic.

## POINT MAN PUTS HIMSELF FIRST (IN LINE OF DANGER)

During his time in Vietnam, Dennis Horin "walked point" for his units, 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry Division and 1st Air Cavalry Division. Walking point is one of the most crucial jobs in the infantry, it is also the most dangerous.

The man walking point is in front to protect the men behind him. The point man is first in the line of fire and must be alert at all times. It is his responsibility to detect booby traps, ambushes, signs of enemy movement, and snipers. Where there is no trail the point man breaks one, using machetes to cut through dense jungle growth, pushing down eight-foot high elephant grass in the heat of Vietnam while carrying a full load of equipment.

Dennis had his share of close calls and encounters which could have been fatal. In Dak To along the South China Sea coastline he hopped over a hedge looking for trip wires and saw an artillery round set in a trap. He dove back over and tossed a grenade into the trap.

The Peterstown community has always known Dennis Horin as a generous person who is always willing to help someone when needed. He always puts others first, except in combat, and now we know why. 🇺🇸



# THE FOUR CHAPLAINS' LEGION OF AWARD IS AWARDED TO DENNIS HORIN

The Chapel of Four Chaplains is a national, nonprofit organization, founded in 1947, which recognizes and encourages cooperation, brotherhood, and selfless service. It memorializes the courageous act of four Army chaplains who gave their life vests to others when the troopship Dorchester was torpedoed on February 3, 1943, and honors the 672 men who perished.

Survivors witnessed the bravery and the valiant effort of the chaplains in assisting as many people as they could get to safety. They worked in unison. Their last act was giving up their four life vests to soldiers who were without. They kneeled together on the slanted deck, locked arms and prayed as the ship sank beneath the waves.

The chaplains were George L. Fox, a Methodist minister, Alexander D. Goode, a Jewish rabbi, Clark V. Poling, a Dutch Reformed minister and John P. Washington, a Roman Catholic priest from Newark, NJ.

As one witness stated, "It was the finest thing I have ever seen, or hope to see, this side of heaven."

As part of their program the Chapel, located in the Philadelphia Navel Business Center, presents three awards annually. All recipients are recognized for service to fellow human beings without regard to faith or race in keeping with the spirit of sacrifice of the Four Chaplains. The Bronze Medallion is awarded for outstanding contributions on the national or international level, to

world peace or interfaith or interethnic understanding. The Humanitarian Award is awarded for a lifetime or career marked by selfless, sacrificial service affecting quality of life. The Legion of Honor is bestowed for outstanding, sacrificial volunteer service to one's community beyond that which is required by the nominee's professional or organizational position.

Dennis Horin received the 2006 Legion of Honor Award for his work in getting the Vietnam Memorial in Elizabeth completed. Dennis grew up in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth and went to school with some of the men killed in action whose names were etched on the monument. Dennis, who works as a trade union representative, is a member of both the Vietnam Veterans of America and the VVA Chapter 779, which spearheaded the campaign to erect a memorial.

Dennis has raised about a third of the money needed to create the monument. More importantly he was able to contact various trade unions to donate money, labor and materials to bring the project to completion.

The Chapel recognized Dennis's help with the memorial but they also acknowledged the countless other instances that he has assisted individual veterans and organizations.

Information about the Chapel of Four Chaplains can be found on the internet at [www.fourchaplains.org](http://www.fourchaplains.org) or by calling 215-218-1943. 🇺🇸

## PETERSTOWN REPRESENTED IN THE VIETNAM WAR

Many young men from Peterstown served honorably in the armed serves during the Vietnam War, 24 of them saw action on the battle field, the rest say they were lucky.

All veterans should be commended for their service, especially during a time when deferments were bargained for and dodging the draft was systematic. None of the men knew what their lot would be. They did know the possibilities and they accepted the risk. Those who stayed stateside did feel lucky. They would have gone if the need arose and knew that those who were in the heat of battle faced death at every turn.

The soldiers from the Peterstown section of Elizabeth returned alive. Most injured was Nick Abitanto who was shot in the eye and received a Purple Heart. The twenty four men who accepted their challenge did so selflessly, believing that by putting themselves in harms way it would save the lives of others. 🇺🇸

(left) Sheriff Ralph Frolich, standing far left, who had the honor of unveiling the Vietnam Memorial in Elizabeth is pictured with the family of Dennis Ruth, who is listed on the memorial as one of the men who were killed in action. Dennis Horin, second from right, was a classmate of Dennis Ruth at Thomas Jefferson High School, class of '65 and shared some memories with Ruth's mother and brothers, Stanley and Donald.

