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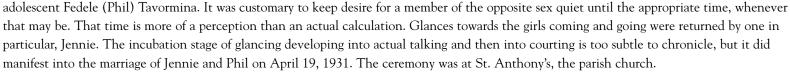
ONE HUNDRED IS THE NEW EIGHTY

ennie Tavormina celebrated her 100th birthday on September 27, 2009. Family Jand friends packed two party rooms at the Clark Nursing Home where she resides with her 91 year old kid sister as her roommate. Her life is a wonderful illustration of the values that define the Italian-American culture prevalent in Peterstown.

Jennie, nee Zito, is one of seven children. Three sisters lived into their nineties, and one is in her eighties. It is not possible to find cause to their longevity but it is safe to conclude that their lifestyle is conducive to a long life span. More importantly, their stlye of living style maintains an elevated quality of life for the individual and community as a whole, regardless of age. Dedication to family, church and community are the defining principles guiding the residents of Peterstown. They are also the major themes in Jennie's story, with a bit of "the girl next door"

Jennie was born in 1909, in a home on John Street in Elizabeth, NJ. Her parents Cologero (Charles) and Giovanna Zito moved to America from the town of Ribera, on the Italian island of Sicily. Many families from Ribera chose Peterstown, or commonly known as The Burg, for their new home, including the Tavormina Family.

Eventually the Zito family of nine outgrew their John Street digs and moved four blocks to 37 (above, r-l) 100 year old Birthday girl Jennie Spenser Street. They occupied the second floor of a two family home with the Tavormina family Tavormina and her sister/roommate Lily. below. It can only be imagined what affect six young women moving in upstairs had on an



After getting married the young couple moved into the first floor quarters. Phil's parents purchased a new home further down on Spencer Street. Jennie lived at 37 Spencer Street for seventy eight years of her life. Seventy one of those years were with her husband up to his passing in 2002. It is also where they raised their two sons, Santo (Jimmy) and Charles. The family business, County Plumbing and Heating, started by her husband is located on Race Street in Elizabeth. It was handed down to Charles and is now being run by her grandson Phil, the third generation at the helm.

Charles shared another aspect of his father's life bedsides running the family business. He too married the girl next door. Carmella Davenia was eleven years old when her family moved from Ribera to Peterstown to make 33 Spencer Street their home in America. Though Charles and Carmella were neighbors they ran in different circles that did not cross paths. But like his parents' courtship, there was a mystical moment where their eyes did meet. The connection resulted in Charles, who attended the all-boys Jefferson High in Elizabeth taking Carmella to her senior prom at the all-girls Battin High. They married in 1940.

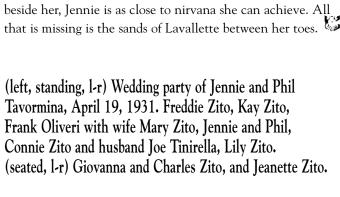
Jennie's devotion in life was that of a caretaker for her family. She loved to cook and bake, and created many of her own recipes, which have been passed down to the current generation of Tavorminas. She kept things very simple, pasta, rice and soups were her mainstay. She was not a fan of meat dishes. She took little or no medication and continued to care for others, even when she became ill herself. Jennie was humble, working behind the scenes. She never liked attention or needed acknowledgement. Her greatest joy for herself was spending time on the beaches of Lavallette, NJ. The beach house was a sanctuary for the family since she was a baby. It is being enjoyed in the same way by her seven great-grandchildren.

There are no pearls of wisdom for living a long life; just as there is no explanation why her brother Freddie passed away at the young age of

26. Jennie was devoted to her family, especially her sisters, Mary, Connie, and Kay, who are deceased, and Lily D'onofrio and Jeanette Lynn, who is eighty one. They share in each other's lives on a daily basis. Seeing her family happy is what makes her happy. She did all she can to make that happen. Her sons Jim, with wife Isabelle, and Charles, with wife Carmella, gave her five grandchildren.

Eventually the love and support that flowed down from Jennie to her family turned up stream when it was she who needed support. With Lily as her roommate and her family beside her, Jennie is as close to nirvana she can achieve. All







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President's Message

A big thank you to Sons of Peterstown members for stepping up when the grammar school needed a new tree. The club agreed to

replace a dead tree in front of the school. Special thanks to Jim Palermo and Nick Schipani for getting the tree, delivering, planting and trimming it. The club also agreed to decorate the entrance of

the school for the holiday season. There are a lot of little things like this that, when added together can make a big difference in the community.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of the club, not because the members need or are looking for recognition but because it may inspire others to follow the good example of civic duty that they

The Sons of Peterstown are welcoming new members. Anyone who is interested in joining us can see me at my butcher shop or talk to one of the officers listed in the masthead above.

John Sacco, President Sons of Peterstown Sports Club

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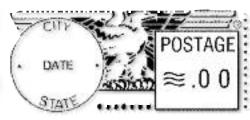
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Letters should be typed. Letters appear as space permits. We reserve the right not to print a letter without notifying sender.

Dear Joe,

By the way your August 09 edition of the Peterstown Newspaper, re: the Colicchios was great. They are related to my wife Mary Moscaritolo. Her father's sister (her Aunt) was Felix Colicchio's (Olga's husband) mother. I have the records of Felix's ancestors back five generations to about 1735 in Vallata, Avellino, Italy. They are part of the info I gathered when I was researching my wife's family.

Your articles brought back memories of Tom Colicchio (Bev's husband). He was a good friend and companion during the years we were growing up in Peterstown. I am happy to see how well his children have grown.

