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## MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Hi Everyone,

The first and foremost message I want to convey is that I hope and pray that all of you are well and did not contract the Corona Virus. No matter what circumstances are, FFA will keep on going and keep you abreast on the happenings.

We still need your help and support, by continuing your donations, articles of interest, about whatever you'd like to share and please don't forget pictures of yours gone by and recent ones. All these things are very important, so we can continue with our newsletter and I thank you.

The committee and I are planning another special event for 2021 and as soon as we decide what it will be, you will be informed. It's obvious the card party will not be held due to the Virus, Orchard Cove hopes to have us back next year.

We wish you a very Happy Holiday Season. Stay safe and be well.

Your President,  
Herb Raffellson

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Iris (Hunt) Segal	Boca Raton, FL

## NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Again, I was delighted to receive the newsletter. I have such fond memories of hanging out on the Wall on Yom Kippur! Helayne & Nathan Dratch of Boynton Beach, FL

Dear Members of the FFA,

It is about time we all share in the continuation of this FFA Newsletter. Since it appears that the DRM Newsletter is leaving us, we should get together and try to continue with the one remaining “Newsletter” of our past. I know that I have always looked forward receiving both letters, I would hope we can at least continue one of them. They have helped us relive some of our past friends and relatives by letting us know what is going on with us. Don't let it go by!! Sincerely, Simeon (Simmy) Korisky of Stoughton, MA

\*\* We will do our very best to keep the newsletter going. We need our members to send us more information and pictures. Phyllis Fuld, Editor \*\*

Many Thanks for keeping the newsletter on going. I have wonderful old memories of Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan. No matter where I lived Boston is my home!! Thanks again, Iris (Hunt) Segal, of Boca Raton, FL

I have enjoyed reading news from the FFA for many years, mostly it's about a generation below mine and fortunately most of the names are familiar to me, then once in a while we hear from someone in my generation of yesteryear, it's nice to know that some of

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us are still here. I shall leave you with a thought for today. If at first you don't succeed, then skydiving is not for you. Thank you so much. Bob Quasha, of Centerville, Ma.

Thanks for keeping the F.F.A. alive, I miss not receiving your most important news from home. David Kline of Washington, D.C.

Many of us always liked living in the same neighborhood which may be why so many people from Dorchester and Roxbury went to Florida, I moved to Boca Raton located not far from Boynton Beach. After six years, I decided to move to Sarasota on the west coast of Florida and have been here 18yrs. and love it. If any of you, are living on my coast or passing through, please be in touch so we can have a reunion. Barbara (Liss) Chertok of Sarasota, FL. (barbchert@gmail.com)

Hi, I've been a member of the FFA for quite awhile & did happen to connect with someone from Mattapan, though I haven't run into familiar names since then. I'm 80, retired, and a resident of North Andover. I grew up in Mattapan on Favre Street, off Cummins Hwy, just a mile from Mattapan Square and went to the James J. Chittick elementary school. I went to the Lewenberg in 52 & 53. (Does anyone remember Miss Griffin “the green hornet”? We moved to Marblehead, where I went to high school. When I think of home I always think of Mattapan. We attended the Fessenden Street Shul and I always remember “the wall” on Jewish holidays. I also fondly remember the Oriental (the orie), the Morton and Franklin Field theaters and of course the G&G. I used to go to the Hecht House frequently. Two friends of my family, Sid and Bernice Slavet taught dancing there. Sid had a plumbing shop on Blue Hill Avenue right near White's Music Shop. I used to take the street car from Mattapan station to Egleston to go to Hebrew school at the Mishkan Tefila. If there's anyone from the Lewenberg, class of 1952 to 1953 I'd like to hear from you. My email address is cohenalan39@yahoo.com. Best Wishes, Alan Cohen of N. Andover, MA

Thank you for your newsletter. It is the one and last thread of my youth. Every evening for a few years in the 1950's, I would walk from Roxbury to Franklin Field with my best buddies Les Shohan and Alan Kann, of course to meet girls. The only living name I see in your newsletter is Bobbie Krozy. I used to see Miss Hymowitz at the Talbot Bowladrome every weekend. I see Gus Blausteins's name in memorian, I worked with him at Funland Park. All my friends have now passed on. In May I'll be 85 yrs. young. Please keep your newsletter, this last link to the past alive. With many thanks, Laurie Greenburg of Jupiter, FL. (908 787 4252)

Regards from Chickie and Dick Rutfield of Delray Beach and Canton, MA We have four children and seven grandchildren.