Names of Vietnam War Veterans from Peterstown:

Nicky Abitanto  
George Campo  
Nicky Cutro  
Vince Detrollo  
Martin DiAntonio  
Thomas DiMaggio  
Dennis R. Horin  
Tony Izzo  
Frank Lerosse  
Joseph Mallozzi  
Joseph Marino  
Ralph Manzaro  
Bobby Mazura  
James McAndrew  
John Neves  
Richie Nigro  
Joe Pires  
Ron Russo  
George Schade  
Tony Spirito  
Joseph Sullivan  
Rich Veltre  
Gregory White  
Walter Zennario



(above, l) In 1968, 21 year old, Dennis Horin holds up his discharge papers in a Vietnam camp.



# UNIFORMED GROUPS SHOW THEIR RESPECT

The dedication of Elizabeth, NJ's Vietnam Veterans Memorial was well attended by family, friends and neighbors of the men killed in action. They were joined by fellow veterans and a dozen uniformed groups representing local public safety and community organizations who have many veterans within their ranks. The groups were led by the Honor Guard of the host organization, Vietnam Veterans of America Eastern NJ Chapter 779, of Elizabeth.



(above & right) Elizabeth High School Jr. Marine Corp R.O.T.C.



(above) UC Sheriff & Prosecutor Office Honor Guards



(above) UC Corrections Officers Honor Guard



(above) Vets raised the flags of each branch of America's armed forces.



(above) Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America pay homage to their brothers.

(left) Tony Izzo, a Vietnam Veteran from Peterstown, sits between Dee Dee and Ken Klingaman, sister and brother of Bruce Klingaman who was honored on the memorial. Dee Dee, Ken and their brother Ron and sister Bunny June gave a framed photo of Bruce (left) to Tony. They traveled to the dedication ceremony hoping to see Tony who was a close friend of Bruce's in their youth.



(right) Union County Police, Fire Pipes & Drum Band



(above) Elizabeth Police and Firemen Honor Guard



List of 29 Elizabeth NJ residents who made the supreme sacrifice in the name of freedom as they appear on the Vietnam Memorial.

1. Alves, Moses, (USAF)  
born: Nov. 23, 1934  
died: Oct. 11, 1969
2. Bashaw, David, (USMC)  
born: March 11, 1948  
died: June 7, 1966
3. Brady, Robert J., (USMC)  
born: Sept. 21, 1947  
died: May 19, 1967
4. Daley, Daniel W., (USA)  
born: Oct. 19, 1947  
died: May 1, 1968
5. Dowd, John A., (USMC)  
born: Sept. 23, 1931  
died: Aug. 13, 1969
6. Gallagher, John H., (USMC)  
born: June 13, 1947  
died: Sept. 14, 1967
7. Glover, Manzie E. Jr. (USA)  
born: Jan. 19, 1945  
died: Sept. 19, 1966
8. Green, Douglas B. III, (USA)  
born: Nov. 6, 1944  
died: Jan. 11, 1968
9. Guerra, Dario D., (USA)  
born: June 26, 1947  
died: Nov. 23, 1968
10. Harrison, Herman C., Jr. (USAF)  
born: July 11, 1947  
died: Dec. 7, 1968
11. Holland, Charles J., (USA)  
born: July 27, 1939  
died: Aug. 18, 1967
12. Iannuzzi, Charles E., (USMC)  
born: Sept. 26, 1945  
died: Aug. 18, 1965
13. Klingaman, Bruce D., (USA)  
born: Feb. 15, 1949  
died: March 5, 1970
14. Kolas, Robert A., (USMC)  
born: May 21, 1947  
died: Aug. 15, 1967
15. Maiuro, Joseph, (USMC)  
born: Nov. 16, 1947  
died: Aug. 19, 1967
16. Miley, Eugene, (USA)  
born: May 3, 1946  
died: Dec. 19, 1967
17. Miller, Stanley J., (USA)  
born: Sept. 26, 1949  
died: April 27, 1970
18. Piascik, Michael B., (USMC)  
born: Nov. 28, 1945  
died: July 6, 1966
19. Di Antonio, Martin M., Jr., (USA)  
born: Aug. 2, 1945  
died: March 30, 1967
20. Knowsky, Ronald, (USMC)  
born: Jan. 27, 1946  
died: May 14, 1967
21. Presley, Avery, (USMC)  
born: April 7, 1950  
died: Oct. 24, 1968
22. Riley, Richard S. Jr., (USA)  
born: April 1, 1945  
died: Oct. 24, 1968
23. Russo, William, (USMC)  
born: Sept. 3, 1948  
died: Sept. 28, 1968
24. Ruth, Dennis, (USA)  
born: Dec. 9, 1946  
died: June 17, 1967
25. Sincavage, Richard, (USMC)  
born: April 15, 1946  
died: Dec. 14, 1968
26. Von Bischoffshausen, Robert A., (USA)  
born: May 4, 1948  
died: Aug. 8, 1968
27. Walker, Irvin, (USMC)  
born: July 1, 1947  
died: Dec. 26, 1968
28. Wheeler, Frederick, (USA)  
born: Dec. 30, 1932  
died: March 22, 1967
29. Zamorski, Glenn J., (USMC)  
born: Oct. 5, 1942  
died: June 11, 1968



