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FFA COMING EVENTS

The Committee is busy planning our 25th Anniversary, which will be held June 23rd, 2013, at the Sheraton Needham Hotel, we will keep you updated as plans are made. We are hoping for a very large turn out for this affair.

We are going to the Newport Playhouse on Thursday, June 21, 2012, to see LOVE, SEX AND THE I.R.S. See enclosed flyer for information. Looking forward to a fun filled day.

We will also post all affairs on our web-site so you can view it on:

franklinfieldassociation.org

MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Dear Friends of FFA,

Where has the time gone? It's already 2012. First, may I wish all of you a healthy happy New Year. It seems like yesterday that we were outside playing box ball, stick ball and baseball, just to name a few street sports. Oh yes, remember when our pinkie or pimple ball went into the sewer and one of us ran home to get a wire hanger, and we put a loop on the end so we could retrieve the ball from the sewer? I guess those days are gone. Do you know we never thought about the germs we could get!

We really have a great organization, our Franklin Field Association. We began the FFA in 1987 – 24 years ago – with a handful of members. Now our membership has grown to well over 2, 500 and we are still sending applications to many people from Florida to California. The cost is only \$10.00 for a lifetime membership -- \$10.00 to enjoy reading all sorts of information and enjoying the old photos that we post in our newsletter. We will continue to do all these things to enjoy upcoming events, such as our trip to the Newport Playhouse, our forthcoming 25th Anniversary Dinner Dance Gala, and so many other events.

But – there is always a but – to make all this happen we need your help. We need your donations, no matter how small. Remember, FFA is a non-profit organization, but our vendors are not. So please, get your checkbooks out and send your donations to Franklin Field, Association, P.O. Box. 184, Stoughton, MA., 02072.

If you have an item of interest that you would like us to publish or photos you would like to include in a subsequent newsletter, we would appreciate it if you would accompany these items with a small donation. This will increase our treasury and help us to continue the newsletter and plan future events.

My sincere thanks,
Herb Raffelson, President

NEW GRANDPARENTS

Rickee (Fritz) & Harvey Joress of Boynton Beach, FL., proudly announce the birth of their 10th Grandchild, Regee, born in Israel on Oct. 30, 2011. We have a Great Grandchild due in Boston this spring, as well as two Granddaughters in Conn. graduating high school and college.

Sidney and Deanna Wolk are delighted to announce their latest grandchildren born to Howard and Candice Wolk: Addison and Berkeley Wolk, beautiful twin girls. This brings our total to eight fantastic grandchildren.

Jan (Kogos) Civian has a new man in her life. Her great grandson, Mikey, is 7 months old and lives in Norton, MA.

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Irwin & Jane (Fischer) Rosenston are proud to announce the graduation from High School of their granddaughter Melanie Hopmeier, daughter of Sondra & Paul Hopmeier of Charlotte, N. C. and is a freshman at Purdue University in the Vet program.

Claire (Blinderman) & Eric Starr announce with great pride, the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Zachary Starr, son of David & Dana Starr of Dallas, Texas. Zach is in the 7th grade at Frankford Middle School, has never missed making honor roll, and loves to play sports. As grandparents, we could not be more proud of Zach as well as his family.

Bernard (Berie) Appel, formerly of Mattapan, now living in Fort Worth, Texas enjoyed a family gathering with his wife, daughter Arlene and her husband, son Gerald and his wife and five grandchildren in honor of his 80th Birthday.

Herb Raffelson announces his move to his new condo in Easton, MA.

Elaine (Godoff) & Stan Bower with pride and joy announce the Bas Mitzvah of their granddaughter Talia Lichtstein of Los Angeles, CA. on Dec. 18, 2011. She is the daughter of Kari & Andrew Lichtstein.

Sandi (Schaffer) Akashian of Wayland, MA. is proud to announce the Bat Mitzvah of her granddaughter Jessica Carli Akashian Keller, daughter of Terri & Andrew Keller of Sudbury, Ma & granddaughter of Charlie Akashian.