Sincerely, Salvatore M Angelo Freehold NJ

Dear Mr. Renna,

I am 93 years old, born in 1916, in a small apartment house around John Street and Third Avenue in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth. Around 1920, the family moved to 20 Christine Street and that remained our home until my parents died.

My mother's family, Firetto, operated the small Italian bakery, located on the north side of John Street near Third Avenue behind the back entrance to the LaCorte Saloon, located on the southeast corner of Third Avenue and John

I have not lived in Elizabeth since 1950 and your recent articles about John Riggi interested me very much. You see, Emanuel Riggi, John's father, who was an official in the labor union, was friends with my family. John was a good friend with Dave DeCabia, who was a cousin of mine because he married Josie Coniglio, my cousin.

I have not kept in touch with Elizabeth until I started subscribing to the Peterstown newspaper. Another cousin, Tina Lamendola gave me a gift subscription her maiden name was Firetto, same as my mother's.

Sincerely, Gioacchino "Jake" Coniglio Wichita, Kansas

Dear Mr. Renna,

I saw a copy of the Around About Peterstown on the web and I am thinking that you may be able to help me. I am researching my family history and I ran into a brick wall.

My uncle's sister, Caterina, and her husband Tommaso owned Petrillo's bakery. Joe Petrillo ran the bakery with his parents and then with his wife, Florence. Joe had a brother, Pasquale "Pat", his wife was Amelia and they had four sons. Pat died in Michigan in May 1986. Pat's obituary would be very helpful it would list his brothers and sisters and his barents.

I could not find anyone with information on the Petrillo's. I did find some information on Catherine. She was Tommaso Petrillo's second wife. His first wife died young and he was raising his seven or eight children by himself before he remarried and purchased the bakery around 1932.

I don't know when Joe and Florence took over the bakery but Tommaso died in 1954 and Catherine died in 1963. The only thing I was told is that one son became a priest and was assigned to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Newark during the 1970's and may now be in North Arlington.

That is all the new information I could find. I have no photos. I would appreciate any further information on the family you or someone from the neighborhood may have.

Any information you can provide would be helpful. Thanks

Jerry Cordasco Nutley, NJ



(above, 1-r) Joe Patrillo in living in a senior home and Florence Passed away. There are nephews and nieces who may be able to respond to the email above.

Dear Joe,

I am an Elizabeth native, as well as a teacher here in the Elizabeth Public Schools. My family have also been lifelong residents of the city. Recently, my great-aunt Santina

DeMarco passed away (September 20, 2009). She worked for 37 years at Spirito's Restaurant. Her photo appeared in the August 04 issue of your newspaper when she retired. I was wondering if you would be able to reprint that photo. It would mean a lot to me and my family. She was a hard working woman that many people knew and appreciated.

Thank You, Tiffany Festa Elizabeth, NJ



(above) Santina DeMarco

Dear Joe,

Almost everyone has been adversely effected by the economic downturn in America. Millions of jobs lost, countless homes foreclosed, lost investments, 401(k)s, and the list goes on. Nothing hurts more however than when a fixture of the community is lost. In this case I am referring to the closure of Sullivan Chevrolet in Roselle Park. Sullivan closed her doors forever in January 2009. I had the privilege to work for Sullivan before I left to attend college in North Carolina in 1979. I call it a privilege for many reasons: I was always treated with the utmost respect and dignity any employee could ever hope for. My employers (Mr. Sullivan and service manager: Leo DeStefano) were more like friends than bosses. My co-workers were fun to be around. We laughed, played jokes on one another and really liked working! What more could one ask for?

During at least one summer college break I again worked for Sullivan Chevrolet, and again, it was a privilege. I never moved back to NJ. My work in pastoring churches has taken me from NC to Idaho and now finally to Washington state. However, every two years I fly back to NJ to visit family and friends. I would always be sure to stop in and visit my old friends at Sullivan Chevrolet. I did that for the very last time in November 2008. I can honestly say, it really hurt me that they too became a casualty of this economy. The community of Roselle Park and Union County in general, has lost an irreplaceable fixture.

To all my friends whom I met through the years there.....thanks for being a part of my life.

John Nocera Puyallup, Washington

Dear Joe Renna,

I would like to compliment you on the wonderful article you wrote in the August 09 issue of your newspaper regarding my autobiography. I wish to thank you for the many nice words you write which greatly enhanced my story. And as Yogi Berra would say "They were necessary."

My son went to Peterstown and picked up several copies of the newspaper to give to each of my grandsons a copy to preserve along with my book.

I have ordered another one hundred books in case someone would like to obtain a copy. Send me \$15 (postage included) to the address below or call me at 407-348-6527.

Respectfully,

Mike Moscaritolo

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Loved the article on the Ferrara family in the June 09 issue of the paper, especially Mrs. Ferrara being a midwife. I grew up on Amity Street, between First and Second

Avenues, until I married Tom Bellomo in 1962. Our first apartment was on Summer Street near Grier

Avenue and went into culture shock. Get me right. I loved having our own diggs but I missed all the familiar people and it took a while for me to get used to the fact that not everyone had pasta on Sunday.

I live in Elmora Hills now. The kids are gone and Tom passed away in 2001, but I have wonderful memories of the Burg and my young family.

Your newspaper is something I really look forward to getting. Thanks so much and God bless.

Sandy Bellomo

Elizabeth, New Jersey

Editor's Opinion everybody has one - this is mine - by Joe Renna

Respecting our elders was one of the basic lessons I was the new health plan includes "death panels". The White taught growing up. It was such a natural thing to do that it took no thought.

It was because the care that was shown to me by my seniors while growing up was unsolicited and unconditional. It did not matter if they were family or neighbors. As I expanded my boundaries I found that others did do not share the same commitment to the elderly that I am accustomed to. Most did, but far too many were apathetic.