# HAPPY 60th WHITEY AND LUCY MARICONDI

Congratulations to Frank and Lucy (Copio) Maricondi who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on September 28, 2006. They celebrated in style with a surprise trip to Las Vegas with family and friends.

Born and raised in Elizabeth, the couple resided at 644 Fourth Avenue for fifty-five years after marriage. Frank, known to many as "Whitey", lived at the same residence for twenty-one years prior to marriage.

Although it was difficult to leave their hometown, they are now living happily ever after in Lutz, Florida with daughter, Barbara and her husband, John Jazesf.

God has blessed their lives with 3 daughters, 12 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren (so far). They send best wishes to all of their friends and family.

Their family thanks them for so many years of love and laughter. Their commitment to each other and to their growing family is greatly admired.



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(above) Frank Maricondi married Lucy Copio on September 28, 1946 in St. Anthony's Church, in Elizabeth.



(left) Lucy and her bridesmaids, (above) Whitey and Lucy, Whitey and his groomsmen. September 28, 2006.



# ANGELA RENNA AND PAUL TEIXEIRA TAKE THE PLUNGE

Angela Renna, daughter of Angela and the late Phil Renna, was married on September 16 to Paul Teixeira, son of John and Janet Teixeira, at an intimate backyard affair hosted by her brother Nick and his wife Maureen at their home in Cranford, NJ. The nuptials were presided over by Union Township Mayor Peter Capodice and family friend, Deacon Joe Lubas. Guests dined under a tent and socialized on the deck of a pool that featured a Tikki bar. The reception was catered by Costa's Restaurant of Roselle Park, with a cake created by Bella Palermo Bakery in Elizabeth, NJ. Angela, a graphic designer, was born and raised in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ while Paul hails from Pequanock, NJ. He is an engineering line inspector for PSE&G.

(right) Newlyweds Paul and Angela's poolside reception found its way into the water. They were eventually joined on the underwater dance floor by the rest of the revelers.

(below) Close friends Nancy Coraggio, Angela, and Deb Kerriegan, mix it up behind the Tikki Bar.



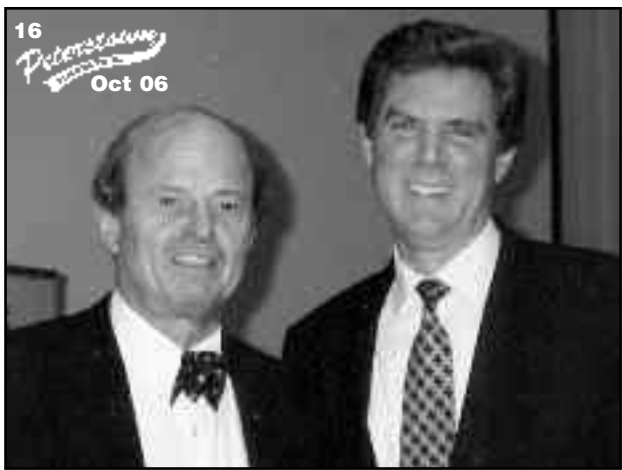
(above, l-r) Angela shares her name and her beauty with her lovely mother.



