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**MARCH 2008**

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## PRESIDENT MESSAGE

It has been almost 20 years since this organization started and it seems like it was just yesterday. I can remember climbing the stairs at the Blue Hill Country Club with over 450 old friends in attendance. A good part of those old friends are not here to help celebrate this affair, but, you are, so make your reservation now, Looking forward to seeing you there. Mark your calendars September 21, 2008.

I'm happy to say, thanks to you our members that we're able to print the newsletter, your contributions keep coming in, it's very gratifying to see how many members really care! So, keep the donations coming.

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## EDITORIAL

**FRANKLIN FIELD ASSOCIATION  
ORIGINAL COMMITTEE  
FIRST GALA EVENT JUNE 4, 1988  
BLUE HILL COUNTRY CLUB, CANTON, MA.**



Barry Linsky, Micki Gondelman, Mel Gondelman, Loretta Chandler, Elaine Blaustein, Elaine Kagno, Gus Blaustein, Arthur Kagno, Rita Libman, Arline Kawadler, Harvey Kawadler.

"Not in this photo"

Elaine Linsky, Sonny Paige, Eddie Mandell, Dave & Paula Landy

This committee had a vision and you the members have made it the success that it has become since that special gathering back in 1988. Many thanks from them and myself. Rita (Kaplan) Libman

Now nearly 20 years later your Board of Directors and committee are planning a fabulous celebration Brunch on Sunday, September 21, 2008 at the Sheraton Needham Hotel, 100 Cabot Street, Needham, MA. Put this date on your calendar, Don't be left out!

If you plan to spend the Holidays with your family and friends, then come to town one week early and be here for the 20th FFA celebration Sunday September 21, 2008.

## ANNOUNCEMENT

We would like to welcome the following FFA Members to our family of Board of Directors:

Phyllis (Finkelstein) Fuld  
Dottie (Williams) Rosenberg  
Phyllis Spiro

We wish them luck and hope they bring with them new ideas to the table.

Arnold & Phyllis Fritz of Brockton, MA welcome their grandson Gary home from Iraq safe & sound.

## CONDOLENCE

Condolences to Arlene Bianchi on the loss of her beloved husband Edward. Eddie was a true friend to all who knew him. From his friends for many years, Maxine & Fred Holtzman.

Condolences to the family of Herbert Kollen of Boynton Beach, FL. I know all his family and friends will dearly miss him. May he rest in peace.

From David Kline, Washington, DC

Condolences to Milton Kline of Stoughton, MA. on the loss of his beloved sister, Rose Winston.

From Evelyn & Bert Nessen

Condolences to Claire Reimer, of Stoughton, MA. on the loss of her husband, Myron.

From Evelyn & Bert Nessen

Condolences to Marcia (Band) Kostick, of Stoughton, MA. on the loss of her beloved brother, Myer Band.

From Evelyn & Bert Nessen

Condolences to the family of Davida Beeman of Braintree, MA.

(correction) Condolences to my old friend Ken Goldstein.  
From Herb Raffelson

Condolences to the Norman Gear family, from Rita Libman

Condolences to Bernie Appel of Ft Worth, TX on the loss of his beloved brother, Elliot of Randolph, MA.

Condolences to Helene Barrows & family on the loss her husband Edward (Eddy) Barrows who passed away January 31, 2007. from Beverly & Bill Kaunfer of Boynton Beach.

Sincere condolences to the family of Ina (Gold) Kates. from Rita Libman, Phyllis & Dickie Sundook, Elaine & Athur Kagno, Elaine & Barry Linsky.

A sad goodbye to Ira Comras, husband of Carol Comras of Holbrook, MA. from Phyllis Smith Gitelman.

Condolences to Bernice Slavet of Delray Beach, FL. on the loss of her beloved friend and husband. from Evelyn & Bert Nessen

## IN MEMORY OF

In memory of Edward Getman beloved husband of Sandra Getman of Framingham, MA.

From Herb & Marylou Gray

In memory of our good friend, Ted Lepon, who passed away in July. We especially remember the good times we shared at the G & G, the Parkway and the Talbot Ave. Bowling Alleys.

from Phil Amato and Norm Simmons

In loving memory of departed softball players & friends

### Players

Bob Recchia

Ralph Maglio

Joe D'Amore

Bucky D'Amore

David Fox

Norman Fox

Stan Blau

Dick Giogrando

Eddie Bianchi

Mike Forneiles

Dick Rutstein

Joe Sesnovich

Jack "Jocko" Lazarus

### Friends

Eddie Mandell

Gus Blaustein

from: Paige Allstars & Gondelman Pros

In memory of Norman Gear his partner and friend Sonny

In loving memory of my friend Adele (Robenovitz) Robbins from Cynthia Roll, Framingham, MA.

## ANNIVERSARIES



50th: *Dotty & Gerry Rosenberg of Sharon, MA from long time friend Rita Libman.*

*Joan (Caras) & Irving Kniager*

51st: *Arnold & Phyllis Fritz of Brockton, MA*

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## I HAVE A HAPPENING

You will get more enjoyment out of the newsletter when you share your happenings with all of us.