Marjorie (Leavitt) Sinman announces the high school graduation of her granddaughter, Jessica Hellmann in Raleigh, N.C. She will be attending East Carolina University in the fall. Her sister Alyssa Hellmann will be an exchange student for her sophomore year in Holland. They are the daughters of Lisa (Sinman) Uribe Ceciliano and the granddaughters of the late Harvey Sinman.

CONDOLENCE

Our heartfelt condolences to Dominic DiRuscio on the loss of his beloved wife Donna. From Carol and Clint Israel.

My prayers and condolences to the loved ones of all those who have passed on. From Chet Block.

GET WELL

Wishing my good friend Herb Ginsberg a very speedy recovery. P.I.A. from Iris Segal.

Wishing a very speedy recovery to Evelyn Nessen and Chet Block, from your friends on the FFA board.

BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday to my wife Doris Hershoff of Peabody, MA., Jan 31, 2012, From Elliot with Love.

ANNIVERSARIES

52nd Irwin & Jane (Fischner) Rosenston, of N. Andover, MA

IN MEMORY OF

In loving memory of our dear friend Norman Morris, from Irwin & Jane Rosenston. Of N. Andover, MA.

In memory of Harold Shore, our very good friend, from Micky & Dave Winn, of W. Palm Beach, FL...

In memory of Saul Hatch, who passed away in Sept. 2011. He leaves his wife Barbara, children and grandchildren. May he rest in peace, from Barbara Hatch, Margate, FL.

I will never forget my good friend Chico Krantz. Everyone loved him; he would put his nose next to mine and say, if I wasn't me, I'd like to be you!! We both had a good laugh. From Normie Goldstein of Del Ray Beach, FL.

In memory of the passing of my dear friend, Stanley Rosenfield, in Oct. 2011. He will be missed by his wife, Linda, his family and numerous friends. Stanley was a true gentleman and a kind man, the Red Sox lost a life long fan and a good guy. From David Kline, Washington. DC.

In memory of Joe Cohen, from his friend Ruth (Cohen) Vinick, of Lincoln, CA.

In memory of Donna (Caswell) DiRuscio, who passed away August 31, 2011, wife of Dominic DiRuscio. She leaves her daughter Erica and husband David Myers, son Kyle Caswell and wife Josephine. She had three grandchildren, Preston, Isabella and Evan Caswell. Donna will be missed by all who knew and loved her. From Erica (Caswell) Myers.

Amy & Marcy Kawadler are saddened by the passing of our beloved grandmother, Dorothy Franklin at 3 months shy of 102 years old. We hope she, Max and our parents, Arline and Harvey Kawadler, are playing a boisterous game of gin rummy up in heaven.

In memory of my husband, Norman Morris, who passed away in Nov. 2011. Norman will be greatly missed by his children and 11 grandchildren that loved and admired him. To have known him was a rare gift and a treasure of wonderful memories. To his friends, he was a polished gem, giving, loyal, and understanding as he embraced all.

In memory of Harold (Heshy) Snyder who passed away on March 3, 2012. He leaves his wife Beverly (Goldberg) Snyder, two children with their spouses, and 4 grandchildren. He was a true mensch, easy going, kind, devoted and caring.. From Arlene (Baker) Fox.

In memory of Normie Geller, a great guy and golfing partner. I miss your special accounting ability that would help to keep the scores of our golfing buddies, Lou Korey and Paul Katz accurate. We miss you, Your friend, Ron Slovin.

In memory of Larry Miller, we were saddened to hear of the passing of our fellow member, our condolences to his wife Stephanie and his family. From The Indians.

"The happiest of people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the most of everything."

NOTES FROM OUR MEMBERS

Dominic DiRuscio has moved from Plano, TX. to Dallas, TX. If anyone would like to contact him, his address is:
Dominic DiRuscio
8501 Lullwater Drive, Apt. 1107
Dallas, Texas 75238

I can't wait for the newsletter to arrive; I read it over and over again. Keep up the good work. From Harrison (Butch) Fishman., Glendale, WI.

I always enjoy reading the newsletter. To the new Editor Phyllis, your doing a fantastic job, thanks for taking it on. From Elaine (Milden) Goldin, W.Yarmouth, MA.