(above, l-r) Maureen and Nick Renna, Angela's brother, hosted the wedding reception for Paul and Angela in their backyard in Cranford, NJ.



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 doesn't every back yard  
 have a Tikki bar?  
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(above, l-r) Dr. Stephen DeFelice, who played a major roll in drafting the Nutraceutical bill that was introduced by Rep. Frank Pallone (D-NJ).

# DR. DeFELICE FORGES NEW FRONTIERS

Dr. Stephen DeFelice's new book "He Made Them Young Again", conjures up thoughts of Christopher Columbus and his exploration of a new frontier. New frontiers are always evolving and it is only after a discovery is made that interest from the masses converge upon it. There are many parallels in what Dr. DeFelice is exploring and Columbus's journey.

enough research that warrants an exploration. Dr. DeFelice has created innovations in his career with nutraceuticals like Carnitine. A nutraceutical is a term credited to Dr. DeFelice by the prestigious Oxford English Dictionary. The doctor has also lobbied Congress in order to implement a system that would make it less restrictive for doctors to conduct research, the Doctornaut Act has been written and awaits enough support to be enacted.

What made Columbus's journey so exceptional is that he explored an unknown frontier. Up until his voyage the concept of sailing around the world was science fiction, imaginable to just a few. The idea was too outlandish for consideration. Conventional wisdom rejected the notion and practicality dismissed it. Columbus showed courage not only in the risk of his personal well being but in facing pressure from society for challenging the norms.

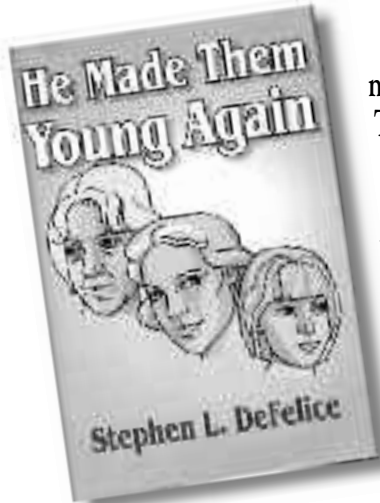
Dr. DeFelice's novel is a true reflection of him personally. Like him, the book is enjoyable and funny while intelligent and serious. There is a message in the story that addresses the moral aspects of medical research and a technical component that explains the premise of his theory. Of course the characters, like in his other novels, are of Italian decent which plays an important roll as to how they live, act and react.

Dr. DeFelice, from Westfield, NJ, is a physician and medical research authority. He has written numerous books, most are of a technical nature. But his latest is a work of fiction which explores his theory of slowing the aging process and the prospect of reversing it.

The body may very well be the new frontier for the 21st century. The doctor is sincerely trying to raise 1.1 million for a clinical study with a leading investigator in the field of aging at Boston University Medical Center.

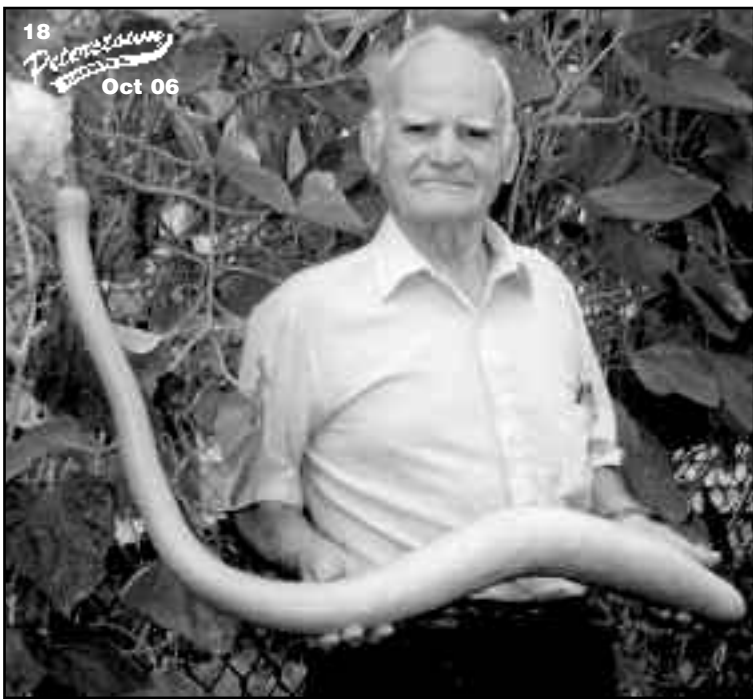
His idea may seem as outlandish as Columbus setting sail West in order to reach the Indies. And, like Columbus, Dr. DeFelice is bucking the norms. His theory can be easily dismissed but he believes there is