Development has always been on a fast track in America and it makes it so much easier for people to lose a grip on their old-world culture.

The mores of modern life degraded the status of our aging population below other interests. The latest and most disturbing issue is health care reform.

There is a risk to being labeled a conspiracy nut when criticizing government. There are extreme views on issues be worried about the direction in which our society is that drag the moderate opinions down with them. It is the going. I've seen the effects that subtle changes have had symptom of the two party system in American in which the parties are more powerful than the government.

Labeling detractors and name calling is the most common tactic used to nullify decent. The opposition is forced to raise their voices in protest to achieve equal footing in the debate of an issue. It is never a flattering position to be in. Yet even the moderate thinkers must now resort to shouting as the debate for health care reform moves along on rails greased by a small contingency in President Obama's administration and operatives in the Democratic Party.

The rhetoric being used by those influencing the development of policies on Capital Hill is frightening, even to a centrist like me.

The blending of cultures expends some of the fringe traditions, but the latest proposals for change coming from our government can destroy the core of our culture's value system. For instance, how we treat our elders.

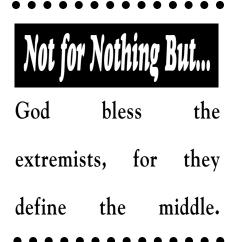
On one extreme we have Sarah Palin's assertion that

House claims it is just a provision to offer "end of life planning counseling sessions with a health care practitioner," The truth lies somewhere in between.

I am careful not to take statements out of context when I research any issue. That said, I find that the totality of the opinions of the advisors and czars in the White House support Palin's accusation. For instance, Dr. Ezekiel Emanuel, key advisor to President Obama on health care recommends a system which prioritizes younger people who have not yet lived a complete life.

Emanuel's statement is not isolated. It echoes many made by policy formulators for the economy, environment, and foreign affairs. They attempt to apply a quantitative value to human life. This degrades the value of life. There is no greater good than human life.

I am looking for an explanation as to why I should not on the quality of life that I knew growing up. It is not imagined. The degree of the proverbial slippery slope is tilting higher ever so slowly. The possibility of it flipping is real.





COL. BRENNAN STAYS CONNECTED THROUGH PETERSTOWN NEWS

Around About Peterstown is the newspaper f choice for latrine reading in Afghanistan. Elizabeth, NJ native, Air Force Col. Joseph A. Brennan, keeps abreast of local news of his home town by reading the paper sent to him by publisher and good buddy Joe Renna.

Brennan is an Ear, Nose and Throat doctor at the Belgram Air Force Field in Afghanistan. Brennan also did stints in Iraq in 2004 and in Fallujah in 2005.

The official homepage of the United States Army, www.army.mil, featued Brennan in an article titled "Hearing loss: Afghanistan's No. 1 diagnosis" the full address is http://www.army.mil/-news/2009/08/18/26141hearing-loss-afghanistans-no-1-diagnosis/index.html.

Mail from America is highly valued by our men and women over seas. Some soldiers have no ties with home and appreciate knowing they are being thought about. If you would like to add something to the next package going to Brennan email joerenna@joerenna.com Brennan will share the goodies with his comrades.

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The Hilltoppers Club started with a group of ten people from the graduating classes of 1947, 1948 and 1949 of St. Mary's High School in Elizabeth, NJ. They decided to start a formal club for the purposes of bringing graduates together several times a year. The club is celebrating its ten-year anniversary with a Dinner Dance on April 15, 2010 at Galloping Hill Caterers in Union's Five Points intersection.

The idea of the club was hatched at a 1998 reunion hosted in Ireland by Alum Charlie Feeney at the Castleroy Park Hotel, which he owns. One hundred and fifty alum attended.

To date, a membership drive, started in 2000, has drawn 338 graduates as members. With spouses, the roster has 476 members. Members include graduates from the classes of 1934 to 1951. Also included are several honorary members who have full rights and privileges as dues paying members.

Normal activities have been quarterly board meetings quarterly luncheons and an annual Christmas party for the entire membership, cruises to Bermuda and Canada, bus rides to Atlantic City, New York and the Amish Country of Pennsylvania. Last year's Day At The Races (Monmouth Park) drew 150 members. Twenty-eight alumni went on the Five Country European River Cruise

to Czech Republic, Germany, Austria, Slovenia and Hungary.

The Hilltoppers are encouraging other graduates from 1934 to 1952 who are not members to attend their gala affair in April.

Interested individuals can contact club President Robert Cogan at 609-654-7092.



(above, 1-r) Hilltopper President Robert Cogan and Charlie Feeney don their varsity jackets at their reunion held in Ireland in 1998.

(below) Hilltoppers on a cruise to Canada in 2004.



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The Tax Court resolves disputes between taxpayers and local and state taxing agencies. Created in 1979, the Tax Court resolves appeals of local and county tax officials regarding the assessment of real property for municipal, county and school board taxes. In addition, the court hears appeals of decisions made by the director of the state Division of Taxation on state income, sales, estate, and business taxes, as well as other taxes, and homestead rebates.

Patrick, a Princeton resident, has served as a volunteer emergency medical technician on the Princeton First Aid and Rescue Squad since 2004.

Patrick was not the first DeAlmeida to be a presiding judge. His mother Anne has been an Official Judge for United States Amateur Boxing, Inc.

Anne DeAlmeida grew up in the Peterstown section of Elizabeth, NJ. She became a boxing fan at an early age

attending matches with her father and his six brothers. She continued the tradition with her own three

Anne frequently ran into Tony Orlando, Jr., who also originated from Peterstown. Orlando was the Chairman of the New Jersey Athletic Commission and a New Jersey Boxing Hall of Famer. Anne says it was the encouragement form Orlando that prompter her to pursue the idea of becoming a judge.