Keep fighting the good fight!! Glad to get the newsletter, it brings back lots of memories. Barbara (Custin) & Philip (Fishy) Poverman of Chestnut Hill, MA

Phyllis & committee, thanks for all the enjoyment over the yrs reading the FFA news. Wishing all our family and friends a healthy & happy year. Stay well! Beverly and Bill Kaunfer of Boynton Beach, FL

## NEW MEMBERS

Lenny Burg  
Doris (Shohan) Rovelson

Sharon, MA  
Los Angeles, CA

## WRITERS CORNER

### “POVERTY” by Sonia E. Ravech

Mama always told me we weren't poor. We just didn't have much money. Daddy worked seven days a week as a taxi driver, but as a compulsive gambler, had little to show for his efforts. Mama struggled to make do.

At age ten I began to baby sit for my neighbor's children. I often cooked supper, gave the kids a bath; read them stories; and put them to bed for a salary of twenty five cents which I gave to Mama when I returned home.

Poverty shrouded my world as a child, but I cannot say I was unhappy. Most of our neighbors lived as we did, and everyone shared what little they had. The local grocer offered credit. Peanut butter and macaroni were staples of our diet.

My neighborhood consisted of crowded multiple family houses abutting Blue Hill Avenue, a busy, main thoroughfare with a trolley running down the center. The street was bustling with numerous merchants selling necessities out of their small shops. Few of our neighbors owned an automobile, a business, or their residence. They were hard working individuals struggling to earn a living to support their families.

On Saturday afternoons, we were allowed to go to the movies. We took lunch in a paper bag, and for a dime we could spend the entire day watching cartoons, a newsreel and a double feature. This was a less expensive alternative to a babysitter.

We didn't have many toys, but used our imagination when playing. The girls skipped rope with a cast off piece of clothesline. We played hop scotch on a numbered grid scratched onto the sidewalk with a stone. The boys played stickball using a broom handle and a rock rolled into an old pair of socks. The streets were our playground; the fire hydrant our relief from hot summer days.

Occasionally, a neighbor, who owned a pickup truck, piled several families into the back and drove us to Wollaston Beach. Sometimes, when the heat was unbelievable in our apartments, we slept on the beach overnight. We returned home sandy, sunburned and tired, but those days were special and remembered with fondness.

I married my neighborhood sweetheart at eighteen. Having grown up in similar circumstances, we shared many of the same values. Both of us were determined to provide our children with a better life. My husband, like my Dad, worked sixty to seventy hours a week. Unlike my Dad he saved his money toward that goal.

After numerous sacrifices, we were able to buy a home, a car, and the newest toys. We were able to provide our children with the best educational opportunities. We became the typical American success story, rising from poverty to affluence.

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However, as I have aged and look back at my childhood, I have a better appreciation of what Mama meant when she said we weren't poor. We had parents who loved us, siblings to play with, neighbors and friends who cared, a bed in which to sleep and a home to protect us from the elements. We shared a bond that didn't require wealth. We indeed were not poor; we didn't have much money.

Sonia Ravech suggested that we put something new in the newsletter. It will be called “Writer's corner”, we hope that you will support our endeavors. We hope other members can suggest new things for the newsletter.

### “WRITER'S CORNER”

Growing up in Roxbury, Dorchester and Mattapan during the 40's, 50's and 60's provided us with some interesting and unique experiences. You are invited to share your personal memories of those years with our members by writing an essay limited to no more than 350 words to be published in future editions of the newsletter. Submissions should be sent to Phyllis Fuld at ppafmom@comcast.net or mail to: FFA, P.O.Box 184, Stoughton, MA 02072

## MESSAGE FROM ORCHARD COVE

Dear Friends of Franklin Field,

At Orchard Cove we know the last couple of months have been challenging for everyone, and first and foremost we hope you and your loved ones have stayed healthy and safe. If times were normal, we would be busy planning the Franklin Field card party for August. We always look forward to hosting you and seeing so many familiar faces. Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, we cannot host such a large group this summer. Please know we'll miss you and we look forward to seeing you again in our community next summer. In the meantime, if there is anything you need, please don't hesitate to reach out to us as Orchard Cove continues to welcome new residents during this unusual time.