The subject is fascinating and is worth exploring. Dr. DeFelice may not reach the Indies, but who could say what other worlds he may discover. Find out more about the doctor on the web at [www.fimdefelice.org/](http://www.fimdefelice.org/)



(left) Dr. DeFelice's new novel "He Made Them Young Again" can be purchased through his website [www.fimdefelice.org](http://www.fimdefelice.org)

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## AUGUSTINO "GUS" OSNATO PASSES ON AT AGE 99

Augustino Osnato, 99, of Linden died Monday, Aug. 7, 2006, at the Delaire Nursing Home in Linden. Gus was born in Newark, N.J. in 1907, then moved to Potenza, Italy; There he met wife, Rose, and they returned to live in the Peterstown section Elizabeth in 1931. After 45 years of marriage Rose passed away in 1985 and Gus moved to Linden in 1995.

Gus worked in the maintenance department of the Exxon (Standard Oil Co.) in Linden for 30 years before retiring in 1965. He enjoyed gardening and puttering around the house. He was the husband of the late Rose Osnato and is survived by his son, Frank Osnato; his grandchildren, Elizabeth Fireman Frank Osnato Jr., and Karen Kurywczak, and six great-grandchildren. 🍀

(left) Rose and Gus Osnato

(above) Gus, who took pride in his gardening, displays a cocozza grown in his garden.

(right) Gus, third from left, stands with his fellow workers above the suits of Standard Oil commemorating a milestone in oil production. Also holding the placard is Gus's neighbor from Peterstown Vito Nigro.



## THE NIGRO FAMILY'S GREATEST GENERATION - EUGINOS Y CUGINAS

For the past 18 years, the seven branches of the Nigro family has been reuniting at an annual picnic. Almost two hundred members representing five generations attend. The senior members of the clan in attendance were born between the years 1909 and 1934. They are first generation Italian-Americans the product of the era

of the great immigration, they lived through the great depression and into the computer age and contributed to the defense of this country in times of war and worked hard building a better future for all. They are, whom Tom Brokaw eloquently labeled, "The greatest Generation Ever." 🍀



(above, standing, l-r, ages are in brackets) First cousins of the first generation of the Nigro family from Vallata in America, Italy: Elaine (73) and Joe Nigro (76), Nancy Gersick (73), Gertrude (89) and Joe Nigro (88), Don Pacelli (76), Kay (82) and Angelo Nigro (80), Rose Pacelli (76), Ann (83) and Russell Harris (82), Esther Nigro (82), Mike Nigro (83), and Frank Colicchio (88). (seated, l-r) Edith D'Antico (90), Angie Gallaso (92), Mary DePalma (96) and Frank Nigro (86). Missing from the photo are cousins, Mario and Jerry Nigro, Mike and Carmine Sabia and Mary Foreman.

## KATIE IS 90 YEARS OLD AND STILL WORKING

On Sunday, September 17th, the family of Carmela "Katie" Schade (nee Malta) threw a surprise 90th birthday party for her at the Echoqua Italian Bistro in Springfield, NJ. Over 50 friends and family members attended from as far away as Florida. Carmela is a lifelong resident of Peterstown who recently moved in with her daughter, Kathy, in Clark.

Katie started working as a teenager in her mom and dad's store "Malta's Dry Goods Store". She has also been active in St. Anthony's Church, located on the corner of Third Avenue and Centre Street, a hop, skip and jump from her home. Bingo nights are catered by John Sacco, whose butcher shop is located cater-cornered from St. Anthony's. Katie works every Bingo night for John and enjoys every minute. 🎉



(above) Katie Schade now.

(left) And then.



If you want to wish Katie a Happy 90th Birthday you can find her working at the St. Anthony's bingo games on Monday and Thursday nights.



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## CROSSING GUARD RETIRES AFTER 40 YEARS.

Anne Piga, or Annie, as she is known by the teachers, students and parents of Schools #19, St. Mary's, Roosevelt and Edison, retired in June 2006, after 40 years of service. She was stationed at the Bayway Circle, where Elmora Avenue meets Edgar Road.

