

## "PAST & PRESENT"

GUY ANTONINI 2967 N. BONSALL ST. "JUST A FEW LINES TO INFORM YOU THAT NICK (SPOON) ANTONINI PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR IN APRIL AND MY SISTER NANCY ANTONINI SPENCER PASSED AWAY LAST YEAR IN AUGUST."

RAYMOND & JOYCE BELLO 2117 W. INDIANA AVE. "PLEASE FIND OUR CHECK ENCLOSED TO HELP SUPPORT ALL THE LABOR AND LOVE YOU AND YOUR STAFF DEVOTE TO THE "JJ". WE ALWAYS REMEMBER THE GOOD "OLD TIMES" THAT ARE LOCKED AWAY IN OUR MEMORIES UNTIL YOU TURN THE KEY AND UNLOCK ALL THE GOOD TIMES IN OUR LITTLE PART OF THE WORLD THAT IS REFLECTED IN THE JUDSON JOURNAL. THANK YOU AGAIN AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE REUNION IN 2004!"

ROBERTA BRANCATO, "JUST SOMETHING FOR THE JUDSON JOURNAL. ENJOY READING IT AND REMEMBERING MOST OF YOUR WONDERFUL STORIES."

ROSEANNE CAPPELLO 3014 N. 23<sup>RD</sup> ST. "ENCLOSED IS A CHECK FOR POSTAGE FOR THE JUDSON JOURNAL WHICH I REALLY ENJOY READING. THOSE WERE THE GOOD OLD DAYS FOR SURE. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING EVERYONE AT THE SPRING REUNION. GOD BLESS ALL!"

YVONNE PACI CIQUERO, "HOPE YOU ARE DOING WELL & JUST WANTED TO LET YOU KNOW THAT DAVE & EVELYN (VARONE) HIS MOM ARE STILL ENJOYING THE JUDSON JOURNAL. WE WOULD LIKE TO SAVE YOU SOME MONEY SO SINCE WE ARE RECEIVING THE JOURNAL VIA E-MAIL PLEASE TAKE US OFF YOUR

U.S. POSTAL MAILING LIST. THANKS AND HOPE YOU ARE HAVING LOTS OF FUN!"

ANDREW COMMENTUCCI 3020 N. HEMBERGER ST. "I GUESS ITS TIME FOR ANOTHER REUNION. THERE WILL ALWAYS BE COMPLAINTS, BUT I AM SURE THAT THE MAJORITY WILL BE SATISFIED. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO SEE SOME ITALIAN FOOD, EVEN IF IT IS ONLY PIZZA. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE YEAR FROM ST. MARY'S OR JUST THE NEIGHBORHOOD THAT YOU REPRESENT, EXAMPLE, WHEN I GRADUATED FROM HIGH SCHOOL, EVERY TIME I GET MAIL FROM THEM THEY HAVE MY NAME AND THE YEAR I GRADUATED NEXT TO IT. CONGRATULATIONS TO RACHEL MANCINI ASSOCIATE EDITOR, ON WINNING FIRST PRIZE. THE FUTURE OF THE JUDSON JOURNAL IS WITH OUR YOUTH. I ALSO LIVE WITH THE SAME LADY, JOAN DOLAN COMMENTUCCI WHO I MARRIED 46 YEARS AGO. WE HAVE FOUR DAUGHTERS AND SEVEN GRANDCHILDREN. I JUST RETIRED AFTER 40 YEARS WITH THE PHILA. FIRE DEPT. AND STILL LIVE IN NE PHILA. AND LIKE EVERYONE MY AGE HAVE TO MAKE DECISION ABOUT MOVING. MOST OF MY FAMILY LIVES IN PA. OR N.J. ST MARY'S FOREVER. ANDREW 50' HERE IS A DONATION AND KEEP UP YOUR GREAT WORK."

CONNIE D'AMBRA 2851 N. 24<sup>TH</sup> ST. "I AM ENCLOSING A DONATION TO HELP WITH THE JJ EXPENSES. I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING IT AND HEARING STORIES OF THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD, A PLACE I CAN NEVER FORGET. MY BROTHERS VINCENT (NOW DECEASED), JOSEPH AND I WENT TO THOMAS MAY PIERCE SHOO, BUT MOST OF MY FRIENDS AND COUSINS WENT TO ST. MARY'S SO MANY OF THE NAMES ARE

FAMILIAR TO ME. IT WAS A GREAT PLACE TO GROW UP!"