Wishing you all a healthy and happy summer,

Angela Labonte  
Outreach Associate – Orchard Cove  
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L/R: Helene (Hikey) Summerfield, Arthur Kagno, Elaine Kagno, Dick Sundook, Phyllis (Averbeck) Sundook



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L/R Back: Rita (Smith) Zide, Charlotte (Linsky) Rosenberg  
L/R Front: Carole (Temkin) Carloff, Rhoda (Rosenberg) Klayman, Paula Abend



L/R: Marilyn Gloedani, Fay Feinstein, Sara Lesses



L/R: Charlene Marchett, Miles Israel, Sandy (Snyder) Lipman, Mikey Leiberman, Bennett Kramer, Arline (Franklin) Kawadler, Arthur Finkelstein





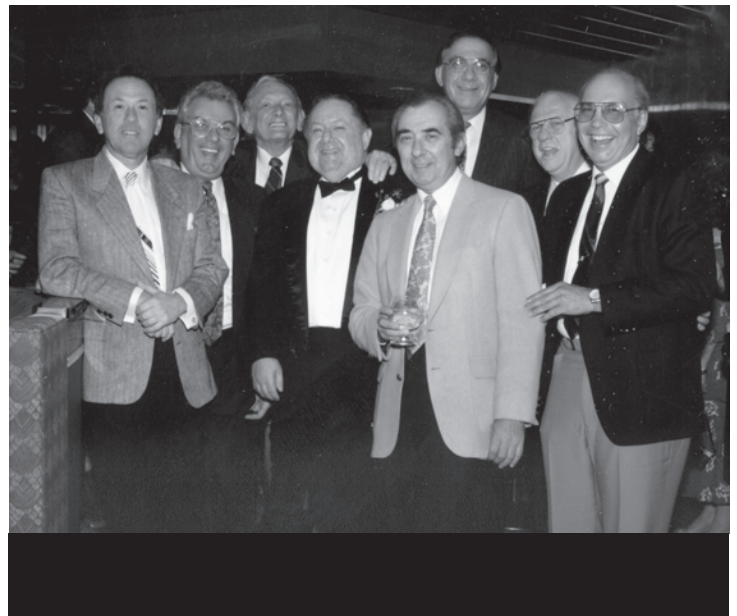
L/R: Estelle Davids, Ellie (Heffron) Forman, Ruth Zuk, Lenny Elman, ?, Arlene (Shaff) Elman, Ronnie Forman, Murray Zuk



L/R: Charlie Curry, Stephen Spellman, Vinnie, Irwin Fireman Standing on Norfolk St. with the Norfolk St. playground in background



L/R: Eddie Bianchi, Phyllis (Shaff) Mendelson, ?, Ruth Levine, Johnnie DiRuscio, Arline (Franklin) Kawadler



## IN MEMORY OF

In memory of my dear sister and best friend, Marilyn (Sneider) Besstein who passed away on Jan. 8th, 2020 in Jupiter, FL. From Sandra Liftman of Canton, MA

In memory of Toby (Krozy) Goldman, Kramer, she was the wife of Mel Kramer. I miss her. Rhoda (Krozy) Schneider of Framingham MA

In memory of our dear friend Judy Goodman, Rita (Smith) & Don (Buzzy) Zide of Boynton Beach, FL

I am very sad to report the death of my husband Robert S. Snyder on Nov. 3, 2019. He died peacefully at home of kidney failure. He is survived by his son David J. Snyder and his daughter Nadine Nesbett, and four grandchildren. Bonne Snyder of Newton, MA

In memory of Richard Ravech, my husband of 62 years, he died on June 28, 2017. He always enjoyed reading the newsletter. Sonia Ravech of Boca Raton, FL

I am deeply saddened by the loss of my dear friend, Ruth Morgan, who passed away April 2, 2020 from the coronavirus. We met in Dorchester when we were about 12 or 13 years old and had maintained a relationship all these years. I moved to New York when I was 21 but that did not stop our friendship. She was always a sweet, thoughtful, caring, classy lady. She made many friends where we both lived, and they have called me to say how special she was. We were buddies till the end and that is awesome. Iris (Hunt) Segal of Boca Raton, FL

In memory of our beautiful friend Myrna Rubin. Irwin & Jane Rosenston of Merrimac, MA