To the FFA board, thanks for everything you do. Our love to Phyllis. From Skip and Elly (Cooper) Elman of Marco Island, FL.

Wishing every one a happy and healthy New Year. I have been a member of the FFA for many years and have had a lot of special times and moments at the events I have attended. Also seeing people from years past is always a joy. Keep the newsletter coming, I love receiving them. From Ruth (Berger) Sandler, Stoughton, MA.

To the Staff of the FFA. Thank you for all you do, your friends, Elaine & Stan Bower, Osterville, MA.

Keep up your good work, job well done. Thank you, Mel & Esther Gabriel, Hull, MA.

I am trying to find Joe Cohen who lived on the corner of Normandy and Stanwood St., in Roxbury. Joe graduated Roxbury Memorial H.S. in 1945. Would love to get in touch with Joe or his family.
From Ruth (Cohen) Vinick
1737 Cottage Rose Lane
Lincoln, CA. 95648

To the very special person who sent in a package of pictures. We need the names of the people in the pictures to be put in the newsletter and your name so we can send the pictures back to you. Thank you so much for sending them in. Please send your name and address to the FFA , P.O. Box 184, Stoughton, MA. 02072

To all my FFA family of friends: I wish you all my best Passover holiday wishes and blessings.....and my respect and prayers to those departed. Chet Block, Brookline, MA.

WE HAVE A HAPPENING

The Indians are planning a special eightieth birthday party for members and their wives. Most of our members turn eighty in 2011/2012. We did the same for our 60th and 70th etc. We still meet several times a year in Boston and Florida. Like the FFA but on a smaller scale, we have our list of "MISSING Members". Anyone interested, please contact:

Ron Slovin 617 966 1155
Joe Hurwitz 508 561 5044

MEMORIES

I think that sometimes we forget how lucky we were to have been born in Dorchester, Roxbury and Mattapan in the 1930s.

To literally be able to walk the streets from Grove Hall to Franklin Field to Mattapan square and from the "Y" to the Hecht House. No T. TV's, no A/C and in many instances no cars. Did we ever need a house key?

Our football equipment was hand me downs. Baseballs were nickel bricks wrapped in miles of electrical tape. Campbell soup cans were used for the kick the can. Could we have had more fun? We were poor and didn't know it.

The life lessons learned at a very early age (street smarts) have stood us well. Need proof! Look at the roster of the FFA and DRM.

Our meeting places were Franklin Park, the Nu Style, Franklin Field and the Bowladrome, Joe's, Cutler's Pool Rooms, the Parkview and the G&G. The "Y" and the Hecht House were meeting places for several dozen social and athletic clubs. No parental supervision. We didn't turn out so bad! Did we?

In the mid forties we formed our club the Indians, with 18 members. At times this number grew to 50 plus. Our friendships have lasted for several decades. They are stronger today than ever.

I would like to thank all my friends from the forties to the present for letting me be a part of their lives and the honor of calling them my friends. Borrowing a line from a Sinatra Song, "How lucky can one man get?"

Ron Slovin, Natick, MA.

Please accept the enclosed donation on behalf of all the wonderful years spent in Dorchester. I try to explain to my New York friends what Franklin Field was all about. An impossible task. What a great time we had. Today we're busy with cataracts/ hips/backs/blood pressure/ and all various ailments that come with old age! Who knew???