## DONATIONS

Herb Raffelson  
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### A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU TO:

Herb & Marylou Gray  
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 Skip & Elly Elman,

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## NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

"PLEASE KEEP US INFORMED"

Hi to all members, I would like to address all members who are planning to move..... we need you to give us your new address, if you enjoy receiving the newsletter we need your current mailing address. Each time we mail out a newsletter, we always get back quite a few that have moved and your name is put in a dead file, so please give us the courtesy of notifying us.

If your address, zip code, telephone number, area code or any personal information has changed since our last newsletter, please let us know so we can update our files.

Your Franklin Field Association welcomes all monetary contributions from its members, regardless of the amount, all contributions are tax deductible.

### MAIL ALL INFORMATION TO:

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## GET WELL

A speedy recovery to Ernie Blatt of Delray Beach, FL. from Evelyn & Bert Nessen.

A speedy recovery to Barry Koltz of Delray Beach, FL. from Evelyn & Bert Nessen.

# FRANKLIN FIELD ASSOCIATION

*20th Anniversary Celebration  
 Sunday, September 21, 2008  
 from 11:30 to 4:30*

*at the: Sheraton Needham Hotel  
 100 Cabot Street, Needham, MA  
 Price: \$49.50 Per Person (members only)  
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*Mail your check to: Franklin Field Association, P.O. Box 184, Stoughton, MA 02027*

Enclosed is my check (s) made out to the FFA in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the 20th reunion Anniversary Brunch.  
 Number of people attending \_\_\_\_\_: Please list additional names and addresses on the back.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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▼ **Back Row:** Abe Saltzman (holding plant), Paul Sugarman, Chet Kaufman (holding Arbutus St.), Danny Rosenfeld, Gene Phillips (deceased), Harold Sawyer (deceased).  
**Middle Row:** Alan Abramson, Summer Gilfix, Lenny Glazer (holding shirt).  
**Kneeling:** Carl Gutterman, Oscar Cohen (deceased), Lenny Mann.



▼ **Front, Left to Right:** Bob Luric, unknown, unknown, Irving Gordon, Sheila Klayman Greenberg, Boomie Greenberg, Ron Sloving, Elaine Charloff Slovin, Freddie Slifka, Gilda Koritz Slifka, Lousie Daniels, Chuck Bleustein.



## MAZEL TOV TO

Belated, but heartfelt congratulations to my wonderful friend, Lorraine Simon, on her Bat Mitzvah at Temple Beth Am, Randolph, from Barbara Weinberger

Sidney & Deanna Wolk of Boston, MA. are delighted to announce the engagement of their son Howard to Candice Bleiberg.

Sandy (Sneider) & Teddy Liftman of Canton, MA. are proud to announce the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Harrison Peter Liftman on Oct. 20, 2007. He is the son of Nancy & Mark Liftman of Needham, MA.

Congratulations to Rita Libman of Stoughton and Alan Libman of Weymouth on the college graduation of their granddaughter, Samantha Drew from Bridgewater State as an art major. She will be teaching in Scituate.

Marty & Marcia Leppo of Easton, MA. in honor of their grandson Vincent Jared Leppo becoming a Bar Mitzvah on Nov. 24, 2007. He is the son of Andrew & Jo Ann Leppo.

Arthur & Claire (Hoffman) Lipson of Sunny Isles Beach FL. announce the marriage of their grandson, Jonathan Schreiber to Elena Morocky in Hartford Ct. Their granddaughter Lindsay Stein was awarded a ZYR contract with United States Government on U.S. Aid, she is stationed in Cairo, Egypt.

Congratulations to Bunny (Clark) Applebaum on the Bar Mitzvah of her grandson Josh Knopman, San Diego Calif. from Phyllis Smith Gitelman.

Joanne Hassell of Atlanta, GA and Maxwell Krozy of Boston, MA. announce their marriage on November 8, 2007. They now reside at Jenkins Veterans Assisted Living Facility, 751 SE Sycamore Terrace, Lake City, FL. Max can be reached at 386-758-0600 ext 2221.

## FFA COMING EVENTS

*Our 20th Anniversary Reunion scheduled for September 21, 2008 is now accepting reservations. See the early reservation application in this newsletter or on our website. A complete newsletter will be in our next newsletter.*

*Florida has again contracted the Signature Grand in Davies, Florida. The Function will be held February 15, 2009. More information to follow.*

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## NEW GRANDPARENTS

Morty & Elaine Warshaver of Boynton Beach, FL. became great-greatparents for the first time on October 17, 2007, Zaniya Makel Jackson. We are so proud of our granddaughter Mollie.

Arnold & Phyllis Fritz of Brockton, MA. are proud to announce the arrival of their 8th grandchild, a boy, Eathen Cole to Gayle & Mike Slattery of Attleboro, MA.

A great granddaughter was born August 15, 2006 to Mayde Lippman of Boca Raton, FL & the late Jordy Lippman.

## NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Love the newsletters and look forward to receiving them, you are all doing a terrific job! I'm anxious and looking forward to the reunion in 2008.

Elaine (Katz) Kates, Braintree, MA.

Enjoy reading about the good old days.

William Becker, Bridgewater, MA

Thanks for all the information, newsletter is wonderful,  
Phyllis Lerner Verducci, Palm Beach, FL.

Joan (Caras) & Irving Kniager of Sharon, MA. celebrated their 50th, they have lived in the same house all that time. Formally from Dorchester & Mattapan. Irving from Malden. They have three sons & three grandkids. Joan enjoys reading the FFA newsletter on the computer.

## BIRTHDAYS

Happy 85th birthday on February 24th to a very special man, my husband David Morgan, Delray Beach, FL. who has made the last 38 years so wonderful. With much love from your wife, Ruth.

Happy 80th Birthday to Saul Hatch of Margate, FL. on December 2, 2007. From Barbara, Donna, Joe, Ashley, Zack, Joni, Mikey, Garrett, Alex.

from your loving family

## NEW MEMBERS

"The F.F.A. would like to extend a warm welcome to the following new members"

Cynthia Marks,  
Milton & Dorothy Kassner,  
Maurice & Sylvia Silverman,  
Melvin & Esther Gabriel,  
Mike O'Connor,  
Lou Rosen,  
Rhoda Klayman,  
Bob Kaplan,

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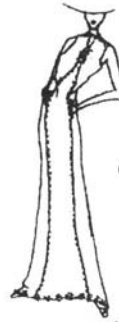
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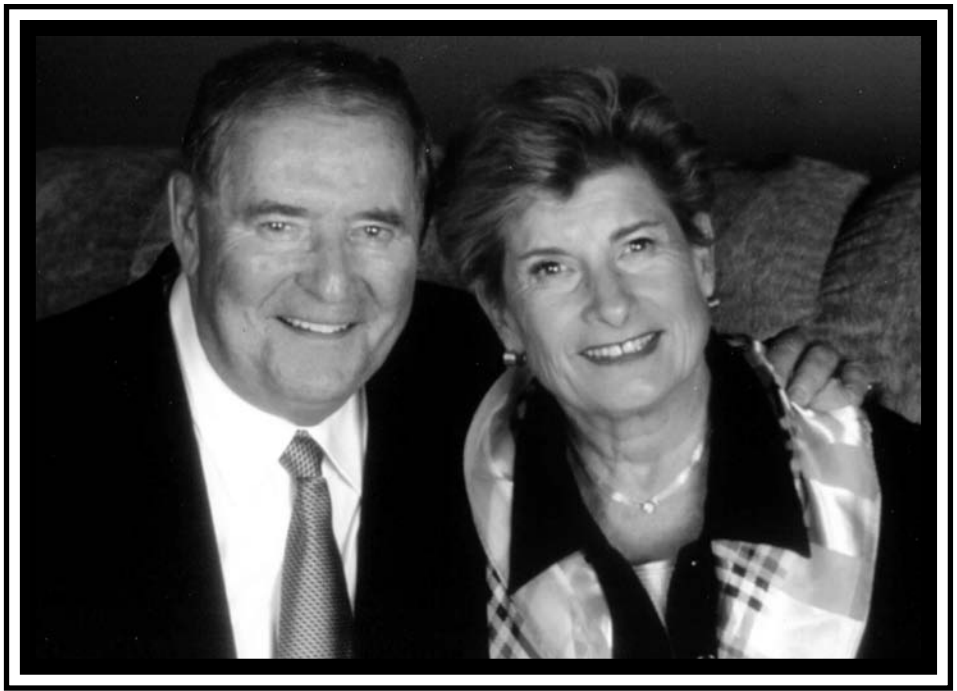
Bernie & Phyllis Rubin, co-founders of Bernie & Phyl's Furniture, grew up in Mattapan and Roxbury. Bernie's mother died when he was four years old. His father, Chick, was a milk man who taught Bernie what was really important in life - to be honest, to work hard, and to treat people the way you would want to be treated.

Later, his father started driving a truck for a local furniture company and that's how Bernie got his first job in a furniture store. After school he would wash floors, polish the furniture and run errands.

After graduating from college, Bernie went back to work with his father, helping him run his furniture trucking business. Years later, Bernie finally pursued his own dream of owning a furniture store. They opened a very small sleep sofa store in Quincy in 1983.

Today, Bernie & Phyl's is the largest privately held furniture retailer in Massachusetts with five stores and over 400 employees. The company is also one of the best well known family businesses in the region. Bernie & Phyl's two sons, Robert & Larry now run the business. Daughter, Michelle is a spokesperson for the company.

The Rubin family is very civic minded and they regularly donate furniture to many charitable organizations throughout New England and are involved in numerous other community initiatives. The company has garnered numerous awards for its ethical approach to doing business including: the prestigious Better Business Bureau Local Torch Award for excellence (2004 & 2007), and the Retailers Association of Massachusetts retailer of the year award.



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