It is with my deepest sorrow that my seven-year sweetheart and the love of my life at this time in our lives that Ruth Morgan passed away from complications of the corona Virus in Florida April 2, 2020. We became soul mates and really loved each other. She will be in my heart forever and forever. Ben Susan of Boca Raton, FL

In memory of my dear sister and best friend Phyllis Heffron. Ellie (Heffron) Forman of Milton, MA

In memory of my dear friend of 80 years Sandra Yoffe. Nathana Berman of Tamarac, FL

In memory of my dear friend of 70 years Veda (Gottlieb) Steinberg. Nathana Berman of Tamarac

In memory of Phyllis Heffron of Framingham, MA, she was a wonderful, caring and loving person, she will be missed. Phyllis Fuld of Stoughton, MA

In memory of Lou Korey of Randolph, MA, he was a wonderful, caring and loving man, I will miss you my friend. Phyllis Fuld, Stoughton, MA

In memory of Leonard Baker of Westport, Ct., he was a very special man, Rest In peace my friend. Phyllis Fuld, Stoughton, MA

## BIRTHDAYS

- 74th Happy Birthday to Fran Ross of Canton, MA  
80th Happy Birthday to Stan Ross of Canton, MA  
85th Happy Birthday to Bill Kaunfer from Beverly Kaunfer of Boynton Beach, FL  
85th Happy 85th Birthday to my Dad Bill Kaunfer of Boynton Beach, FL David Kaunfer and family of Springfield, N.J.  
90th Sara Weinstein Rothman celebrated her 90th Birthday in Harwichport on Cape Cod, MA  
90th Happy Birthday to Bob Quasha of Centerville, MA  
91th Happy Birthday to Marcia (Bard) Kostick from Elle & Joe Lombardi of S. Easton, MA  
93th Happy Birthday to George Kostick from Elle & Joe Lombardi of S. Easton, MA  
Happy Birthday to Stanley Berger, Sandi (Kaufman) Berger Herb Kaufman, and Beverly Wolfe of Boca Raton, FL

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 57th Allan & Debra Bass of So. Easton, MA celebrated their anniversary May 25th, 2020  
60th Happy Anniversary July 3, 2020, Marcia (Bard) & George Kostick, from, Elle & Joe Lombardi of Easton, MA  
60th Barbara (Custin) and Philip (Fishy) Poverman of Chestnut Hill, MA  
63rd Chickie & Dick Rutfield of Delray Beach, FL and Canton, MA are celebrating their wedding anniversary.  
65th Beverly & Bill Kaunfer of Boynton Beach, FL will be celebrating our anniversary of 65 wonderful years in June, we will not be celebrating with our friends and family, but dining at a table for two in our dining room.  
65th Happy 65th wedding anniversary to my parents Beverly and Bill Kaunfer of Boynton Beach, FL David and family of Springfield, N. J.

## MAZEL TOV

Jonathan Tonas, son of Brian and Edie (Bass) Tonas has graduated from University of Miami in May, 2020. Al and Debra Bass of S. Easton, MA

Granddaughters: Heather Hopmeier received a masters degree in Health. Melanie Hopmeier received a masters degree in education. Lauren Rosenston received a master's degree in nutrition and dietician. We are so proud. Irwin & Jane of Merrimac, MA

Nathana (Pearlstein) Berman of Tamarac, FL is proud to announce that her granddaughter, Marissa Goldstein, was married to Tyler Horton on September 14, 2019 in Seattle, Washington. Marissa is the daughter of the late Jeffrey Goldstein and Kathleen Goldstein.

Congratulations to my grandson Robert Heilberg, son of my daughter, Amy Heilberg, on his graduation from American University in Washington, D.C. I am so proud of him graduating with a 4.0 average during this horrible pandemic. His grandfather, Myron would have been thrilled to see the child he knew grow into the special young man he is becoming. Love you Robbi. Iris (Hunt) Segal of Boca Raton, FL



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## NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

Dear Members,

I know how hard it has been for all of us during these past months, hopefully we can stay positive and it will be behind us soon. It would be great, while you are home and looking for things to do, you could write something for the newsletter, we would love to hear from you and how you are holding up.

We are asking for PICTURES, NOTES, MAZEL TOV, ETC. Please help us keep the newsletter going, we need your help to do it. Thank you. As soon as we hear that all is well we will start planning our next function for 2021. The card party is also being planned. Please send in your change of addresses.

Thank you to our members and friends that help to send out the newsletter.

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