Anne travels all over New Jersey almost every weekend and has judged in over 600 rounds of boxing a year. She is able to judge in any state of the Union.

Anne is a Real Estate agent for Weichert Realtors in Warren, NJ and refers to her judging as a hobby.

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(left) Patrick DeAlmeida, presiding judge of the New Jersey Tax Court



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Maria DiCarlo (nee DiCesare) moved to America in 1970 from her home town of Frosolone, in the Province of Isernia located in the Region Molise of Italy. She brought along her talent as a dressmaker and a work ethic that embraces the importance of family.

Maria started a bridal gown business and is now celebrating her 28th year in business. A second generation of the family learned the trade and have become an integral part of the business. Her son John oversees the men's wear business named Hollywood Tuxedos. Her daughter Lisa Cocuzza works along side her as well as her niece Angela DiCesare. Angela's mother Anna is also part of the team.

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Hollywood Bridal and Hollywood Tuxedos does not charge for alterations on dresses and tuxedos purchased in the store. The store carries many different brands and has various price points to meet each customer's specific budget.

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In 1983 Arthur purchased Dimensions Salon in Avenel. He took his staff including Karen with him. Hair dressers Denise Steele, Michele Joseph and Joe Calavetta have been working together ever since.

After eight years Arthur sold the salon to Karen in

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(left, seated, r-1) Dimensions' Owner Karen Kotas, nee Iazzetta, with the Dimensions staff, Michele Joseph, Denise Konca, nee Steele and Jamie Sztybel



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JACQUELINE NIGRO FLYING HIGH WITH JETS FLIGHT CREW

Jacqueline Nigro has reached a new height in her dancing career by being selected to be a member of the 2009 Jets Flight Crew, the cheerleading squad supporting the New York NFL football team that plays in the Meadowlands Stadium located in East Rutherford, NJ.

The Peterstown section of Elizabeth is just a 12.8mile drive south on the NJ Turnpike from where the Jets play. It is an enclave of long-time Jets fans, and now new recruits since Jacqueline has joined the team.

The Nigro family planted their roots in Peterstown 100 years ago. Jacqueline's great grandparents, Giuseppe and Maria Libertà (nee Nufrio) arrived from Vallata Italy in 1910. They had five children. Joe Jr. is Jacqueline's Grandfather.

Jacqueline's parents, Christopher and Diane, have always supported her desire to dance, enrolling her in classes since she was three years old. It turned into more than a pastime as she grew up and it became a passion. As Jacqueline's abilities grew so did her desire to pursue venues for her talent.

Jacqueline did not make her Clifton High School Cheerleading Squad when she first tried out in her senior year, but she did not let that deter her from pursuing her dreams. She continued to compete as part of a dance troupe traveling as a team member and soloist in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop and Lyrical competition. Her skill and enthusiasm grew with experience.

After graduating High School in 2006 Jacqueline pursued opportunities to dance. Auditioning in itself was very demanding and educational. She landed her first professional job working for the NJ Revolution, part of the American Indoor Football League, in their 2006-07 season. The following year she was selected to join the National Hockey League's New Jersey Devils Dancers. She also danced for New Jersey Ironmen of the Major Indoor Soccer League. Both the Devils and Ironmen play in the Prudential Center, in Newark.

Jets fans will be by far the largest audience that Jacqueline has performed in front of. She considers earning a spot on the Crew a big accomplishment. Only thirty women were selected from over two hundred

(above) Jacqueline with paternal grandparents Joe and Elaine Nigro.

(right) A budding prima ballerina, complete with tiara, at the age of four. dancers who came out to audition.

The assignment will be as demanding as it is rewarding. Jacqueline will cheer/dance at every home game. The squad also makes appearances at promotional and charitable events, plus they practice three times a

Though it seems like a full-time commitment, for most of the women on the squad, Jets Flight Crew is a part-time job. Jacqueline is a full-time student, in her senior year, at William Paterson University where she is a double major in Communications and Nutrition. She also works as a dance instructor at Broadway Bound in Dumont, NJ.

Jacqueline's career is taking off and the Jets Flight Crew is taking her to new heights. There is little doubt that Jacqueline's career will continue to soar.

Not for Nothing But...

Michael Jordon was cut from his also School team. High

(right) Jacqueline will appear in "Making of the Flight Crew" a 30 minute television special on WCBS channel 2 on October 31, 2009 at 2:30pm.





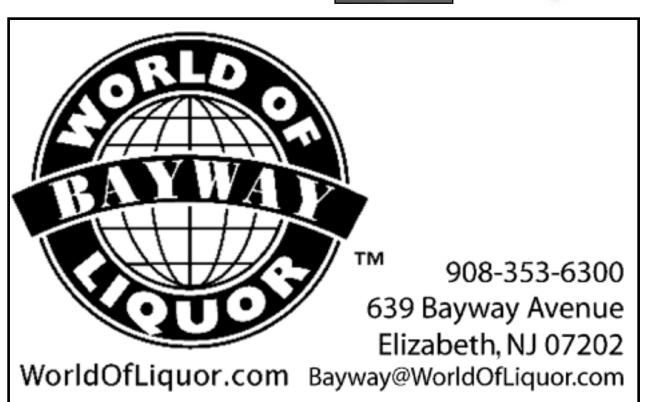


(above) Jacqueline cheering on the Jets. (below, second from right) Jacqueline and Crew in New York at a Calendar signing promotion.