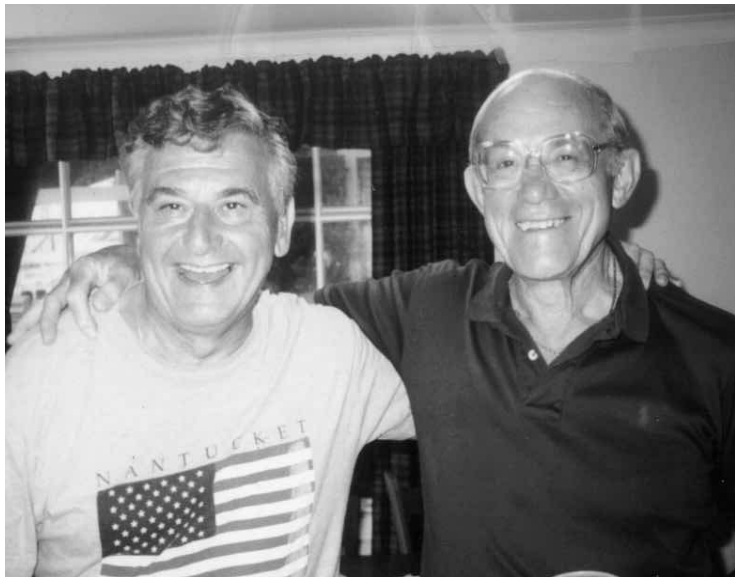
Don't you feel bad for the young people – the younger generation who did not grow up knowing about Franklin Field, the G&G -- The Embers – the Oriental – The Morton Theater and all the other wonderful memories of those days.

Stay well everyone and keep on – keep on – just keep on. With warm thoughts of those days.

Muriel (Whiteman) and Henry Plotnick, Delray Beach, FL.

We have started a new column "Memories", which will be written by you the members. It's your chance to be a journalist. The news can be of growing up in Dorchester, Roxbury or Mattapan, the friendships you have made or organizations you belonged to years ago or anything you think would be of interest to our members. Looking forward to hearing from you.

*"A smile is a light on your face
that let's people know your heart is at home."*



▲ L/R: David Kline, Sonney Weiner



▲ L/R: Arthur Kagno, Irving Kahn



▲ L/R: Donna (Caswell) DiRuscio, Dom DiRuscio



▲ TOP: L/R: Annette (Brooks) Davis, Carol (Marder) Miller, Gail Lerner
BOTTOM: L/R: Phyllis (Shaff) Mendelsohn, Barbara (Becker) Soble, Elaine (Anton) Blaustein



▲ Elly (Cooper) Elman, Sandy (Marder) Hurwitz, Phyllis (Finkelstein) Fuld, Lee (Sooper) Kruskall, Froma (Portnoy) Bailey

“TRAVEL TIPS” BY CHET

This is a great year to travel, especially this summer thru early fall – either to a destination where you always wanted to go or just a “GETAWAY” to an affordable change of scenery.

How about “ALL IN THE FAMILY” travel??? You, your children and their children – in other words..... The whole family.

In this issue of “TRAVEL TIPS” I’d like to offer you pertinent information that there is “LIFE” beyond theme parks. Yes, found are those perfect destinations, hotels, deals, outings and sure-fire-ways to keep grand parents, parents and kids all happy at some of your favorite “GROWN UP” world destinations. To name a few: Bali, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Florence, Kyoto, Paris, Vienna, and an African Safari.

“OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES” – it could be argued that the people who know best make travel (and all that with it) as fun and engrossing as it can be for the “KIDS” are..... “KIDS”!!!

Unfortunately, I do not have the space here to put some real “EYE OPENING” remarks regarding world travel as truly seen thru the eyes of kids from 8 to 18. However, at no cost to you and a pleasure for me (other than the cost of a postage stamp) I’ll send you a multi-page report of these kids and those aforementioned world destinations. Just drop me a note requesting, “ALL THRU THEIR EYES”.

Send request to Chet Block
50 Pleasant St., Suite 2C
Brookline, MA. 02446-3707

THIS IS NOT A SOLICIATION FOR TRAVEL

NEW MEMBERS

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

Myrna & Alan Cushner
Roberta (Raverby) Jacobs
Neil Swart

Boynton Beach, Fl.
Chestnut Hill, MA.
Needham, MA.

MAIL TO: FFA PO Box 184 Stoughton, MA 02072

I HAVE A HAPPENING

NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR

There are many of our members who do not live in this area so they have come to depend on the newsletter for news of their friends from the past, and so we promise to have two newsletters a year. We cannot do this without your support sending in DONATIONS which are tax deductible.

We’d also love photos of groups, clubs and especially members, So we can share these memories. We must have the names of The people in the photos. The photos whether used or not, will be returned.

So let’s continue the fun and friendship we experience by sharing our memories and news. “Keep the happenings coming?”

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.

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