JOYCE SOLE LARUSSA, "MY AUNT IDA RICCARDI TOLD ME ABOUT YOUR PAPER. I ENJOYED HEARING ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. I LIVED ON CLEARFIELD ST BETWEEN 24<sup>TH</sup> & 25<sup>TH</sup>. LAST SUMMER I WAS TALKING TO SOMEONE I MET AT A BBQ & HE WAS TELLING ME THAT HE REMEMBERS ALL THE GOOD LOOKING GIRLS & HE WAS RIGHT. THE GIRLS I REMEMBER COULD WIN A BEAUTY CONTEST. TO NAME A FEW PATTY MCDERMOTT, WHO HAD THE MOST BEAUTIFUL BLUE EYES, THE VITALI SISTERS LOIS & VICKI, BARBARA MERCANDTE, MAUREEN RAVENA, BETTY CALABRESE WHO NOT ONLY HAD LOOKS BUT ALSO HAD A GREAT PERSONALITY. ELEANOR DELGRANDE, STEPHANIE FIORANTE & SO MANY MORE THAT I CAN'T REMEMBER ALL THEIR NAMES. ONE OF MY FONDEST MEMORIES WAS FRIDAY NIGHT AFTER THE MOVIES WHEN WE WOULD GO TO EMILYS PIZZA ON 23<sup>RD</sup> & INDIANA FOR A SLICE & A COKE, TO THIS DAY I SWEAR SHE HAD THE BEST PIZZA I EVER TASTED IN MY LIFE. THE BEST WATER ICE WAS AT 22<sup>ND</sup> & FOX ST. I COULD STILL PICTURE THAT LITTLE OLD MAN DIGGING OUT THE WATER ICE & GIVING IT TO ME FOR 10 CENTS. AT THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, ST MARYS USED TO HAVE A BAZZAR & EVERYONE LOOKED FORWARD TO IT. IT WAS GREAT MUSIC, THE GAMES IN THE SCHOOL YARD. I REMEMBER ONE DAY I SAW LUCILLE MACCHIONE FROM TAYLOR ST DANCING TO THE SONG, "BALLIN THE JACK", AND I THOUGHT SHE WAS GREAT. I HAVE A LOT OF GREAT MEMORIES OF OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. PLEASE PUT ME ON YOUR LIST."

ROSEANNE CANNISTRACI LUCARINI, "I WAS AT A PARTY AND MET BOBBY GATTO. HE IS THE ONE THAT GAVE YOU MY ADDRESS SO I COULD RECEIVE THE JJ. IT'S GREAT! I HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO ATTEND THE REUNION & ALSO BE A HELP IN ORGANIZING THE PARTY. A LITTLE NEWS FOR THE JOURNAL, MY DAD SAM CANNISTRACI THE BARBER JUST PASSED AWAY ON 10/28/03. HE WAS 94 AND LIVED A FULL LIFE. HE WAS WORKING CUTTING HAIR UNTIL THE AGE OF 80. I'M SURE SOME OF THE READERS WILL REMEMBER DAD CUTTING THEIR HAIR. WE ARE GOING TO MISS HIM BUT WE HAVE SO MANY GOOD MEMORIES. MY MOM ROSE CANNISTRACI PASSED AWAY AT AGE 88, THREE YEARS AGO. READERS WILL REMEMBER HER AS ROSE THE HAIRDRESSER. SHE DID NAILS UP UNTIL SHE PASSED AWAY. WHAT A GENERATION OF WORKERS! I'LL LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU & HOPE I'LL BE ABLE TO HELP. I AM ENCLOSING A DONATION WHICH COULD GO TOWARDS THE DOOR PRIZES & ANOTHER DONATION TOWARD THE EXPENSES OF THE J.J."

"JUDGE BELL MANNINO, "AFTER 10 YEARS, 1 MONTH AND SIX DAYS IN A NURSING HOME, THE LAST 3 MONTHS OF WHICH WERE VERY DOWNHILL, VINCE'S MOM, MARY T. MANNINO, PASSED AWAY LAST SUNDAY. WE BURIED HER YESTERDAY 11/26/03. I'VE BEEN OFF THE COMPUTER FOR OVER A WEEK AND WE WERE CAMPED OUT AT HER BEDSIDE. VINCE WAS ACTUALLY HOLDING HER HAND WHEN SHE DIED. SHE WAS VERY PEACEFUL AT THE END AND YESTERDAY SHE LOOKED 10 YEARS YOUNGER. SHE WAS BEAUTIFUL FOR HER FUNERAL AND THAT IS WHAT THE'LL ALWAYS REMEMBER. WE ARE NOT GOING TO MY COUSIN

JULIE'S IN NEW YORK FOR THANKSGIVING INSTEAD WE ARE GOING TO BE WITH VINCE'S SISTER SANDY AND HER FAMILY. THEY NEED TO BE WITH EACH OTHER RIGHT NOW. HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING."