(right) Purchase a 2010 Jet Fight Crew Swimsuit Calendar at newyorkjets.com. Link to Jets Flight Crew for news, photos, videos and message boards. Find out where the Crew will be next or book an appearance.







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Recipes

Submitted by Mom Tavormina Family, from the 100 years archive of Jennie's recipes.

Spinach Pie (Mom T)

INGREDIENTS: (Crust)

4 cups flour 2 tbsp (full) Crisco Pinch salt 4 tsp. baking powder ½ cup hot water 2 sticks butter or margarine PREPARATION: (Crust)

1) Mix ingredients and let dough rest for 20 minutes before rolling out.

INGREDIENTS: (Filling)

- 2 boxes frozen spinach (leaf or chopped)
- 1 ½ lbs Italian sausage (out of casing)
- 2 tsp grated Italian cheese
- 4 medium size potatoes cut in small pieces and cooked until tender
- Salt, pepper garlic power, basil and oregano
- 1 clove fresh garlic-minced and sautéed a little

PREPARATION:

- 1) Cook spinach according to instructions on package and set aside in colander.
- 2) Peel potatoes. Add salt, pepper & oil cook until tender and set aside.
- 3) Fry sausage until almost done.
- 4) Squeeze water out of spinach and add to sausage in skillet. Season with salt, pepper and garlic powder add cheese and mix well.
- 5) Put crust on bottom of 14 x 9 pan and add potatoes, spinach-sausage mixture, sprinkle more cheese.
- 6) Roll out top crust and place on top of mixture.
- 7) Make three 1 ½ inch vents then seal and flute edges.
- 8) Cook at 400 degrees for one hour or until golden
- 8) Spread milk on top crust. Remove from oven and cover with dish towel for 15 minutes.

Poor Mom's Fruit Cake

INGREDIENTS: (Step 1)

1 box raisins 2 cups sugar

1 box dried fruit – citrus mix 1 tsp cinnamon or less

1 tsp nutmeg

4 cups water

1 stick margarine or butter 1 tsp cloves

PREPARATION: (Step 1)

Mix ingredients, boil and let cool.*

INGREDIENTS: (Step 2)

*Step 1 mixture 1 tsp baking soda 4 ½ cups flour 1 cup chopped walnuts

PREPARATION: (Step 2)

- 1) Mix Step 1 mixture with ingredients.
- 2) Place in a 13 x 9 pan and bake for one hour on 350°.

PHOTOS FROM THE 100 YEARS OF JENNIE TAVORMINA

More photos from her 100 year birthday party can be found on www.peterstownnj.com



(above) Jennnie (1.) and sister Kay (r.)



(above, 1-r) Jennnie and Phil

married April 19, 1931.



(left & above) Jennie vacationed on the beach of Lavallette, New Jersey with her family.



(above, 1-r) Lily and Jennnie are presently roommates.



50th wedding anniversary at Villanova in Linden, 1981 (above, standing, 1-r) Debbie, Santo, Denise, Isabelle, Charlie, Carmela, Phil, Jennie, and Joseph. (seated) Phil and Jennie.



(above, standing, 1-r) Mary, Connie, Jennie,

(seated, 1-r) Kay, Jeanette, and Lily.

Cousins from Ribera, Italy: Vitina & Rosalia.

(above, standing, 1-r) Childen: Charles & Carmela, and Isabelle & Santo.



(above, 1-r) Grandchildren: Joseph, Jennie & Ezio, Denise, Denise& Phil, (seated) Jennie, and Debbie.



(above, standing, 1-r) Great-grandchildren: Matthew, Charlie, Charlie II, Julia, Liborio, Deanna, Gianna.

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(above, front, l-r) Camela Lepore with friend Dotty Nascondiglio, (back, l-r) friend Sally Vaccaro, and Daughter Kathy Claxton.

On Sunday, September 20, 2009 the Seniors of St. Anthony's held their 16th Annual Peterstown Reunion at the Peterstown Community Center. Camela Lepore from Centre Street was in attendance. She will turn 100 years old on January 30, 2010.

SONG OF MY CHILDHOOD



Rocky Malgieri remembers singing a song that he and his sister Rose, now deceased, wrote when he was three years old. At 86 years old he still has fun singing it and thinking of those days growing up in the Burg. Rocky printed out the lyrics so his friends at the Peterstown Reunion could join him. (left) Rocky Malgieri

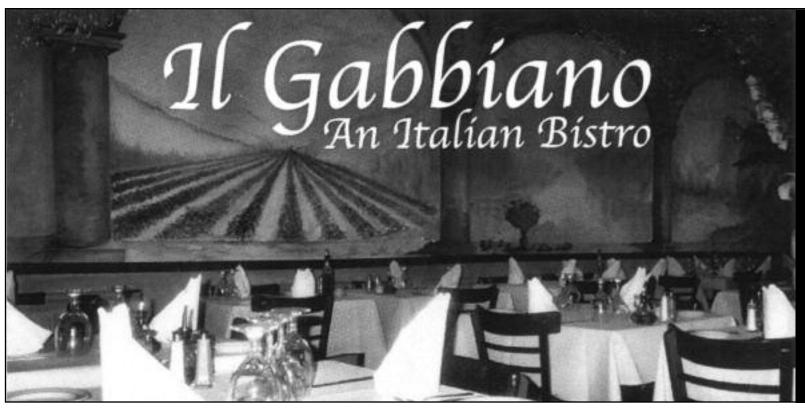
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(above, 1-r) Daniel's father Danny, Daniel and mother Sally.

> (right, r-l) Daniel with his uncle Anthony Patina.