Annie crossed thousands of children going to and from school. Some being the children and grandchildren of those whom she crossed at the beginning of her career. Annie celebrated her retirement at a luncheon given in her honor at School #19.

Now that Anne is retired, she is enjoying traveling with her husband of 50 years, Sal Piga. Anne and Sal celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on September 8, 2006 on a cruise with their son Peter and his wife Eva of Elizabeth and Daughter Sally Anne of Florida. 🎉





For the eight years that we published *Around About Peterstown*, Tino Rosa filled this space with news of the real estate industry. He reported on trends and situations that were happening locally as well as nationally. He made the news relevant to local home buyers and sellers. He was able to relate what was happening to the communities, and for this publication, Peterstown in particular.

Tino offered his insight and opined about the benefits and pitfalls of what was happening with the economy and housing. His articles were written with the buyer in mind. He often

wrote about programs and tactics that would enable families to achieve the goal of home ownership.

Tino Rosa had an impeccable reputation of being a honorable businessman. Development projects that involved the Rosa Agency always improved the communities they were in with tasteful architecture, quality construction and affordable pricing. In 1976 Tino Rosa and his brothers, Manuel and Arthur, got into the real estate business for the long haul. For thirty years they built relationships with realtors, builders, developers and financiers who valued working with them because they were trustworthy. More importantly, Rosa Agency became part of the communities they did

business in. They got to know the people, the businesses and organizations in the neighborhoods.

Tino cared for people and it showed in how much he was respected and by how many people mourned his untimely death. Besides the personal loss to his family, Tino has left a void in the people who saw him as a mentor, business associates who he helped make successful, and individuals who found in him an answer to achieving their dream of owning a home.

Tino was a personal friend to many in the Peterstown community. He will be missed, but often thought of. 🌹

## TINO ROSA



Tino Rosa, 53, of Clark, formerly of Newark, died suddenly on September 25, 2006. Tino, along with his brothers, Manuel and Arthur founded Rosa Agency on July 4, 1976 out of a two-car garage. The business eventually expanded to six

offices. Tino opened and operated the office on Westfield Avenue in Elizabeth since 1984.

The success story of Tino Rosa started when he came to this country at the age of two from Boticas, Portugal. He was charismatic, a lover of life who had made many friends throughout his years as a student and as a professional. He always had a ready smile and would light up the room with laughter.

Tino is well known in both Elizabeth and Newark. His is a story of an immigrant doing well, starting from nothing, and realizing the American dream. He will be sadly missed by all his friends and family members, most especially his wife and children. He leaves behind a wife, Nancy Rosa, a loving daughter, Natalie, and a son, Justin. There are eight surviving brothers and sisters. He also leaves his mother, Carminda Monteiro Rosa, and his mother-in-law, Marie Panico, and was predeceased by his father, Carlos Monteiro Rosa and father-in-law, Domenico Panico. 🌹

## GOOD-BYE DEAR FRIEND

*The real estate community lost a great broker, a man of vast knowledge and integrity and an honorable and caring boss. His family lost a wonderful husband, father, brother, and uncle. His friends can never replace the friendship he gave. Those that were his friends know this all too well. Many were fortunate to have the opportunity to have a business relationship and friendship with him. He had a powerful personality and huge heart that made him both a successful businessman and a great friend and boss.*

*We, here at the Rosa Agency, lost the best boss we could hope for. He was our guiding light and voice of reason. His wealth of knowledge will be missed as much as his smiling face and his stories of past experiences.*

*I, personally, will miss a man who was to me a friend and a boss, a mentor who taught me about both the real estate business and some lessons of life that I shall never forget.*

*His office will continue to work with the honor and ethics he instilled in us. He will live on forever in our hearts and our memories through our actions.*

*Tino's family would like to thank everyone for their tremendous showing of support in their time of sorrow; your outpouring of love helped them get through the difficulty of saying good-bye.*

*In closing, I would like to say - take a closer look at the people you love. Sometimes you don't realize how great they really are until they are gone. Tino treated me like his family, always looking out for me, professionally and personally. Although I will miss him dearly, I am happy to have known him. I was able to have spent some time with a truly great person.*

*Good-bye dear friend.*

**James Palermo and the Staff of Rosa Agency**