MADLINE MARCOLONGO KOSCINSKI 3105 N HEMBERGER ST. "THANK YOU FOR KEEPING THE MEMORIES OF OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD ALIVE. I OFTEN TALK WITH MY DAUGHTER ABOUT THE FUN TIMES WE HAD AND ALWAYS TELL HER THERE WILL NEVER BE ANOTHER NEIGHBORHOOD LIKE THE ONE ALL OF US LIVED IN WHEN WE WERE YOUNG. THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL THE WORK YOU DO TO KEEP OLD FRIENDS IN TOUCH. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR YOUR EXPENSES."

PETER A. MARTOSELLA, JR., "ENCLOSED IS MY COMPLETED REUNION QUESTIONNAIRE AND A DONATION TO BE USED FOR A MAJOR DOOR PRIZE OR HOWEVER ELSE IT COULD BE HELPFUL WITH THE REUNION. I ALSO WANT TO INFORM YOU THAT MY BELOVED WIFE BARBARA DIED ON NOVEMBER 14, 2002. WE JUST HAD A VERY MOVING FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY MASS IN HER MEMORY. IF POSSIBLE, I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOU COULD PUT A NOTICE IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE JOURNAL."

EARL B. MERCADANTE, 2853 N. 28<sup>TH</sup> ST. "ENLOSED PLEASE FIND A DONATION TO APPLY AS FOLLOWS; 2 DOOR PRIZES FOR "FRIENDS OF 22<sup>ND</sup> ST. REUNION AND ASSISTANCE IN OFF SETTING SOME OF YOUR COSTS OF PUBLISHING & MAILING AN EXCELLENT MEMORIES PUBLICATION, "THE JUDSON JOURNAL" I WISH I COULD ATTEND THE REUNION THIS

YEAR, HOWEVER, AN APRIL/MAY TIME FRAME IS IMPOSSIBLE WITH MY DAILY OBLIGATIONS TO LITTLE LEAGUE DURING THOSE MONTHS. I WISH YOU AND YOURS THE VERY BEST."

JOANNA (GIANNETTI) MEYER 2948 N JUDSON ST. "I MISS ALL OF YOU! WHAT WONDERFUL MEMORIES WE HAVE BEEN BLESSED WITH! WHAT EVER JOB YOU COULD USE ME FOR AT THE REUNION SIGN ME UP. CAN'T WAIT, LOVE TO ALL!"

BILL & ELEANOR MULLEN, "A FRIEND OF OURS SHARED THIS PICTURE FROM THE PHILA DAILY NEWS. ONE OF THE CLEAN UP CREW IS BILL MULLEN FROM 20<sup>TH</sup> ST. THE GUY IN THE WHITE SHIRT LOOKING AT THE CAMERA, I JUST THOUGHT SOMEONE WHO READS THE JJ MIGHT REMEMBER ANYONE ELSE IN THE PICTURE. THE PICTURE MAY BE HARD TO DUPLICATE BUT I THOUGHT YOU COULD ENJOY THE PICTURE AS WELL AS WE DID. I LOOK FORWARD TO READING THE JJ AND PASSING IT ALONG TO OUR CHILDREN TO READ. THEY CAN UNDERSTAND WHY WE TALK WITH SUCH AFFECTION FOR OUR OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR ALL YOUR HARD WORK. THANK YOU!"

JOHN PETRUZELLI, 2935 N. 24<sup>TH</sup> ST. "MY TWENTY-EIGHT YEAR OLD DAUGHTER BETH WAS MARRIED TO A GREAT GUY WILL BRADY ON OCTOBER 18, 2003 IN WALDORF MARYLAND. BRETT OUR SEVEN YEAR OLD SON WAS THE RING BEARER. I WON'T BE ABLE TO BE AT THE REUNION, BUT I WOULD LIKE TO SAY HELLO TO ALL THE GUYS THAT HUNG ON THE CORNER OF J&I. I MISS YOU GUYS!"

LINDA SENESE NASUTI, 2945 N RINGGOLD ST. "I ENJOY READING THE "JJ" IT BRINGS BACK A LOT OF MEMORIES. THE LAST REUNION WAS GREAT. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE NEXT ONE. AN INTERESTING THING HAPPENED WHEN I READ A RECENT ISSUE, THERE WAS A NAME OF SOMEONE I NOW KNOW AND I APPROACHED HIM TO ASK IF HE WAS FROM THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD & HE SAID YES. HE GOT A CHARGE OUT OF THE CALENDAR FROM THE LAST REUNION. WELL, WHAT A SMALL WORLD! I'M TRYING TO ENCOURAGE SOME OTHERS TO GO TO THE REUNION TO. TAKE CARE AND STAY WELL."