(left) Daniel J. Ferry IV,

DANIEL FERRY GRADUATES WEST POINT



(left, 1-r) Daniel with brother Michael.

Sally Ferry, nee Pantina, is a hostesss at Spirito's Lieutenant, United States Army. Restaurant and so when her friends and neighbors come in for dinner they are able to ask her how her son Daniel is doing in West Point. Sally is proud to announce that her son has graduated and has ben sworn in as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army.

> Daniel successfully completed the United States Military Academy as the class of 2009. He went from his graduation in West Point, New York to Fort Knox, Kentucky. He has chosen the Armor branch of service which is based in Fort Reilly, Kansas.

His family is very, very, very very, proud of Daniel as is the entire Petersown community in Elizabeth, NJ. Continued thoughts and prayers will go out for Daniel and his continued success, for the men and women he will lead and the officers who will guide him.

Photos were taken at Daniels's graduation ceremony at Michie Stadium at West Point on Saturday, May 23.



(above, 1-r) Daniel with his uncles, Pete Casano, Bob Pantina, Nick Pantina, Daniel, Rich pantina, Joey Pantina, Joe Ferry, and Stanley Lapides.



(above, 1-r) Daniel with his aunts, Valerie Pantina, Pat Pantina Brehme, Rose Pantina Casano, Alice Pantina, Daniel, Arlene Ferry Lapides, Cheryl Pantina, and Debbie Pantina.





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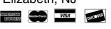
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AUNT KATIE'S 90TH BIRTHDAY PARTY

Katie Disano, nee Marino, had a 90th surprise birthday party in Roselle Park on September 6, 2009. The party was thrown by Katie's daughters Lucille Disano and Rosemarie and son-in-law Joe Raymond. Families represented at the party were the Disano's, Raymond's, Marino's, Quarino's, Baganano's, Lombardi's, and Saraceno's.

Katie is the wife of the late Smitty Disano and sister of the late Joe, Lenny, and Lilly (Marino) Quarino. Also, in attendance was Katie's brother Gaspar (Rip) and sister in-law Rosenna Marino.

Katie was surrounded with all her family including grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, great-nephews, and great-nieces. It was a joyous occasion shared by the more than 50 guests. Memories were shared by all recalling the bygone days when all lived in Peterstown. There were many cousins who were able to reminiscence, and meet for the first time.

Katie was a fixture throughout Peterstown. Her involvement in St. Anthony's Holy Name Society, bingo, and many other church functions is a testament to her caring personality. Not to mention her daily trips to Sacco's.



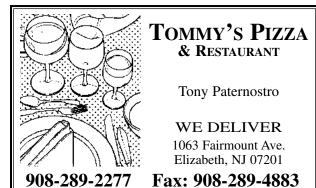
(above, seated, 1-r) Lucille and Kate Disano, (standing, 1-r) Joe and Rosemarie (Disano) Raymond. Kate's daughters responsible for throwing a surprise 90th birthday party for their mom.

TONY LOMBARDI PASSED AWAY AT AGE 87



Vito (Tony) Lombardi, 87 passed away on October 2, 2009 in Cape Coral, Florida, formally of Niles St. in Elizabeth, NJ. He moved to Florida 20 years ago and is survived by a sister, Stella Orozco of Ft. Myers, nephew John Orozco of Elizabeth and his wife Josephine, a niece Kara Parker of Ft. Myers and her husband Eric, a great nephew, John Orozco, Jr. of South Jersey and his wife Michelle, a great-niece Alexandria Infante of Elizabeth and her husband Sam, a great-greatniece Rachel Infante. A memorial service was held at Juniper Village in Cape Coral.

(left) Tony Lombardi with great-great-niece Rachel Infante in 2008.





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Vincent courted Joyce and they married on September 13, 1959 in a ceremony at St. Anthony's. They have been making beautiful music together ever since. Vincent and Adelene are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

Vincent was born to Carmella and Dominic Pelosi and lived on Washington Avenue. Adelene's parents, Elizabeth and Peter Scutro of Christine Street operated Petrucelli Funeral Home. Both Vincent's and Adelene's parents were able to celebrate their 50 year anniversaries also, while still living in Elizabeth.

The Pelosi's celebrated their milestone with their three children, Vincent Jr., Joyce Ann and Peter, along with their son's spouses and five grandchildren.

Mr. and Mrs. Pelosi were both born and raised in Elizabeth and reside in Edison, NJ.

Vincent is a funeral director/mortician. Adelene's career is primarily that of a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. She worked for a number of years when her children had grown at the John F. Kennedy Hospital business office in Edison.





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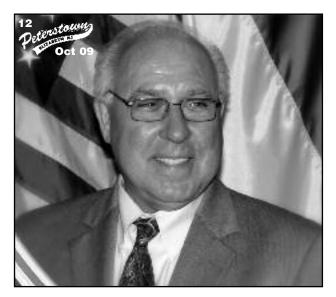
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Submitted by Courtney Villani, Secretary - Elizabeth Chapter U.N.I.C.O.

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Chuck is a man of integrity. His willingness to help comes with only one requirement - that you be an honest person and return the respect shown. He seeks no recognition or reward of any kind. His reward is knowing he is able to help make a positive change in peoples lives. Chuck devotes his time and efforts caring for the youth and adults of the greater Linden area.

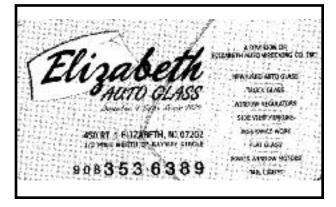
Chuck is not only a business man, but devoted family man. He was married to his wife for over 40 years before her passing in 2006. Chuck and his late wife raised two children while putting in long hours running his business. They enjoyed traveling mostly to Italy where his family came from in the early 1900's.

Chuck has been recognized for the generous support he has provided to members of the community year after year, including the matching of funds collected by the county Men's and Women's Bowling Associations for the Veteran's Home in Avenel, at times up to \$2,000 per year. He has also sponsored Pro Bowler sisters, Carloyn and Cathy Dorin, in their early days of touring on the

PWBA Tour.

Chuck not only supports pro bowlers, but makes even the least experienced bowler feel welcome at his establishment. He works with leagues such as seniors, churches, and the handicapped, as well as some of the biggest leagues throughout the state. It does not matter to Chuck how big or small your league is, or if the bowlers are very experienced, or you're there to just have fun - everyone is treated with the same respect. Chuck, along with his staff at Jersey Lanes, runs one of the largest Junior bowling leagues in the state. The league not only teaches kids to bowl and basic sport fundamentals, but Chuck adds a personal touch to make certain that every child and their family feel welcome and comfortable. This Junior league is one of the largest fundraisers of scholarship money for youth bowlers annually in the country.

In addition to his ongoing financial support of the community, Chuck works tirelessly to provide a fun, safe, and nurturing environment for kids and their families to enjoy time together. The friendly family atmosphere at Jersey Lanes is a place where the community can come together and always feel welcome. Chuck constantly offers an open door to schools and community groups looking for support, or friends looking for someone to listen to, or to offer some good fatherly advice. Charles Fatigati is truly a man worthy of this Honor!





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Owner Rose Bussiculo also owns Mercer Coating & Lining Co., Inc.. Both businesses are located in Linden.

The Chamber has awarded over 20 scholarships to enterprising students seeking higher education. They conduct promotional activities for existing and actively recruit new business.

Funds are raised through events such as an annual Scholarship Award and Business of the Year Dinner, Expos, and Martini and Wine Tasting Parties. The Chamber's next event is their Octoberfest Celebration on October 22, 2009 at the Deutscher Club of Clark.

(left, 1-r)
Chamber Co-Chairs
Janet Miller
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Vice-Chair Angie Tsirkas,
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Owner of Mercer Coating
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They are joined by Mercer
president Michael Powers
and Lucille Disano
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It was a proud day for Hillside and UNICO when Mayor Joseph Menza was presented with a commemorative desk clock from UNICO Hillside chapter president Angelo Bonanno.

Mayor Menza has been an active member of UNICO and is the first Italian American elected Mayor under Hillside's change of government.



(above, 1-r) Mayor Menza, Dom Peterpaul, Paul Drejaj, Angelo Bonanno, John O'Shea and Joseph Puglise.



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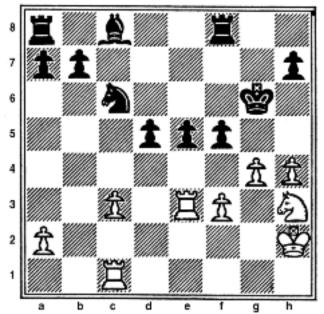
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Yanyan Li (1209) Joe Renna (1271) 1. e4, e6; 2. d4, d5; 3. Nc3, Bb4; 4. Bd2, c5; 5. Nf3, Nf6; 6. e5, Bxc3; 7. Bxc3, Ne4; 8. Bd3, 0-0; 9. 0-0, Nc6; 10. Re1, Nxc3; 11. Bxc3, Qa5; 12. Bxh7, Kh8; 13. Ng5, g6; 14. Qf3, Qd8; 15, h4, Kg7; 16. Re3, Cxd7; 17. Qf6+, Qxf6; 18. exf6, Kxf6; 19. cxd4, Nxd4; 20. Rc1, Nf5; 21. Rf3, Kg7; 22. g4, Nd4; 23. Re3, f6; 24. Bxg6, Kxg6; 25. Nh3, e5; 26. c3, Nc6; 27. f3, f5; 28. Kh2, f4; 29. Re2, Re8; 30. Nxf4, Kf7; 31. Nxd5, Rb8; 32. Nb4, Bd7; 33. Kg3, Rbc8; 34. Nd3, Kf6; 35. h5, Re7; 36. Nc5, Be8; 37. Ne4+, Ke6; 38. Nc5+, Kf6; 39. Ne4+, Ke6; 40. Nc5+, Kf6; 41. Rd1, Rd8; 42. Rxd8, Nxd8; 43. Ne4+, Ke6; 44. Rdd2, Nf7; 45. g5, Bc6; 46. g6, Bxe4; 47. gxf7, Rxe7; 48. fxe4, Rf4; 49. h6, Rf7; 50. Kg4, Rf1; 51. Rh2, Rg1+, 52. Kf2, Rg8; 53. h7, Rh8; 54. Ke3, Kf7; 55. Kd3, Kg7; 56. Kc4, Rxh7; 57. Rxh7, Kxh7; 58. Kd5, Lg7; 59. Le6, Kf8; 60. a4, b6; 61. c4, Ke6; 62. Kd6, Kd7; 63. Kxe5, Ke7; 64. Kd5, Kd7; 65. e5, Ke7; 66. e6. a6; 67. Kc6, Kxe6; 68. Kxb6, a5; 69. Kxa5, Resigns. 1-0



(above) The pivotal position in the game came after 28. Kh2. All I had to do was take the g4 pawn, a natural move that would have expedited a crushing attack and win. Instead I played the weak 28. ... f4 followed by the devastating 29. ...Rd8. So lame.