BARBARA NEEDELMAN, 3000 BLOCK OF BONSALE ST. "ATTACHED ARE 2 PHOTOS OF MY CLASS, THE FIRST IN THE 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASSROOM IN LATE 1955 OR 1956. THE 2<sup>ND</sup> IS OUR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE GRADUATION. FAMILIAR FACES ARE, ANTHONY CRESCENZO, VIRGIL PROCCACINO, LOU NATALE, RALPH DECIANO, LUCILLE BOCK, MARYANNE PACIFICO, THERESA JULIANNA, DOROTHY FIDELI, RONNIE DEGRIGIDA, ANTHONY PASSAMANTE, ANITA DEGENNARO, DEANNA PAONE ETC.. I APPROACHED A CO-WORKER, FRANK VIOLA, AND ASKED HIM WHERE HE GREW UP, SINCE THERE WERE VIOLAS ON MY GRANMOTHERS STREET. HE TOLD ME ABOUT THE JJ AND BROUGHT IN THE BACK ISSUES FOR ME TO READ. THEY OPENED UP A FLOODGATE OF MEMORIES AND TOOK ME BACK TO THE BEST, MOST UNIQUE NEIGHBORHOOD EVER. MY UNCLE, JOSEPH TIRENDI JR. READ THEM AND COULDN'T BELIEVE THIS EXISTED. HE WAS ELATED. I AM MAILING YOU FULL SIZE COPIES OF THE PHOTOS ALONG WITH A DONATION FOR 2

SUBSCRIPTIONS, I LOOK FORWARD TO THE NEXT REUNION. THANKS FOR ALL THE JOY!"

AL PASTRE, 3055 N. BONSALE ST. "I RECEIVED THE JJ WITH THE QUESTIONNAIRE. I'M LOOKING FORWARD TO THE REUNION, HAVE BEEN SINCE THE LAST ONE. IT WILL BE GOOD TO SEE SOME OLD FACES AGAIN, AND TALK ABOUT OLD TIMES. WHEN I GET THE JJ I DON'T THROW THEM OUT, I SAVE THEM AND READ THEM OVER AND OVER AGAIN. YOU ARE DOING ONE HECK OF A JOB, KEEPING THOSE MEMORIES ALIVE, AND I THANK YOU FOR THAT. THEY HAD AN ARTICLE IN THE INQUIRER ABOUT GUYS FROM SWAMPOODLE. THERE WAS A PICTURE WITH SOME OF THE GUYS. LOUIS GRIPPO, ART MENNO, ERNIE LUCARINI, JOHN CARSELLA & JOE RUGGERI, I THOUGHT THAT WAS GREAT AND I AM SAVING THAT ALSO. WELL THANKS AGAIN, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH THE COST."

CARMEN RICCARDI 3042 N HEMBERGER ST. "IT WAS REALLY IRONIC TO SEE AN ARTICLE FROM JIM MCHUGH IN THE OCT 15, 2003 JJ. I KNEW JIM TO SEE AROUND WITH DIFFERENT GUYS. WELL ABOUT 2 WEEKS BEFORE THE ISSUE OF THE JJ I SAW A FELLOW THAT COULD HAVE BEEN A JIM MCHUGH CLONE EVEN DOWN TO THE WAY HE STOOD. THE LAST TIME THAT I MAY HAVE SEEN JIM HAD TO BE AT ONE OF OUR REUNIONS. IT WAS A UNION HALL IN CONSHOHOCKEN. I AM SAD TO REPORT THAT MY AUNT MARIAN RICCARDI 97 NEE SMITH ON OCT 13, 2003 PASSED AWAY SHE WAS THE WIFE OF THE LATE AMERICO RICCARDI. AMERICO WAS THE SON OF THE LATE LUIGI RICCARDI AND THE LATE MARIA

RICCARDI NEE CHIAROLANZA OF THE 3000 BLOCK OF N 23<sup>RD</sup> ST. MY UNCLE DROPE ON OF THE "C" IN OUR LAST NAME. HERE IS A THOUGHT ON HOW WE MAY WANT TO TRY TO CONTACT SOME OF THE FORMER MEMBERS OF ST MARYS & OTHER NEIGHBORS OF THAT AREA. CONTACT THE CURRENT RECIPIENTS OF THE JJ AND SEE IF THEY CAN PUT A REUNION NOTICE IN THEIR CHURCH BULLETIN."