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RENNA WINS 2009 NEW JERSEY CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

The 63rd Annual New Jersey Open Chess Championship was held on Labor Day weekend, at the Somerset Ramada Inn, in Somerset, NJ. A total of 224 players from across the state competed. Honors were awarded in four categories. Under 1300, U1600, U1900 and, the real deal, the Open section.

Joe Renna was top seed in the U1300 class with a rating of 1271. (Can I stop writing in the third person now? It feels kind of creepy). Everyone played six games and the person with the best record wins. I won five games and lost one. I tied with Yanyan Li who also won five games. I earned top honors though based on tie-breaking points,

A LIFE LESSON

Chess is a very emotional game. Aside from technique there are other factors at play that can equalize even a large imbalance in rating points between opponents, some psychological, emotional and even physical.

The physical component is evident as the tournament progresses. In this particular three-day weekend participants played two games a day each game had the potential of lasting six hours. Staying alert and focused takes conditioning. There are many mistakes that can be made due to mental and physical fatigue.

The physiological and emotional elements are more often the culprits in inferior play. I offer my losing effort to Yanyan Li as an example of my foolishness.

The analysis is not meant to be an excuse for my losing but an explanation. Basically, I didn't deal with the situation well. I was over confident, and then over cautious. I was in a long debate with myself over issues that had little to do with the position on the board and all to do with the complexities in my head.

I come across situations like this everyday. The solution to a problem in life is usually simple if faced head on. It is our human Psyche that complicates the matter.

In the case of this game, I already won my first four in a row and was playing someone who had lost to someone I beat. I was confident but on move twelve I dropped a pawn. The next few moves had me reeling. I thought I was doomed. Yanyan followed his pawn capture with an all out assault I did all I could do just to

It turned out that he didn't have enough to finish the invasion and surprisingly I was able to gain a pawn back on move 18, and on move 24 I actually won a bishop!

Now my confidence was back. I began to play very methodical. I was an entire piece up and had a great position and can just simply exchange down to an advantageous end game. This is when my mind started to wander. In my mind I was figuring that I already won. The rest of the game would be systematic.

On move 28 the inexplicable happened. I ignore my first inclination to simply capture my opponent's g-pawn and continue on my course. Instead I make a soft move that doesn't really improve my position but seemed to be which take into account the records of the opponents I beat compared to his.

I contemplated competing in the U1600 division, thinking that I outgrew my rating. And though I thought I heard the term "sandbagger" in murmurs of the peanut gallery at the Kenilworth Chess Club, I must admit every game was a bit of a struggle for me. This will be my last U1300 tournament and it felt great to win. I don't know when I will get another opportunity to win in the higher divisions.

My kids can laugh at me all they want, all that matters is that I think it's cool.

the safest, leading toward the least chance complications, technically referred to as "a wussy move" by my colleague Bill Sokolosky.

I don't know what caused me to abandon my instincts but I was still in control. The move caused only a minor delay. My next move, though, turned out to be a major blunder; made without even a second's thought. I was thinking that I was so ahead that any move would lead towards my winning.

Yanyan pounced! Quickly winning two paws and exposing my king to attack. All I could hope for was for him to suffer a lapse of judgment himself, not really a strong game plan to have.

We both had three hours each to play the entire game. I used the largest chunk of my time trying to figure out how to recover from my blunder. The game's been going on almost six hours. I was now forced to move quickly. I was down to my final minutes of play, having to make my final 20 moves rapidly, and all I could do is hang on.

As we traded down pieces the ending was inevitable. I had to resign. There is a correlation between the drama that played out over the board during this game and throughout the tournament and situation in life. It is funny how I can flash back to my chess experience and avoid making similar mistakes in real world situations.

I don't mean to wax philosophical but chess playing is exercise for the brain; it's like pressing weights psychologically and doing emotional crunches. It can also feel very cool to win.



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MALTA COACHES JACKSON BASEBALL TO NEW HEIGHTS



In 1996 Frank Malta volunteered to assist Ray Korn and Dan Mondelli to coach baseball at Elizabeth High School. In 1997 he coached JV baseball at Roselle Park H.S., and then in 1998 and 1999 he coached JV baseball at A.L. Johnson H.S. in Clark. He got the head coaching job at A.L. Johnson in 2000 and has been a head coach ever since. Frank spent five years with Johnson and has been coaching Jackson Memorial for the last five.

Malta guided his team to the top of the A South division. This is the first time the team has achieved this level of success in 15 years. They finished with a 22-3 record, 13-1 in their division. The team won the Shore Conference Tournament at First Energy Park, home of the Blue Claws, for the first time in 25 years.

Frank's overall record is 159-97. Lately, his win column has been outpacing his loses and the imbalance will certainly continue to grow.

As a 1991 graduate, Malta played baseball for Elizabeth for very successful teams. They won the Union County Championship in his sophomore and senior seasons. They won their conference championship in his sophomore, junior and senior years. The team also won their state sectional in his junior year.

Frank's passion for the game came from his experience playing in that program. He credits Korn and Mondelli

teaching him how to play the right way. Frank still considers Mondelli, who is coaching in Holmdel, a mentor because he has such great knowledge of the game and is an excellent coach.

Frank always wanted to teach and eventually get into coaching when he was done playing college baseball at Kean University where he was the New Jersey Athletic Conference Player of the Year his senior year in 1995, as well as First Team All-Conference (NJAC), and First Team All-Mid Atlantic Region.





(above, l-r) Frank's mother Linda's dad Angelo Nigro, Frank, and paternal grandfather Jimmy Malta. Much of Franks baseball smarts was gleaned from his grandpops.

(left, l-r) Frank's brother Michael, father Frank, Frank and brother Anthony honed their playing skills in the playgrounds and schoolyards of Peterstown.













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