RONALD ROCCO, 2018 N. TORONTO ST. "I REALLY ENJOY THE JOURNAL. KEEP THE MEMORIES COMING. I AM LOOKING FORWARD TO ATTENDING THE SPRING REUNION. KEEP UP THE GREAT WORK. ENCLOSED IS SOMETHING TO HELP WITH THE EXPENSES."

MARY LUSCIE SAITTA, 2209 SOMERSET ST. "MY HUSBAND TOM & I HOPE TO BE AT THE REUNION. WE ALWAYS ENJOY READING THE JJ. GOD BLESS YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION! ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TO HELP WITH EXPENSES."

ALBERT TORDELLA, 3029 N 29<sup>TH</sup> ST. "MANY THANKS FOR THE OCT 2003 JJ. GLAD TO HEAR ABOUT RAY & MARIE BALESTUCCI, THEY WERE COMING TO OUR CHURCH IN MOORESTOWN NJ. HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT SAM CRUPPI & HIS WIFE. HAPPY TO HEAR ABOUT FRANK YANNESSA AND ABOUT HARRY DIGIACOMO & HIS SISTERS. THANKS AGAIN FOR ANNOUNCING THE MEMORIAL MASS ON THE 16<sup>TH</sup> OF NOVEMBER. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION FOR THE GOOD WORK."

MARY VIANELLO, 3002 N. STILLMAN ST. "I AM SENDING YOU MY NEW ADDRESS, GLAD TO HEAR THAT WE ARE HAVING ANOTHER REUNION. I AM STILL GOING STRONG IN HEALTH &

HAPPINESS, TRYING TO MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHOSE WEDDING THAT WAS ON YOUR LAST NEWS LETTER. I AM SENDING YOU A DONATION TO HELP YOU."

FILOMENA DEMORA WALL, MAYFIELD/GARNET ST. "PLEASE KEEP THE JJ COMING. HAVE A NICE HOLIDAY. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION!"

FRANK YANNESSA, 2035 W. INDIANA AVE. "I REALLY ENJOY THE JJ. SEEING NAMES OF PEOPLE I KNEW IN THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD REALLY BRINGS BACK MEMORIES. IT SEEMS LIKE ONLY YESTERDAY WHEN WE WERE YOUNG. TIME FLYS! ENCLOSED IS A DONATION."

MARION ZUCCOLI ZELLER, 3046 N. JUDSON ST. "I FORGOT TO MENTION THAT ROSEANNE CAPPELLO MULLIGAN, DIANE DIFIIORE PASCIALLO & I WENT TO VISIT HELEN & TEET CARLINO IN THEIR MARLTON NJ HOME. THEY LIVED ON THE 3000 BLOCK OF 23<sup>RD</sup> ST. WE HAD A VERY ENJOYABLE VISIT REMINISCING ABOUT THE OLD NEIGHBORHOOD. WE'RE HOPING THEY'LL COME TO THE NEXT REUNION. I ENJOYED TALKING TO BOTH YOU AND PAT. TAKE CARE AND GOD BLESS YOU & YOUR FAMILY. ENCLOSED IS A DONATION TOWARD EXPENSES."

## THANK YOU! A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU!

To our reunion committee for all their hard work. The following is the committee list:

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The reunion committee would like to thank all of you who have donated a door prize! They would like to also remind those people who have pledged a door prize to please send your check in as soon as possible, or bring the door prize the night of the reunion!

In loving Memory of  
Barbara Martosella  
6/5/38 - 11/14/02

**"I may find a the road  
ahead lonely.  
I my dread tomorrow  
without that voice,  
without that smile.  
I may not whence will  
come the courage to  
continue,  
Yet I shall not despair.**

**I shall indeed shed tears.  
Yet, even then, I shall utter  
A hymn -  
A song of joy for what has  
been.**

**Praised are You, O God!  
You have allowed me to  
know love;  
You have granted me an  
eternal  
Treasure.**

### PRAYER TO SAINT RITA OF CASIA. MY CONSOLER.

*GLORIOUS ST. RITA, THOU  
WHO MIRACULOUSLY SHARED  
IN THE PAINFUL PASSION  
OF OUR LORD JESUS  
CHRIST, OBTAIN THAT I  
MAY BEAR THE SORROWS OF  
THIS LIFE WITH  
RESIGNATION, AND PROTECT  
ME IN ALL MY NEEDS.*

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